

### Saints of the Week

Mon 23 St Turibius of Mongorvejo  
Tues 24 St Macartan, bishop  
Wed 25 THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

### Psalm 12

How long, O Lord, will you forget me?  
How long will you hide your face?  
How long must I bear grief in my soul,  
this sorrow in my heart day and night?

Look at me; answer me, Lord my God!  
Give light to my eyes lest I fall asleep in death,  
lest my enemy say: 'I have overcome him';  
lest my foes rejoice to see my fall.

As for me, I trust in your merciful love.  
Let my heart rejoice in your saving help.  
Let me sing to the Lord for his goodness to me,  
singing psalms to the name of the Lord,  
the Most High.

"Let us keep praying together for the ill, their relatives, for parents with children at home, but most of all I would ask that you pray for authorities, ...Let us pray for our governing leaders who have to make decisions on these measures, that they feel accompanied by people's prayers."

Pope Francis the beginning of the Mass March 12.

### It happened in March

On March 25, 1847 Pope Pius IX issued an encyclical to address the crisis of the great Irish famine that happened between 1845 and 1850. He reflected on a number of issues and made a request for money to be collected in Rome to present to the Archbishop of Ireland so that it may be distributed to the poor and needy

In the early 19th century Ireland as tenant farmers struggled to provide for themselves and to supply the British market with cereal crops, the potato became a staple crop and by the early 1840s almost half the Irish population had come to rely on it almost exclusively for their diet. In 1845 a strain of disease arrived accidentally from North America and much of that year's potato crop rotted in the fields. That partial crop failure was followed by more devastating failures between 1846 and 1849 as each year's potato crop was almost completely ruined by blight

By the end of 1846 news of the second potato failure was being reported in the newspapers throughout the world. The

response was immediate. A number of fundraising committees were established in Ireland and Britain. One of the most successful was the committee of the Society of Friends (Quakers) who raised approximately £200,000. A larger relief organisation was the British Relief Association formed by Lionel de Rothschild a Jewish banker. Its fundraising activities were international and received donations from Venezuela, Australia, Russia and Italy and approximately £400,000 was raised

Queen Victoria is remembered as the Famine Queen for allegedly only giving £5 to help - in reality she donated £2000 but her involvement was widely criticised at the time notably by the London Times which said that giving money to Ireland would have the same effect as throwing money into an Irish bog!

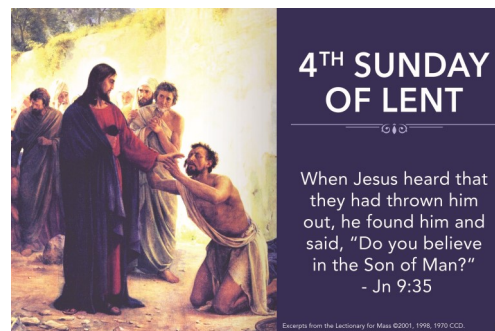
Irish population before the famine had been steadily rising with the peak of just over 8 million in mid 19th century. The result of the famine between death from starvation and emigration was a decline to just over 4 million by the end of the century and continued roughly at this level until the late 20th century.



## FOXROCK PARISH

Our Lady of Perpetual Succour

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### Recently Deceased

Patricia Sweeney  
Nora (Norrie) O'Farrell  
Maureen O'Sullivan

May they rest in peace



### MASS INTENTIONS

The following intentions were listed for individual Masses this weekend but given the current circumstances the following intentions will all be remembered at the 11.30 am webcam Mass Sun 22nd March

Eileen O'Neill (5th Anv)  
Sean Mc Gowan (Month's Mind)  
Gertrude Parker (Anv)  
Bairbre Kilmurray (Anv)  
Christopher Beatty (Anv)  
Philip Craughwell (Anv)  
Denis and Margaret Murphy (Anv)  
Ivema and Jack McGowan-Smyth  
Sr. Evelyn Sheridan (Month's Mind)

#### Mon 23

10.00am

Sean Fitzpatrick (Anv)

#### Wed 25

10.00am

William Keating (Anv)

Francis O'Connor (Anv)

#### Thurs 26

10.00am

Agnes McCahill (1st Anv)

Joe O'Callaghan (2nd Anv)

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March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2020  
4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent

“Do you believe in the Son of Man?” Jesus wants to motivate each one of us to see the truth. After developing a relationship with Jesus, the blind man “sees” as someone very special. The Pharisees, due to the blindness caused by their ignorance, prejudice, and need for self-preservation, still remain blind. Presuppositions, prejudices, assumptions, and our needs can easily blind us to truth. We see what we want or need to see and not what is really there. In addition, our stubbornness continues to convince us that we are right and that our vision is perfect. Only God can complete the picture.

Look around at our world. So much of what is happening today is due to the reluctance of folks to allow themselves to be stretched and brought to see what is really there. Many react to what life presents to them more with the lenses of ignorance than lenses of clarity. The Gospel carries great transformative value. With

it, God corrects our vision and replaces our limited sight with the fullness of his sight. God opens our eyes so that we can see that it is not about preserving what we have created but of living in the immensity and wonder of God’s kingdom.

Through a simple, loving relationship with God, we can break through the tethers of prejudice, eradicate fear, dispel the darkness of hatred and sin, discover freedom, live in peace, work for justice, be effective stewards of creation, assist the migrant and the immigrant, and safeguard our economic systems and policies so that they truly serve all of God’s children. What we see is often an artificial lie. Our truth is much bigger than what our limited sight believes it to be. Allow God to work in and through you. Do not be afraid. Be open and be humble enough to know that you need help. Many human beings are living with severe cataracts that produce sight that is at best blurred. Are you one of them?

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### ALONE COVID-19 Helpline

ALONE has launched a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to the outbreak of COVID-19 (Coronavirus) in Ireland. Professional staff will be available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line will be open Monday to Friday, 8am-8pm, by calling 0818 222 024, and hours may be extended to meet the demand.

### SeniorLine is a FREEPHONE service and our older callers can call free between 10am and 10pm every day of the year on 1800804591

Any caller, concerned about Covid 19, will receive the most up to date guidance as recommended by Government sources. This information is updated daily .

### PARISH PASTORAL CENTRE:

All Parish activities in the Parish Pastoral Centre are suspended until further notices.



EWTN, the International Catholic news network, is available on Channel 588 for Sky and 815 for Virgin Media.

Mass times are 12.00 pm, 6.00 pm and 11.00 pm



If you are having difficulty accessing the Webcam on the Foxrock Parish website, try via the Church Services.tv web site

## URGENT PASTORAL CARE MESSAGE effective from Friday 15th March

Dear Parishioners,

Fr. Kieran has had a meeting with the Chairperson of the Parish Pastoral Council and members of the Parish Team to agree procedures for dealing with Coronavirus – Covid 19 – that will take effect from this Saturday 14 March 2020.

As we usually have more than one hundred people at daily and Sunday Masses, we regret that we must close the Church on the

basis of the recommendations of the Government and Public Health Authorities. With effect from Friday 13 March, the Church will be CLOSED DURING MASS TIMES (listed below) until further notice. The Church will be open for quiet prayer every day from 12.00 noon to 6.00 pm. The situation will remain under continuous review in line with Government and Public Health Authorities’ advice.

### MASS ARRANGEMENTS:

Saturday: Vigil 6.00 pm Mass Cancelled  
Sundays 10.00 am Mass Cancelled  
11.30 am Mass on Webcam only.  
12.45 pm Mass Cancelled.  
Mondays to Saturdays  
10.00 am Mass on Webcam only.  
Bookings for Mass Intentions will be rescheduled and parishioners will be advised.

### FUNERALS:

Funerals will continue. May we suggest that they be attended by immediate and close family only as we are not permitted to have more than one hundred people in attendance, including Celebrant and Staff. Families may prefer to arrange burial and cremations immediately and have a memorial in the Church at a later date.

### BAPTISMS:

Baptisms will continue. We ask families to limit attendance to Parents and Godparents with the baby to be baptised, please.

### ORATORY IN CORNELSCOURT

There will be no Mass in the Oratory in Cornelscourt until further notice.

### EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:

There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament every weekday from 10.30 am to 12.00 noon while the Church remains closed.

Parishioners may engage in Adoration by Webcam and we encourage everyone to pray for an end to the disease.

### CONFESSIONS:

Confessions will be available by appointment with Fr. Kieran.

### LECTIO DIVINA

Lectio Divina will be accommodated in the Sacristy at the usual time.

### ROSARY GROUP

The morning Rosary Group will be accommodated in the Sacristy at the usual time.

WE WISH TO THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR PATIENCE AND FOREBEARANCE DURING THIS DIFFICULT TIME. WE WILL COMMUNICATE WITH YOU TO INFORM YOU OF ANY CHANGES IN THE AGREED ARRANGEMENTS. WE WISH YOU EVERY BLESSING IN THE DAYS AND WEEKS AHEAD.