

The Annunciation

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the House of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. He went in and said to her, 'Rejoice-so highly favoured! The Lord is with you.'

She was deeply disturbed by these words and asked herself what this greeting could mean, -but the angel said to her, 'Mary, do not be afraid; you have won God's favour. Listen! You are to conceive and bear a son, and you must name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his ancestor David;

he will rule over the House of Jacob for ever and his reign will have no end.'

Mary said to the angel, 'But how can this come about, since I am a virgin?' 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you' the angel answered 'and the power of the Most High will cover you with its shadow. And so, the child will be holy and will be called Son of God. Know this too: your kinswoman Elizabeth has, in her old age, herself conceived a son, and she whom people called barren is now in her sixth month, for *nothing is impossible to God.*'

'I am the handmaid of the Lord' said Mary 'let what you have said be done to me.' And the angel left her.

Luke 1:26-38



The Annunciation is an Early Renaissance fresco by Fra Angelico in the Convent of San Marco in Florence, Italy completed in 1445. When Cosimo de' Medici rebuilt the convent, he commissioned Fra Angelico to decorate the walls with intricate frescos. This included the altarpiece, the inside of the monk's cells, the friar's cloister, the chapter house, and inside the corridors; around fifty pieces in total. All of the paintings were done by Angelico

himself or under his direct supervision. Out of all of the frescos at the convent, the Annunciation is the most well known in the art world.

Saints of the Week

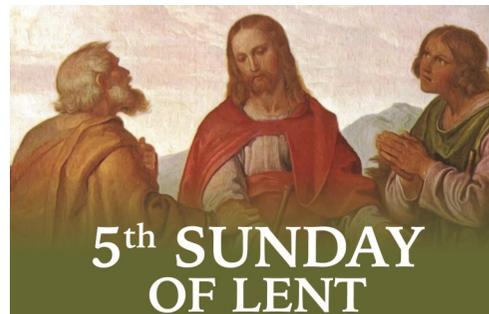
Wed 24	Sr Macartan, bishop
Thurs 25	THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD
Tues 23	St Turibius of Mongrovejo, bishop



FOXROCK PARISH

Our Lady of Perpetual Succour

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER 21st March



'I tell you most solemnly, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies it remains just a single grain; but if it dies it yields a rich harvest.' (Jn 12:24)

www.foxrockparish.ie
secretary@foxrockparish.ie
Fr Kieran Dunne 01 2893492
pp@foxrockparish.ie
Parish Office/Sacristy 01 2893492
Monday - Friday 10.30 - 12.30
Parish Pastoral Worker Maeve Davidson
087 6904814; 087 2853726
maevedavidson@foxrockparish.ie.



Congratulations to
Alan McAndrew & Emma O'Carroll
recently married in our Church

MASS INTENTIONS

MASS INTENTIONS

20th MARCH 2021

6.00 PM:

Liam and Mary Fogarty (1st Anv)

21st MARCH

11.30 AM:

Breda McGrath (Month's Mind)

Imelda Byrne (Month's Mind)

Peter Sweeney (3rd Anv)

Ann King (9th Anv)

Philip Craughwell (10th Anv)

Phyllis Brennan (Anv)

Deceased members of the Sheehy and Brennan Families (Anvs)

Joe O'Callaghan (Anv)

Gertrude Parker (Anv)

Patrick Smyth (Anv) Dick Brady (Anv)

Recently Deceased:

Carmel Walsh Eamonn Corrigan

Theresa Morris Michael Meagher

Gerry Scullion

Month's Mind: Hugh McEnaney

Birthday Remembrance:

Richard Budds

Anniversaries:

Alice Goggin Kathleen Egan

Norrie O'Farrell Maureen Conway

Barry and Nancy Devlin

Martha Walsh Iverna McGowan Smith

Sean Fitzpatrick Dan Francis O'Connor

William (Billy) Keating Robbie Peeters

**PARISH OF OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL SUCCOUR
PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL
MEETING TUESDAY 9 MARCH 2021**

NOTE FOR PARISH GROUPS

- The Chairperson welcomed two new members, Ms Muireann Regan, a teacher in Hollypark Boys School, and Sister Louise O'Rourke, PDDM, to the Parish Pastoral Council. Fr. Kieran and the Council expressed their gratitude and appreciation to the outgoing members, Sister Rionach Donlon, Ms Clare McNally and Mr. John McKeon.
- Renewal of the Parish Pastoral Council will continue in the coming months.
- Appreciation was expressed for the Prayer Service for Grandparents and other works carried out in Catholic Schools Week
- The collection for Loreto's Mission in Peru will go ahead this year. There is a "Go Fund Me" facility on the parish website.
- There are new legislative demands on parishes about finances. There continues to be both legislative and canonical constraints on parishes in the management of finances.
- Designation of the Church as a listed building is under consideration.
- Communication with and registration of parishioners in new apartment blocks will be a task to be overseen by the Parish Pastoral Council in the future.
- A Parish Policy will be developed to support the ministry of the parish to LGBT persons.
- Decisions are to be made about the length of eulogies and the number of people who can deliver them at funerals.
- Sacraments: During the pandemic, the Sacrament of the Sick is provided in danger of death; Baptisms are suspended, except for children in danger of death; Marriages have and will take place in restricted circumstances and in compliance with public health and Diocesan regulations. Reconciliation Services take place weekly (Saturday mornings) during Lent.

- Sacraments for Children: Archbishop Farrell directed that there would be no celebration of Sacraments for school children before Easter. When restrictions are lifted and permission to hold ceremonies is granted, priority will be given to the children who did not receive First Holy Communion in 2020, followed by candidates for Confirmation in 2021 and then First Reconciliation and First Communion in 2021. It is likely that all celebrations of the Sacraments will be in small groups of no more than fifteen children and their parents.
- Holy Week and Easter: There is a schedule for Holy Week and Easter Ceremonies which will be distributed to all households and will be available on the website. All ceremonies will be accessible on the Parish webcam only.
- Archbishop Farrell attended the recently held meeting of Bray Deanery. There will be enormous changes ahead. Lay led governance and lay led services will become the norm in parishes in the future.
- The Parish's pastoral relationship with neighbouring parishes is to be considered with a view to deciding on a way forward.
- All parish groups will need to be re-invigorated when the current pandemic is under control.
- Child Safeguarding and Protection procedures in the Parish are up to date and in order.
- The Parish is currently exploring a web-based facility for communicating with younger parishioners to see if it might be beneficial to the Parish.



"A love of reconciliation is not weakness or cowardice. It demands courage, nobility, generosity, sometimes heroism and overcoming of oneself rather than of one's adversary. At times, it may even seem like dishonour, but it never offends against true justice or denies the sighs of the poor. In reality, it is the patient, wise art of peace, of living with one's fellows, after the example of Christ with a strength of heart and mind modelled on his."

St Paul VI



**March 21,
2021
5th Sunday
of Lent**

it clear that his saving mission is for all people, of all nations, both Jews and Gentiles – including these Greeks! There is no suggestion from Jesus that some groups are ‘in’ and others ‘out’. All are included. All are invited. All are welcome.

I remember once hearing someone describe their home as a domestic church, a place of ‘indiscriminate welcome’. As we continue our journey through Lent and soon into Holy Week, we listen carefully to these words of Jesus. He came for everyone. He wishes to draw all people to himself. Notwithstanding the current restrictions on gatherings and public worship, let us take this time to reflect on the world we would like to build when things open up again. Are we open to everyone, including ‘outsiders’? Do our homes, parishes and communities radiate welcome, where all who enter experience God’s love?

‘For some, the good news is that there are insiders and outsiders and they are the insiders. For others, the good news is that there are no outsiders.’ (Rachel Held Evans)

Intercom Depend

‘We should like to see Jesus’

Those poor Greeks. Did you notice that they never actually get to meet Jesus? At the start of today’s gospel, some Greeks who are followers of Jesus come to Jerusalem. They are travellers, outsiders, and would like to meet Jesus in person. But when Philip and Andrew relay the request, Jesus begins to talk about how his ‘hour’ is coming. It is the last we hear of the Greeks, who disappear from the story altogether.

But they are important nonetheless. Firstly, they indicate that word about Jesus is spreading. More importantly, they prompt Jesus to reveal that, when his hour comes, he will draw ‘all people’ to himself. In the space of a few short verses, we go from a brief mention of a group of foreigners seeking Jesus, to Jesus making



**LEGION OF MARY
YOUTH CONFERENCE.**

The Catholic Young Adult Conference via Zoom on March 27th from 5:30 - 7:30pm, is a chance for young adults (18 – 40), wherever they are, to come together online to build up their hope.

The theme “Hope Springs Eternal” will be discussed in a great line up of short talks and testimonies mixed together with music and prayer. The Conference is free to attend just log in to Zoom: ID 847 1984 5205 Passcode: 771328 . Whatever about an injection for Covid, come and get a powerful injection of hope! Newcomers especially welcome."

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

FIRST READING

See the days are coming- it is the Lord who speaks- when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah.

(Jer 31:31-34)

PSALM

Have mercy on me, God, your kindness.

(Ps 50:3-4.12-15)

SECOND READING

During his life on earth, Christ offered up prayer and entreaty, aloud and in silent tears, to the one who had the power to save him out of death, and he submitted so humbly that his prayer was heard.

(Heb 5:7-9)

GOSPEL

Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks.

(Jn 12 :20-30)



LORETO SISTERS MISSION TO PERU

Support their work among the poorest of the poor, especially the women and children, giving them hope and a future

Contributions can be made on line via the GO FUND ME button on the parish website. Cheques payable to Loreto Peru Fund may be dropped in or posted to the Loreto Education Centre (old convent building beside the school) Loreto, Foxrock, Dublin

18.

“Among our projects here is the Faith and Joy college here in Jicamarca, headed by Sr Patricia and a wonderful staff which educates over 1000 students from 4 to 16. It used to be called a shantytown that has moved on from that stage. It has a lot of building going on. The people do the building over a long period of time because of lack of resources, and then after decades the authorities come along and provide the services needed. These developing areas are called Pueblos Jovenes , Young Communities. But people are still struggling because this is very marginalised in healthcare, education and infrastructure. Still we are delighted that at last we have running water and sewage since last year.”



**DUBLIN DIOCESE
VIRTUAL PILGRIMAGE
TO KNOCK
APRIL 24 12-2PM
YOUTH PROGRAMME**

TO REGISTER : EMAIL
ST.PAULS@DUBLINDIOCESE.IE