

TIMING OF EASTER

In 325 AD, the Council of Nicaea established that Easter would be held on the first Sunday after the first Full Moon occurring on or after the vernal (spring) equinox. From that point forward, the Easter date depended on the ecclesiastical approximation of March 21 for the vernal equinox.

Spring equinox is the moment in the year when the Sun is exactly above the Equator and day and night are of equal length.

The Council's main accomplishments were settlement of the issue of the divine nature of God the Son and his relationship to God the Father, the construction of the first part of the Nicene Creed, establishing uniform observance of the date of Easter, and promulgation of early canon law.

In recent centuries, the earliest date for Easter was March 22 in 1761 and latest was April 25th in 1943. This year Easter Sunday, 4th April, is roughly in the middle of these two extremes.

This weekend in the Parish we will be Celebrating Love.

God is love and is the source of all the love we share. At 11.30 am Mass we will honour that love and we invite everyone from home and abroad to join us on the webcam. We will be celebrating every aspect of love including family love, the love found in friendships. There will be a special blessing for engaged couples, for couples preparing for marriage and for couples celebrating significant wedding anniversaries this year. Everyone is welcome to join us on the webcam. No-one is an outsider to God's love and this

celebration is for everyone. Over the weekend, we will open a Celebrating Love greetings page on the parish website so if you would like to send greetings to those you love at home or abroad, please email your greeting to Maeve Davidson on E. maevedavidson@foxrockparish.ie and Maeve will forward them to the website. Wouldn't it be nice to dress up for the occasion and perhaps arrange to have our favourite lunch on the day just to make it a little bit special? Maybe we could do that. Looking forward to celebrating with you all on Sunday.

LET'S LIVE LENT: BRINGING THE LENTEN GOSPELS TO LIFE

Join us for Pastoral Conversations - 5 Tuesdays starting 16th February

February 16th - Let it Go

February 23rd - Would you listen to Him?

March 2nd - Songs of the Sanctuary

March 9th - Into the Light

March 16th - Seeds of Hope

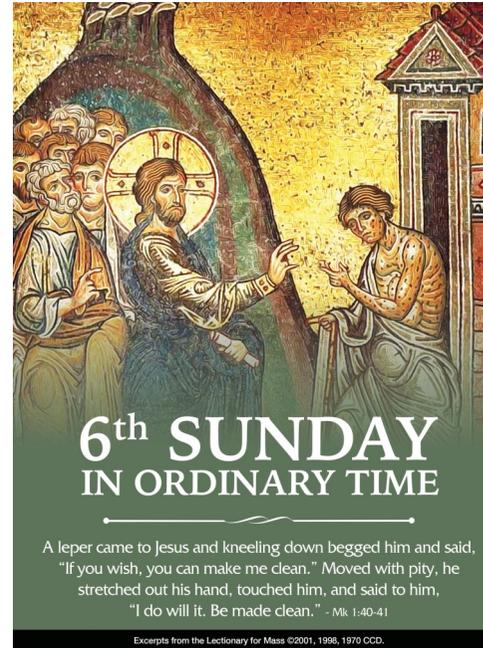
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MASS INTENTIONS

6 pm Vigil Sat 13th Feb.

Patrick (Paddy) Feeny / Anniversary and also for the Intentions of the Feeny Family and Friends.

11.30 am Sun 14th Feb.

Monica Phelan / Months Mind
Miriam Collins / 1st Anniversary
John A Murphy / 1st Anniversary
Sean Nolan / 4th Anniversary
Aileen & Liam O' Reagain / Anniversary
Larry Bryan / Anniversary
Vincent Kelly / Anniversary
60th Wedding Anniversary
Eddie & Ada Bradbury.
Julian & Maureen Fitzgerald

Other intentions

Recently Deceased:-

Patricia Murray Sam Dunne
John Connolly Maire Delporte
Anniversaries:-

Bernard & Madeleine Mc Glade
Kevin & Attracta Mc Keever
Kevin O' Flanagan Mai Dunne
Elizabeth Buckley Ita Thornton
Sean Murray Sean Toner

Birthday Remembrance:-

Eileen Walsh

Recently deceased
Eamonn Mc Keon
May he rest in peace





February 14, 2021
6th Sunday
in Ordinary
Time

Who is it that we need to reach out to at this time? Jesus, in Mark's Gospel, is forever asking people to keep quiet and not tell anyone about what he does. Yet, after such a radical encounter with God which frees this man from all that keeps him trapped, of course he wants to shout from the roof tops. Why would Jesus want his miracles to be kept a secret? Jesus wants to be able to fulfil his mission without attracting the wrong kind of attention. Eventually those who are against him will use encounters like this one to compile evidence against him. For now, the less they know the better. We might think today of those who bravely speak out, even if it means they are punished in some way. May all of us have the courage, like the man who is healed in the Gospel today, to proclaim the truth, even if it costs us.

'There is a need for paths of peace to heal open wounds. There is also a need for peacemakers, men and women prepared to work boldly and creatively to initiate processes of healing and renewed encounter.' (Pope Francis, Fratelli Tutti, 225)

Jesus, in today's Gospel, cures a leper by the healing touch of his hand. A leper was completely outcasted from society due to the huge stigma surrounding the disease, which was highly contagious but was also seen as a punishment from God in Jesus' time. Jesus is moved with pity for this man and reaches out to him. Jesus sends the man to the priests, as a testimony to them. Jesus' 'pity' also conveys anger at the leper's situation. It is the religious hierarchy of Jesus' time who have alienated this man. What they are incapable of doing (healing him), Jesus has done by 'stretching out his hand' in love.

A question for us from this Gospel today might be, who are those our society outcast? Who is alienated in our communities? What moves you with pity?

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FIRST READING

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron, if a swelling or scab or shiny spot appears on a man skin, a case of leprosy of the skin is to be suspected.

(Lev 13:1-2.44-46)

PSALM

Happy the man who is offense is forgiven, Whose sin is remitted.

(Ps 31:1-2.5.11)

SECOND READING

Whatever you eat, whatever you drink, whatever you do at all, do it for the glory of God.

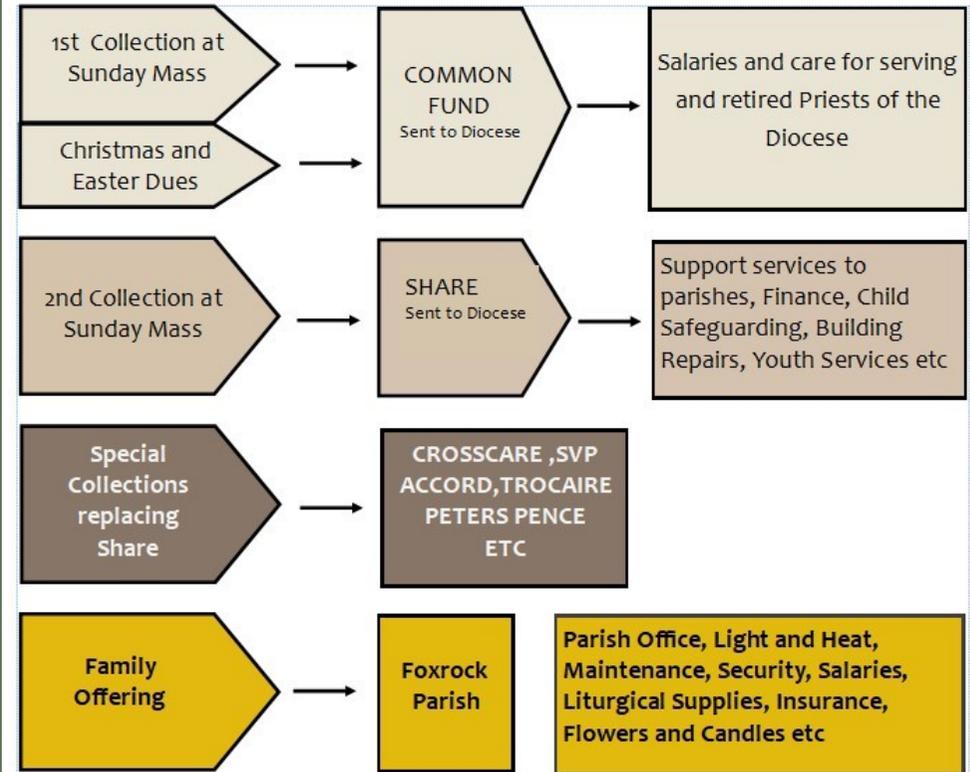
(1 Cor 10:31-11:1)

GOSPEL

A leper came to Jesus and pleaded on his knees: 'If you want to' he said 'you can cure me'

(Mk 1:40-45)

With collection for ACCORD this weekend see reminder below of where the money goes. Contributions can be left in the letterbox safe at end of church or in letterbox at entrance to Pastoral Centre using the yellow (Second Collection) envelopes. Contributions can also be made on line at www.accorddublin.ie or **By post** to Accord Dublin, Holy Cross Diocesan Centre, Clonliffe Road, Dublin 3. **By bank transfer** to ACCORD Dublin Catholic Marriage Care Service CLG, Bank of Ireland, 88 Lower Camden Street, Dublin 2. IBAN: IE27 BOFI 9001 1357 0742 03; BIC:BOFIE2D.



FOXROCK LOCAL HISTORY CLUB
ON TUESDAY THE 16TH OF FEBRUARY at
8p.m.

Ballycorus Lead Mines. By Rob Goodbody

Rob Goodbody is a building historian and building conservation consultant.

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.