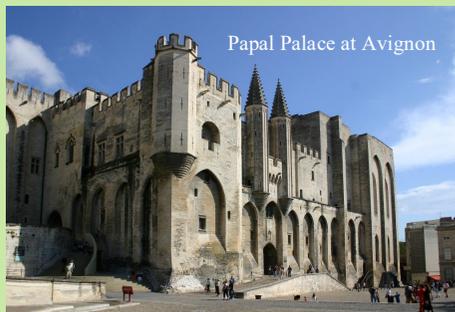


It happened in March

Philip the fourth of France was instrumental in securing the election of Clement VI, a Frenchman, to the papacy in 1305. This was an unpopular outcome in Rome where factionalism made Clement's life very stressful. To escape the oppressive atmosphere on March 9 1309 Clement chose to move the papal capital to Avignon which was the property of the Papacy at the time. Altogether there were seven popes during the stay in Avignon from 1305 to 1378 . During that time the popes made sincere efforts to improve the situation of the church and to achieve peace in Christendom.

- The administrative offices and other agencies were extensively re-organised
- Missionary enterprises were expanded: ultimately they would they would reach as far as China
- University education was promoted
- The College of Cardinals began to strengthen their role in the government of church affairs.
- Attempts were made to settle secular conflicts

Both St Catherine of Siena and St Brigid of Sweden are credited with persuading Gregory XI to return the See to Rome which he did in January 17th 1377



Papal Palace at Avignon

FOXROCK LOCAL HISTORY CLUB

TUESDAY 10th MARCH 2020 at 20:00

(Note this a week earlier than normal as next Tuesday is March 17th St. Patrick's Day)

MAIN TALK

Family memories of the 1914-1924 period -as recorded by members of the history club.

Deidre Carroll will talk of her grandfather's WWI memories of the front line.

Una Ó'Callanáin will talk on the letters of Michael Mallin – A love life

James Scannell will talk on the War of Independence and mayhem in J.J. Scannell's Auctioneers Rooms

Éanna De Búrca will talk on Bloody Sunday

Myles Reid will talk on his RIC family memories of this period

Liam Clare will talk on Family member's memories of the 1922 Constitution

Myles Reid will talk on his uncle and first cousin being on opposing sides during the Civil War

MEMBERS FREE - Non-Members €5.00

Saints of the Week

Mon 9 St Frances of Rome, religious
Wed 11 St Aengus, bishop and abbot

Fri 13 is the anniversary of the election in 2103 of Pope Francis as Supreme Pastor of the Church

We shall never know all the good that a simple smile can do.

St Teresa of Calcutta

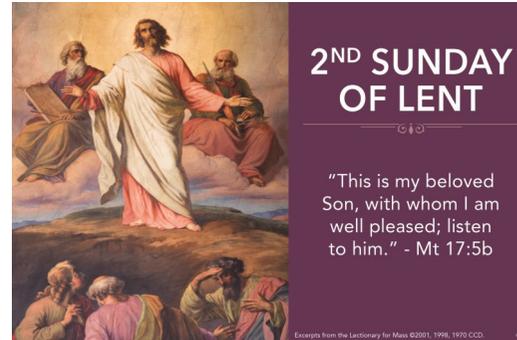


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We welcome into our parish community through baptism
Charlotte Clementine Tiggy Nugent

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 7th March 2020

6.00 pm Vigil

Miriam Harvey (1st Anv)

Sun 8th March 2020

10.00 am

Kieran McKeon (7th Anv)

Mary & Anthony Kilbane (Anv) and Philomena Chan (Anv)

11.30am

Kevin Murphy (Anv)

The intentions of our choir members

John Murphy (Months Mind)

Gerry Gardiner (Anv)

12.45pm

Gerry Cronin (3rd Anv)

John Russell (Anv)

Cathal McAllister (Anv)

Wed 11th March 2020

10.00am

Thomas & Anastasia O'Connor (Anv)

Thurs 12th March 2020

10.00am

Tommy Magee (Anv)

Special Intention

Recently Deceased

Richard Nolan

Sheila McManus

May they rest in peace



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March 8th, 2020
2nd Sunday of Lent

We can all sit down and list adjectives describing who we are. One may find him or herself more artistic than another or quicker with wit. We have unique gifts and talents and have the great gift of free will, which we treasure. Our histories come with more baggage for some and less hurdles for others, but we all have to find our way through the path we are on. However, have you ever given much thought to who you *really* are? That question has more merit than may at first appear.

We know ourselves as we live out our earthly journey. But do we know our heavenly self? What we know here is only one small part of who God has made us to be. The disciples really thought they knew Jesus until they went up the mountain. We also may think we know our true selves, too. We know that in eternal life we shall not only see God, but become like Him. Who will you be? What surprise do you think God has for you?

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Psychology has taught us a great deal about family dynamics and how we have come to be the person we find ourselves to be. We are comprised of such a mixed bag of blessings and obstacles with their graced moments and sinful ones. Think back on the journey of your life and how the many different and varied choices that you made influenced the direction your life. If you didn't go on that first date with your spouse, who would be beside you today? If you chose to be in one place rather than another, what would have happened to the course your life has taken? We are on such a wonderful, exciting journey. What is most incredible and awesome is that we are not alone! God is with us. He inspires, heals, opens doors, and calls us every moment of our lives. The very life we have is due only to Him.

Ministers of Holy Communion – Morning of Prayer and Reflection.

There will be a morning of prayer and reflection for all Ministers of Holy Communion on Saturday 21 March 2020 in the Parish Pastoral Centre.

It will commence after 10.00 am Mass and will conclude at 1.00 pm. There will be a break for tea and coffee during the morning.

Next **Do This in Memory** will be at 6.00 pm Mass on Saturday 14th March and 10.00 am Mass on Sunday 15th March



Week of Guided Prayer 29 March 4 April 2020

The week involves a one-to-one meeting with a Prayer Guide in the parish for half an hour each day from Monday to Friday and prayer at home. There is a choice of morning afternoon and evening times available for meeting your Prayer Guide each day. In order to organise the allocation of Prayer Guides, it will be necessary to register to participate by Thursday 12 March. Registration forms are available in the Parish Office, Sacristy and at the Contact Point in the Church. Please return completed forms to Maeve Davidson.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL REPORT 18th FEBRUARY 2020

Reviewing the various events of the past month, Fr. Kieran and the Pastoral Council expressed their gratitude to all who participated, and who volunteered their help –

The Christmas concert which raised over €14,000 for the Merchants' Quay

TrustCatholic Schools' Week, including the Crocus Project on Sunday 27th January, and the Laudate Choirs who joined the Family Mass Group on the same day

The Consecrated Life Day Mass, celebrated by Archbishop Martin on Sunday 2nd February

There is general satisfaction with the revised Sunday Mass times – 10 a.m., 11.30 and 12.45.

The newly formed Parish Youth Club, as well as enjoying fun activities, is working hard on environmental projects in conjunction with

UCD and UNESCO. We wish them every success with their projects.

The generosity of parishioners in contributing to the many fund-raising events and collections was noted; however Fr. Kieran expressed concern that too many events might be unfair to parishioners and some limits might need to be imposed.

The PPC members are undertaking a review of the function and membership of the Parish Council, aware of the need to constantly re-focus and update and enlist new members. We need to prepare for the Church of the future, and continually assess Parish needs. You will be hearing more about this.

Parish Website: Much work is being done on the Parish Website and Social Media which are well used – thanks to Carol O'Kelly and the Communications Committee.



Wednesday Afternoon Social Group which is a social group for older people meet every Wednesday in the Centre, come along and enjoy companionship, a cuppa and even a game of bingo!! Contact Anne on 01 2895453 for more information.

Martha's Baby and Mini Jam Music Classes take place on a Thursday morning from age 2 years old, please contact Martha on 087 939 3953 to book your place.

Mickeala Murphy School of Performing Arts has a class in the Centre on Monday afternoons from 5pm, please contact Mickeala on 086 1522099 for more information and book your place.

MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT COURSE

Our 2020 Marriage Enrichment course starts Wednesday Mar 11th in the Parish Pastoral Centre. The workshops will run for four Wednesdays 7.30 - 9.30pm, Mar 11th; Mar 18th; Mar 25th; April 1st 2020 For further details contact Foxrock Parish Office at 01 2893492 or Maeve Davidson at email: maevedavidson@foxrockparish.ie

Have a lovely week,
Róisín

www.parishcentre.ie

Anam Cara South Dublin the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding a Parent Support Event on 9th March at 7:20pm in the Maldron Hotel, Whitestown way, Tallaght. This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether their death was recent or not.

For more information, see anamcara.ie or call our Information Line on 085 2888 888.

Minding the Mind PUBLIC LECTURE SERIES 2020 Monday 9th March 2020 Parental Resilience & Self Care

Rebekkah Woolfson
Head of Social Work

LECTURES: 8.00PM TO 9.30PM
St John of God Hospital Stillorgan