



sign, but which shortly after gushed forth. On the 15th apparition she bade Bernadette go and tell the priests she wished a chapel to be built on the spot and processions to be made to the grotto. On the 16th apparition she said "I am the Immaculate Conception."

The last Apparition was on the Feast of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel July 16th. Four years later, in 1862, the bishop of the diocese declared the faithful "justified in believing the reality of the apparition". A basilica was built upon the rock of Massabielle by M. Peyramale, the parish priest. In 1873 the great "national" French pilgrimages were inaugurated. Three years later the basilica was consecrated and the statue solemnly crowned. In 1883 the foundation stone of another church was laid, as the first was no longer large enough. It was built at the foot of the basilica and was consecrated in 1901 and called the Church of the Rosary

Pope Leo XIII authorized a special office and a Mass, in commemoration of the apparition, and in 1907 Pius X extended the observance of this feast to the entire Church.

The pilgrimage to Lourdes is founded on the apparitions of the Blessed Virgin to a poor, fourteen-year-old girl, Bernadette Soubirous. The first apparition occurred 11 February, 1858. There were eighteen in all; the last took place 16 July, of the same year. Bernadette often fell into an ecstasy. The mysterious vision she saw in the hollow of the rock Massabielle was that of a young and beautiful lady. "Lovelier than I have ever seen" said the child. But the girl was the only one who saw the vision, although sometimes many stood there with her. On the 9th apparition, she told her to drink of a mysterious fountain, in the grotto itself, the existence of which was unknown, and of which there was no

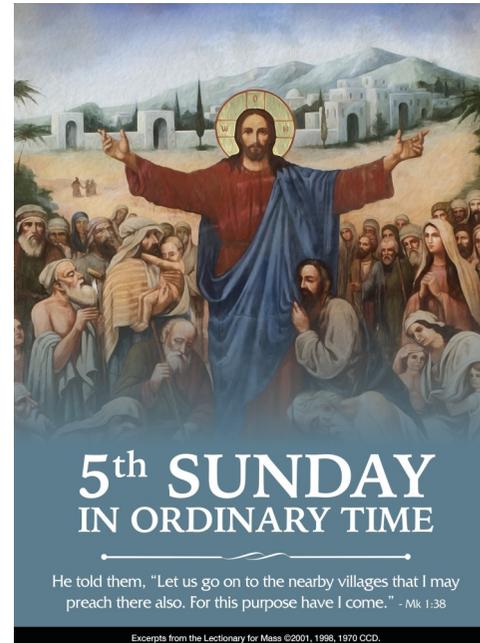
"I do not promise you happiness in this world, but in the next." —Our Lady of Lourdes



FOXROCK PARISH

Our Lady of Perpetual Succour

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER 7th February 2021



Recently deceased
Michael Mc Keown
Joseph (Joe) Conneely
John Mc Dermott
May they rest in peace



Birthday Remembrance for Fr. Ciaran Holahan Rip & his Twin Brother Sean Holahan Rip.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 6th Feb 6pm Vigil Mass:-

Angela Wade / Recently Deceased
Clodagh Petrie / 6th Anniversary
Clóna Keaveney / Anniversary
Jocelyn Cabral / Anniversary
Ann Carmel O' Doherty & deceased members of the O' Doherty Family

Sun 7th Feb 11.30 am Mass:-

Pat Kavanagh / Months Mind
Ambrose Cassells / Months Mind
Fr. Jerry O' Brien / Anniversary
Jane Mulligan / Anniversary
Laurence Patrick O' Toole

Months Minds for those whose Funerals took place during December 2020
Aelish Forde Rosaleen Brady
Imelda Kenny Debbie Robinson
Paul Murphy

Other intentions

Recently Deceased:-

Angela Wade Clare Roche,
Eamon Staunton, Alice Murray,
Kitty O' Donoghue.

Months Mind:-

Pat Murray Mary Jennings

Anniversaries:-

Geraldine, Shannon & Shane Markey.
Maurice Swan Ward Phillips
Kathleen Lowry Don Mac Manus
Sean Murray.



February 7
Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Today's Gospel tells us that in the midst of busyness, even Jesus saw a need to find a quiet place to pray.

St. Francis de Sales also stresses the importance of practicing mental prayer in the midst of our worldly activities, and gives us a short simple method:

'I especially counsel you to practice the prayer of the heart. Set aside some time each day, if possible early in the morning, when your mind is less distracted and fresher after the night's rest. Place yourself in God's presence. Remember that God is present in a most particular way in your heart and in the very centre of your spirit. Do not hurry along and say many things but try to speak from your heart. A single Our Father said with feeling has greater value than many said quickly and hurriedly. Don't

be concerned about finishing the vocal prayer you intended to say. By often turning your eyes on Jesus in meditation, your whole being will be filled with him. You will learn his ways and form your actions after the pattern of his.

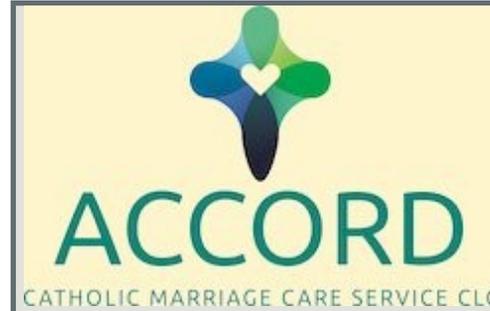
From your meditation gather a few thoughts that you liked best and are most adapted for your improvement. During the day frequently think of them. Make particular resolutions for your own correction. On that same day, we must try to carefully practice them and to seek occasions, small or great, to do so. Since prayer places our mind in the brilliance of God's light and exposes our ability to make choices to the warmth of God's heavenly love, nothing else so effectively purifies our mind of ignorance and our will of disordered affections. Meditation makes the plants of our good desires grow green and flourish, and quenches the disordered passions in our hearts. By keeping close to our Saviour in meditation and observing his words, actions and affections, we learn by his grace to speak, act, and will like him.'

(St. Francis de Sales, Introduction to a Devout Life.)

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Saints of the Week

Mon 8	St Jerome Emiliani	Wed 10	St Scholastica
	St Josephine Bakhita, virgin	Thurs 11	Our Lady of Lourdes
			St Gobnait, virgin



The ANNUAL COLLECTION of ACCORD Dublin, the Diocesan Agency for Marriage and the Family, will be made at all Masses on the weekend of 13 & 14 February 2021. The Collection for ACCORD will replace the usual Share Collection.

ACCORD Dublin throughout the Diocese offers:
Marriage Preparation courses – online, small groups.

Counselling for couples and individuals experiencing difficulties in their relationships, currently online or by phone. Helpline 01 9059555.

A Relationship and Sexuality Programme for schools. ACCORD Dublin needs your support this year more than ever.

Please give generously on 13 & 14 February Money can be left in church letterbox safe at end of church or in letterbox at entrance to Pastoral Centre from Mon 8th Feb through to Sunday 14th Feb using the Yellow Second Collection envelope.

Money can also be donated via Accord website www.accord.ie using the DONATE button



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FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FIRST READING

Job began to speak:
Is not man's life on earth nothing more
than pressed service, his time no better
than hired drudgery?
(Job 7:1-4.6-7)

PSALM

Praise the Lord for he is good;
Sing to our God for he is loving;
to him our praise is due.
(Ps 146:1-6)

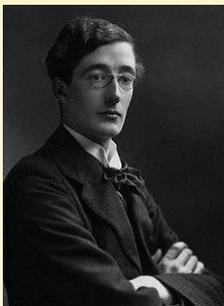
SECOND READING

I do not boast of preaching the gospel,
since it is a duty which has been laid on
me; I should be punished if I did not preach
it!
(1 Cor 9:16-19.22-23)

GOSPEL

On leaving the synagogue, Jesus went
with James and John straight to the house
of Simon and Andrew.
(Mk 1:29-39)

FOXROCK LOCAL HISTORY CLUB ON TUESDAY THE 9TH OF FEBRUARY at 8p.m.



Lennox Robinson,
Ireland's 'Man of the
Theatre' and Foxrock
Resident.

By Declan Ryan

Lennox Robinson was
one of the most
prolific Irish

playwrights in the 20th Century, He was
also a Theatre Producer, Author, Lecturer,
Columnist and Broadcaster. He played a
significant role in the development of
Libraries in Ireland. He lived through
turbulent times in Foxrock.
In this talk Declan will cover his life and
career, with its highlights and travails
outlined.

We will have a committee meeting going
on up to about 7.45 so it won't let you in
before that.
If you have zoom on your device
(phone, tablet, P.C) you will get straight in.
or it will offer to download zoom for you..
Our chairman Myles will introduce our
speaker and all your microphones will be
muted but you can make comments by
clicking the chat command on your zoom
screen and texting in your comment. At
the end of the presentation the questions
will be dealt with and for a final few
minutes we will unmute everybody so that
we all can greet friends we see on screen.
Looking forward to seeing all our friends.

**MEMBERS WILL RECEIVE AN
E-MAIL WITH THE INVITE
PASSWORD.**

**Non-Members please send an email
to: info@foxrocklocalhistory.ie for a
password to this meeting.**

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL REPORT - 26th January 2021.

The Parish Pastoral Council met (by Zoom) on
Tuesday 26th January 2021. Among items
discussed -:

The use of online and social media has
increased hugely during this pandemic, and
gratitude was expressed to Carol O'Kelly for all
her work in keeping communications going in
the parish. While overall use of online and social
media has increased, those who most use it to
keep up with Parish activities are those in the 32
to 49 age group. But many in other age groups
read the online Parish Newsletter and follow the
webcam Masses. During the Christmas season,
numbers 'attending' the webcam Masses
ranged from 1,600 to 1,150 for each Mass. Carol
reported a reach of over 3,900 per post on
social media - an outstanding record for parish
online communication. Gratitude was expressed
that we could keep in touch with the parish in
this way.

Some concern was expressed that those
who don't have online facilities might be left
out, and Fr. Kieran promised to remind people
at the webcam Mass to look out for people in
their neighbourhood who may not be able to
keep in touch. We can all check with a few
people near us who may be alone and might be
glad to have someone phone to see if they need
anything.

Fr. Kieran expressed his gratitude to all
who helped to prepare the church, and make
the Christmas liturgies so inspirational - Maeve
and Tom, the various committees, the stewards,
those who decorated the sanctuary and
Christmas trees, Marianne McCusker who
designed the crib. All agreed that the altar
looked beautiful and was well arranged to suit
visibility for the Christmas webcam liturgies.

As we approach the Lenten season, we
are still unsure when the Church will re-open for
public worship. Fr. Kieran plans to have a
Penitential Service on Ash Wednesday, and also
each week in Lent - so keep an eye out for
notices on the website. The level 5 restrictions
will be operative until the 5th March and we
don't yet know what will be allowed for Holy
Week and Easter.

Some new members will join the Parish
Pastoral Council at the next meeting, and some
former members will stand down to make way
for them. Both Fr. Kieran and Goretti Newell
(PPC Chairperson) expressed their gratitude to
John McKeon, Clare McNally and Sr. Rionach
Donlon for their service on the PPC. Two of the
new members are Sr. Louise from the Divine
Master community and Muireann Regan who is
a teacher in the boys' school; others will follow
later.

The Parish Youth Club is waiting for final
affiliation to the diocesan Crosscare Committe -
a process necessary to cover insurance for
Youth Club activities. Two groups have been
registered for this year's Environmental Awards
and will continue their work as soon as they can.

Notices about the annual Peru
Collection, which normally takes place on Holy
Thursday, will be online with details for how to
contribute, from mid-March up to Holy Week.

Fr. Kieran spoke about the reception of
the Sacraments during the past year - there
have been 78 Baptisms, 138 Confirmations, 6
Marriages and 90 Funeral Masses. The First Holy
Communions were the main victim of the
present restrictions and so far have been unable
to be celebrated.

Next PPC meeting will be on the 9th
March, again on Zoom.



INSTALLATION OF BISHOP DERMOT FARRELL

Dublin's new archbishop said at his installation Mass on Tuesday that he was taking up the role "with hope in my heart."

Archbishop Dermot Farrell made the comment on Feb. 2 as he was installed at St. Mary's Pro-Cathedral before a strictly limited congregation due to the coronavirus crisis.

"I am happy to embrace this new mission. I come to you with hope in my heart," he said in his homily.

"It is not a naive hope that everything will be better tomorrow, but a hope born of a conviction that transcends these difficult days through which we are living, and a hope that transcends the limits of our own capabilities."

He continued: "Faith is not an invitation to put up with life's difficulties and frustrations. Rather, faith asks us to see these as a time of grace. This time — both in the crisis that is the global pandemic and in the many crises confronting the Church — this very time, with all its frustration and fear, is rich with possibilities, already carrying the future, overflowing with Christ."

The 66-year-old former bishop of Ossory was named archbishop of Dublin by Pope Francis on Dec. 29, succeeding Archbishop Diarmuid Martin.

Archbishop Farrell paid tribute to his predecessor, who oversaw the archdiocese from 2004 to 2020, during a bruising period for the Church.

The new archbishop said: "I want to reiterate what I said on Dec. 29: you saw profoundly the woundedness of the Body of Christ, and provided forceful and unambiguous leadership, especially in the safeguarding of children where you took courageous positions. The Church and wider society owe you a profound debt of gratitude. We must do everything 'never to slip back.'"

Archbishop Farrell also thanked the Nigerian Archbishop Jude Thaddeus Okolo, Apostolic Nuncio to Ireland since 2017. He said he was grateful for "his kindness, his humanity, and his infectious spirit of joy."

Noting that his installation fell on the World Day of Consecrated Life, the archbishop offered words of encouragement to consecrated men and women, underlining that they were part of Ireland's future, not only its history.

"They have been at the forefront of renewal in the Church, taking bold initiatives, and making significant sacrifices, putting flesh on the hope that was within them," he said.

"This is not a mission that belongs to the past. In another age, they were at the forefront of addressing the educational, social, and health of those who risked being left behind. Today they continue their prophetic ministry in the service of those whom our society might prefer not to see: those who suffer from addiction, those who struggle to put food on the table, women trafficked, those without a roof over their heads, or a front door of their own."

Dermot Farrell was born in 1954, the eldest of seven children, in Garthy, Co. Westmeath. After attending seminary at St. Patrick's College, Maynooth, he was ordained to the priesthood in 1980.

He was vice president of St. Patrick's College from 1993 to 1996 and president from 1996 to 2007. He later served as vicar general of the Diocese of Meath.

Pope Francis named him bishop of Ossory in 2018. He chose the episcopal motto "Adiutorium nostrum in nomine Domini" ("Our help is in the name of the Lord"), from Psalm 124.

Preaching on the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, Archbishop Farrell stressed that all Catholics were responsible for the success of the Church's mission in Dublin archdiocese.

"It is an illusion to envisage a plan of evangelization which is carried out only by clergy while the rest of the faithful are merely onlookers," he said.

"The mission of the Church, the work of God, is not just the responsibility of a group of professionals; it is the call and responsibility of every baptized person whose active participation in the mission of the Church is to be considered indispensable and necessary. In this light, the active participation of the laity becomes essential."

"They constitute the vast majority of the people of God. Indeed, as St. John Henry Newman remarked perceptively, 'The Church would seem foolish without them.'"

He continued: "In this light, leadership in the Church is not about telling people what to do; rather it is about promoting co-responsibility and overcoming the mindset which runs the risk of relegating the baptized to a subordinate role, effectively keeping them on the edges of Church life."

"That is what we mean by a synodal Church — a church on the way with each other. The very first place synodality is expressed is at parish level. If it doesn't happen in the parish, it will not happen at all!"

