

Church celebrates today the feast of the Exaltation of the Cross of Christ. Thus the crucified Christ is lifted up by faith in the hearts of all who believe, and he too lifts up those same hearts with a hope that cannot be destroyed. For the Cross is the sign of the Redemption, and in the Redemption is contained the pledge of resurrection and the beginning of new life: the lifting up of human hearts.”

In his homily on this feast at Halifax, Nova Scotia, on 14 September 1984 Pope John Paul II said: “The Catholic



We welcome the boys and girls from Hollypark schools who will be celebrating over the next two weeks their First Communion and Confirmation after long delays and postponements..

FOXROCK LOCAL HISTORY CLUB

Our next September public meeting via ZOOM is on TUESDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER 2021 AT 8.00 P.M. SHARP
MAIN TALK 80TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE NORTH STRAND BOMBING.
BY PADRAIG LAFFAN

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.

The annual Dun Laoghaire series of organ concerts concludes this evening 12th September at 8.00 pm in St Michael’s Church with soloist David Adams and music by Charles Tournemire, JS Bach, Jean Langlais, André Fleury, Gabriel Pierné and César Franck

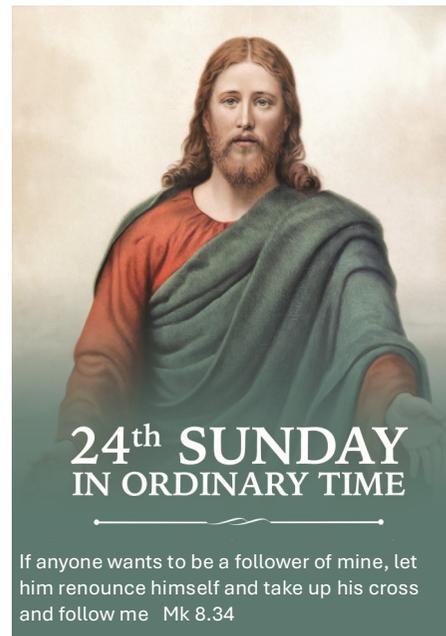
Saints of the Week

Mon 13 St John Chrysostom, bishop and doctor of the Church
Tues 14 THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

Wed 15 Our Lady of Sorrows
Thurs 16 Ss Cornelius, pope, and Cyprian, bishop, martyrs
Fri 17 St Robert Bellarmine, bishop and doctor of the Church



FOXROCK PARISH
Our Lady of Perpetual Succour



MASS INTENTIONS

Maoliosa Lane – Recently Deceased
Mark Lane – 25th Anniversary
Jack Costelloe – Anniversary
Con O’ Keefe – Anniversary
Sunday 12th Sept 10 am
Hugo Horan – Anniversary
Annette Strickland – Anniversary
11.30 am
Peter Cassidy – 1st Anniversary
Donal O’ Hanlon – 4th Anniversary
Mary O’ Connor – 22nd Anniversary
Julian Drury-Byrne – Anniversary
Willie & Emma O’ Connor – 60th Wedding Anniversary Celebration
Other Intentions

Recently Deceased:-

Lisa Howard

Anniversaries:-

Mary O’ Donnell Maria O’ Neill
Mary Bolger – 3rd Anniversary
Eddie Maher – 14th Anniversary
Eileen Walsh Brigid O’ Hara
Meeta, Maurice & Aidan Duggan
Birthday Remembrance:-
Eimear Walsh RIP 28th Birthday

RECENTLY DECEASED

Carmel Donnan
Paddy O’ Callanain
Malachy Prunty
Mary Shiel
May they rest in peace



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12 September
'By my words, I will show you my faith'

In the second reading today from St James we read, 'What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works?' And in our Gospel reading we hear: 'The way you think is not God's way but man's...'. These are challenging texts which remind us to reflect on what path we are walking as followers of Jesus. Jesus' path was radically different to what people of his time expected of a Messiah. It was a path that would lead to much sacrifice. Being a Christian today means following Jesus' example, being counter-cultural and making sacrifices for a greater good.

Today is also the second Sunday in the Season of Creation, a time we are called to explore our relationship with nature, God's creation. Pope Francis reminds us in Laudato Si' - On Care for Our Common Home that 'We are not God' (LS, 67). He challenges us to re-examine our vocation to care for

creation. In the past we misinterpreted God's words in Genesis to mean that we could have dominion over all of creation, own it and plunder it for our own use. Pope Francis invites us instead to explore our role as carers of creation and reminds us that the very first commandment we were ever given was to be protectors of this beautiful world. Yet, we know the earth cries out to us and that we are living through the sixth mass extinction of life on this earth due to human activity. Ecosystems are collapsing; biodiversity is in crisis. Laudato Si' is a hope-filled document, reminding us that we can set out on a new path, that we are capable of turning things around. One key action each of us can take this Season of Creation is to plant a native Irish tree. Each parish, diocese, family, school, university can engage in this symbolic action to help Restore Our Common Home. This week, gather two or three people and explore what can be done, mindful that our Gospel today urges us to walk God's ways not man's.

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Crosscare annual social care collection will be taken up at all Masses on the weekend of the **18th and 19th September 2021**



We welcome into our parish community through baptism
 Gwen Bernadette Raballand
 Lydia Rhatigan
 Madeleine Grace Bradley
 Zoe Gavrielides



Congratulations to
Richard Cawley & Kate O' Keeffe
recently married in our Church

COVID NOTICE AND MASS ATTENDANCE

The easing of restrictions announced last week by the Taoiseach is most welcome news after a long and difficult 18 months. The good news for us in this parish is that from now on we can accommodate 300 parishioners- 50% of our capacity, at all our masses. Our numbers to date for all masses are somewhat short of 300 so at present we have significant capacity. We will regularly monitor the numbers attending to ensure compliance.

However the pandemic is by no means over, and we must continue to be vigilant and be respectful and considerate to each other. It is important to stress that we are moving from a regulation driven framework to one where we take personal

responsibility and use good judgment.

Please bear in mind the following –

Do not come to Mass or other ceremonies if you believe you have Covid Symptoms or are a close contact of someone who may have Covid.

Wearing of face masks is still mandatory in the church at all times.

Please sanitise your hands prior to entering the church. There are adequate sanitizing stations around the church.

There is no longer a requirement to book the 11.30 mass.

Please be mindful and considerate of the person or persons around you.

24th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME FIRST READING

The Lord has opened my ear. For my part I made no resistance, neither did I turn away
 (Is 50:5-9)

PSALM

I love the Lord for he has heard the cry of my appeal
 (Ps 114:1-6.8-9)

SECOND READING

Take the case, my brothers, of someone who has never done a single good act but claims that he has faith.
 (Jm 2:14-18)

GOSPEL

Jesus and his disciples left for the villages round Caesara Philippi.
 (Mk 8:27-35)



The Foxrock Conference of St. Vincent de Paul would like to thank you all most sincerely for your wonderful response to our September appeal last weekend. The total amount donated came to €2178.00. This money will help us to support families with high heating bills during the coming months.