



DURING LENT PRAY, FAST, GIVE.

The FAST lane

FAST from judging others; FEAST on Christ dwelling in them.

FAST from fear of illness; FEAST on the healing power of God.

FAST from words that pollute; FEAST on speech that purifies.

FAST from discontent; FEAST on gratitude.

FAST from anger; FEAST on patience.

FAST from pessimism; FEAST on hope.

FAST from negatives; FEAST on encouragement.

FAST from bitterness; FEAST on forgiveness.

FAST from self-concern; FEAST on compassion.

FAST from suspicion; FEAST on truth.

FAST from gossip; FEAST on purposeful silence.

FAST from problems that overwhelm;

FEAST on prayer that sustains.

FAST from anxiety; FEAST on faith.

'Repent and believe the Good News.'

Today is the first Sunday of Lent and our Gospel is about Jesus being tempted in the desert. The word Lent is derived from an old English word for spring.

The accounts of the temptation of Jesus are found in the first three Gospels. The version in Mark (which we read today) is the shortest and both Matthew and Luke have an expanded account. The time that Jesus spent in the desert reminds us of our own need for prayer and reflection during Lent. Thomas Merton said: *"We all need enough silence and solitude in our lives to enable the deep inner voice of our true self to be heard at least occasionally."* It is important that we give ourselves the time and space in the coming weeks of Lent to reflect on the love of Jesus for each and every one of us. This will allow us to respond, in our different circumstances, to the words of Jesus today:

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"The time has come and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News."

Pope Leo the Great once said, *"Jesus is the hand of God's mercy stretched out towards us"*. Let us embrace this mercy during the coming Lenten season. Lent is certainly about reaching out to other people and helping those in need. Cardinal John Henry Newman, who was canonised by Pope Francis in 2019, said: *"God has created me to do Him some definite service. He has committed some work to me which He has not committed to another."* I think that this is a challenge for us all to reflect on during the coming six weeks of Lent as we ask ourselves how best we can answer the call of Jesus in our Gospel today for repentance and faith. He also assures us that *"the kingdom of God is close at hand"*, so we can trust with confidence in his divine presence to assist us and to be with us at every step of our life's journey. I wish you all a prayerful, reflective and peaceful Lenten season.
Deacon Gerard.

'GOOD GRIEF' LENTEN GATHERINGS:

Our Partnership of Parishes will join with St. Andrew's Church of Ireland Parish, to pray and explore the theme of grief. The terrible anguish of losing someone we love is something almost every person goes through. Being a Christian does not shield a person from the sadness of bereavement and the sense of loss. It is not wrong to grieve. It is not a sign of physical or spiritual weakness or failure. In these short Services, we will explore the hope and comfort faith provides when someone we love dies. Each Service will be followed by Refreshments.

All are welcome.

At 7:30 p.m. each evening

Wednesday 21st February	St Andrew's Malahide
Wednesday, 28th February	St Anne's Portmarnock
Wednesday, 6th March	Sacred Heart Yellow Walls
Wednesday, 13th March	St. Sylvester's Malahide

COLLECTIONS

Sunday, 12th February

First Collection € 1,722

Share € 1,125

We are very grateful for your continued Support

TROCAIRE Lent 2024: 'Let justice flow like a river, righteousness like a never-failing stream.' (Amos 5:24): This year Trócaire's lenten campaign focuses on the country of Malawi, Africa. Malawi is one of the least developed countries in the world and has been badly affected by climate change. In the Machinga district, Malita and her family must make a one-hour trip up to five times a day to collect water. Please support Trócaire in helping communities develop sustainable access to clean, safe and reliable water supplies by taking home a Trócaire box today or going to: www.trocaire.org.

**THE ANNUAL
COLLECTION FOR ACCORD DUBLIN,**
The Diocesan Agency for Marriage and the Family, will be made at all Masses on the weekend of **17 & 18 February 2024.**

**WEEKEND MASS INTENTIONS
Recently Deceased**

Colette Manning, Onward Walk

Sat. 6.30p.m.

Seannie Byrne,[Bth Rem]; Patrick Guerin, [Anniv];

Sun. 10.30a.m.

Catherine Lee,[Bth Rem]; Patrick Guerin;[Anniv];

Sun. 12.00 noon

Cecelia Keating,[Anniv]; Seannie Byrne,[Bth Rem]; Patricia Ryan, and her daughter Louise Ryan, [Anniv]; Mrs Sarri Leahy,[16th Anniv]; Finola McSweeney, Anniv]; Lourdes Phillips [Bth Rem; Tom & Julia Moore; Vincent Joseph Dowling; Patrick Guerin,[Anniv];

**PENANCE, RECONCILIATION,
CONFESSION**

FIRST CONFESSION/PENANCE

Canon John will be available in the Church for **First Confessions from 2.30p.m- 4.30pm, on Wednesday afternoons 21st February and 28th for the Children of 2nd Class in St. Marnock's NS and on 6th and 13th March, from 3pm-5pm for the Children of St. Helen's JNS 2nd Class.** Parents / Guardians are invited to bring the children they have already registered and Enrolled for the Sacraments. The Schools will advise the date and time for each child to the Families in advance.

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Confession for Confirmation Candidates:

Parents/Guardians who want their Confirmation Candidate Children to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation in advance of Confirmation are invited to bring them to the **weekly Confessions after 6.30pm Mass on Saturday evenings OR to Confession for Confirmation on Saturday 3rd March or Saturday 10th March at 12noon – 1.30pm.** Please note that these Confessions will not be organised by the Schools but at the discretion of each Family.

Individual Confessions are heard in St. Anne's each Saturday evening after the 6.30 Vigil Mass. Confession will also be heard during Lent after each 10.00a.m. weekday Mass except when there is a funeral or on request.

Partnership Lenten Reconciliation

Service: Saint Sylvester's, Malahide will host the Partnership Area communal celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation with a Penance Service on the **Monday of Holy Week, 25th March at 7.30pm.**

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL MONTHLY
COLLECTION**

Will take place after all Masses next week on **Saturday, 25th February and Sunday, 26th February**

ST PADRE PIO DEVOTIONS

Friday, 24th February 2024

Rosary 7.15p.m.; Mass 7.30p.m.

Followed by blessing with St. Pio Relic

**TY STUDENTS CHARITY BAKE SALE FOR
LESOTHO AFRICA**

Thanks to everyone who contributed to our Bake Sale last Sunday 24th February for Lesotho. **Your generous donations of €1350 were greatly appreciated** by all the students involved.

**DUBLIN DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO
KNOCK**

Archbishop Dermot Farrell will lead the Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock on **Saturday, 27th April 2024.** Details for the Parish Pilgrimage will be given at a later date. Please leave your name at the Parish Office if you intend to travel.