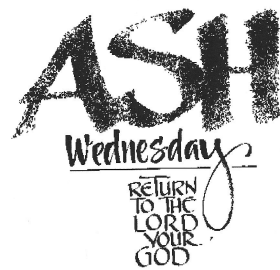




PARISH OF THE HOLY REDEEMER, DUNDALK
7TH FEBRUARY 2016
FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
A Parish in the 'Dun Dealgan' Pastoral Area

Year of Mercy

Dec. 8, 2015 - Nov. 20, 2016



On Wednesday 10th February we celebrate Ash Wednesday: On Ash Wednesday there is a great consciousness of our sinfulness, as we pray "Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we have sinned". There is also a sense that the time to repent and turn back is now. The Gospel tells us how to approach that renewal of our lives. It puts before us the

remedy in prayer, fasting and almsgiving. These three strands of Lenten observance are as ancient as Christianity itself. There is no substitute for them. "Fasting is the soul of prayer, mercy is the lifeblood of fasting. If we have not all three together, we have nothing", **says St Peter Chrysologus.**

Follow Jesus through the Stations of the Cross in the Holy Redeemer Church, Ard Easmuinn, Dundalk. **Every Wednesday at 7.30pm.** Starting 17th February up until 23rd March 2015.

Praying our Lenten Readings: Each Wednesday in Lent, beginning Ash Wednesday 10th February a group will meet in Sr. Clare's house, 137 Cedarwood Park at 2.15pm to reflect on Lenten Sunday readings. All are Welcome.

We Remember Those Who Have Died: Margaret Traynor, Haggardstown. Mary Maughan, died in London. Evan McArdle, Newtownbalregan. Margaret Smith, Blackrock. Anne Bronagh Wynne, Point Road. Larry Rogers, Haggardstown.

We welcome into our community those recently baptised: Leah Lauren McCabe, Gerard Barry O'Dempsey.

Resource Centre Lotto: 1st February 6, 12, 15, 17. Two match three winners. Lotto Jackpot: €9,500. Parish Bingo Monday at 8.00pm: Flyer €1,220.

Parish Envelopes: Parish Envelopes for 2016 were distributed during the past weeks. We are very thankful to those who help to distribute them in the various different areas. If you have not received a new box and would like to contribute to your parish, please contact the parish office 042-9334259. We thank you for your generosity during the past year. We encourage each one to use your envelope and we trust in your continued generosity and support.

Survey Forms-Second Collection: Thank you for a tremendous response to our survey on the second collection. By a four to one majority, there is agreement to continue the second collection to build up a contingency fund for Church maintenance, ie roof repairs and future refurbishment. Your continued support is very much appreciated.

On Thursday 11th February we celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes On this day in 1858, Our Lady first appeared to Bernadette Soubirous. Later Bernadette was to learn that the mysterious lady was the Blessed Virgin and to hear from her lips, "I am the Immaculate Conception".



We also celebrate World Day of the Sick on 11th February in commemoration of Our Lady of Lourdes. Illness, above all grave illness, always places human existence in crisis and brings with it questions that dig deep. Our first response may at times be one of rebellion: Why has this happened to me? We can feel desperate, thinking that all is lost, that things no longer have meaning... In these situations, faith in God is on the one hand tested, yet at the same time can reveal all of its positive resources. Not because faith makes illness, pain, or the questions which they raise, disappear, but because it offers a key by which we can discover the deepest meaning of what we are experiencing; a key that helps us to see how illness can be the way to draw nearer to Jesus who walks at our side, weighed down by the Cross. And this key is given to us by Mary, our Mother, who has known this way at first hand. **Excerpt from Message of His Holiness Pope Francis for the 24th World Day of the Sick 2016**

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MISSION STATEMENT:

"Conscious of our brokenness and moved by the Spirit of Compassion, we the Holy Redeemer Parish Pastoral Council, strive to be messengers of God's healing and love in today's world and to encourage and support all parishioners to bear witness to the Gospel of Christ."

ANNIVERSARY & REMEMBRANCE MASSES

Saturday	6th February	7.30pm	Av. Richard & Mary Stewart & dec members of the Stewart family. Av. Tony Donnelly. John Duffy.
Sunday	7th February	10.00am 11.30am 6.00pm	Av. Barney Martin. MM Connie Brady. Av. Douglas Lally. MM Joe Gorman.
Monday	8th February	10.00am 7.30pm	Av. Patrick Langan. Av. Maureen McKeown.
Tuesday	9th February	10.00am	Av. Molly & Domnic McKeivitt. Katie & Johnny Boyle. Charlie Mostyn.
Wednesday (Ash Wednesday)	10th February	10.00am 7.30pm	Special Intention.
Thursday	11th February	10.00am	Av. Joost Van Kalkerem. Richard & Mary Ellen Smyth.
Friday	12th February	10.00am	
Saturday (vigil)	13th February	10.00am 7.30pm	Av. Benny & Esther Callan. Séan & Joseph Nelson. Av. John Nolan. Canice O'Mahony.
Sunday	14th February	10.00am 11.30am 6.00pm	Av. Frank Myles & his wife Lena Myles. MM Jim McGee. Av. Raymond McCoy.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions for February:



Universal: Care for Creation - That we may take good care of creation—a gift freely given—cultivating and protecting it for future generations.

Evangelization: Asia - That opportunities may increase for dialogue and encounter between the Christian faith and the peoples of Asia.

Special Pilgrimage to Medugorje: Wednesday 18th May for 7 nights €609 €50 discount if deposit €100 paid before February 17th. Spiritual advisor Fr. Paul Montague Holy Redeemer. Contact James 0867252528.

The Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes takes place on 12th to 17th May. The cost of the Pilgrimage is €730, full board. Bookings take place in Hospitalite House, Mill Street, Dundalk on Monday evenings from 7.30pm to 9.00pm. There a number of places available for Assisted Pilgrims (sick), applications should be made in writing to Dundalk and District Lourdes Invalid Committee, c/o Hospitalite House, Mill Street, Dundalk.

Our Lady of Lourdes Triduum: Year of Mercy 2016, on the 9th, 10th & 11th February. **Leader:** Fr John Walsh, OP. St. Malachy's Dominican Friary, Holy Mass 10.00am and 6.15pm followed by Benediction. Confessions before and after all sessions. Anointing of the sick all sessions.

WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORT	Total	Church	Envelope
 PARISH COLLECTIONS 31st January 2016	€1,757.39	€1,119.79 (plate)	€637.60

PRIESTS IN PARISH

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN AND VULNERABLE ADULTS POLICY STATEMENT: The parish recognises and upholds the rights of all children and vulnerable adults and is committed to ensuring their safety and wellbeing at all times. A copy of the policy is always available for those who wish to view it in the parish office or the Sacristy. The Safeguarding Children representative for Holy Redeemer Parish is Sharon Duffy 042-93-34259.



