

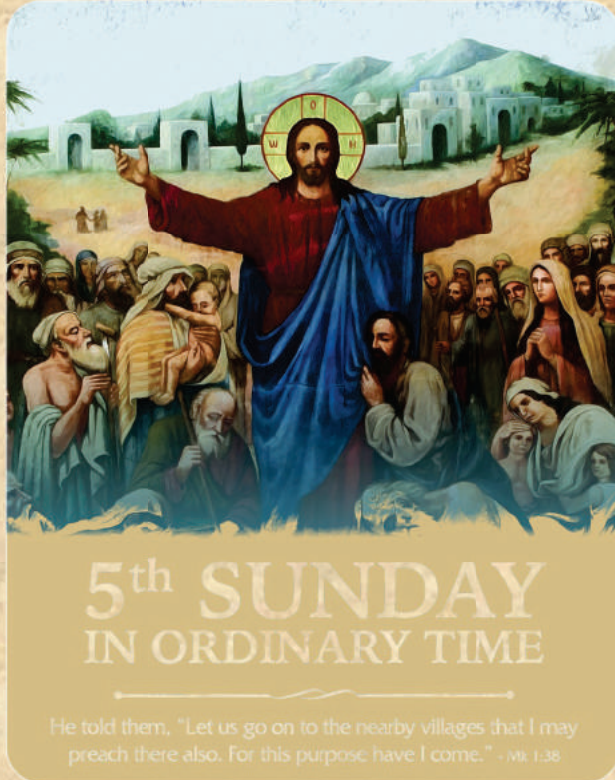


CHURCH OF OUR LADY'S NATIVITY PARISH OF LEIXLIP



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4th February 2018



CHURCH MASS TIMES:

Weekdays 9.30 a.m.

Saturday: 10 a.m. &

6 p.m. (Vigil Mass for Sunday)

Sunday: 8.30, 9.45, 11, 12.15p.m & 7.30 p.m.

CONFESSIONS:

Saturdays: After 10 a.m. Mass &

after 6.00 p.m. Vigil Mass

ADORATION OF THE

BLESSED SACRAMENT:

Weekdays: Monday - Friday 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

& 7 p.m. – 10 p.m.

(Friday Night to 9 p.m.)

PARISH TEAM:

Fr. John McNamara, Adm. 01 - 6245597

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Fr. Eladius Mutunzi P.C. 01 - 6244568

PARISH SUPPORT WORKER

Mrs. Ella Doran

01 - 6243673

Reflection: MK1:29-39

Here the mission of Jesus is explicit. He is sent to heal. First Simon's mother-in-law who, once restored, waits on all who are gathered. Those who are healed by Christ are immediately called to serve the Church. As evening comes, the whole town is gathered at the door in search of healing. Jesus' comprehensive healing touches physical illness and afflictions by demons. The healing mission is interrupted by the prayerfulness of Jesus. Despite the call to go back to the scene of recent healings, Jesus goes to the nearby towns and throughout the whole of Gallilee

LENT 2018

LENT begins on Wednesday 14h February - A Day of Fast & Abstinence. Masses will be at 7.25, 9.30 & 7.30 p.m. Ashes will be blessed and distributed after the Gospel and at the conclusion of the 3 Masses.

LENTEN WEEKDAY MASSES - MONDAY TO FRIDAY - 7.25, 9.30 & 7.30 p.m.

DO THIS IN MEMORY MASSES

Sunday 11th February the 9.45a.m. Mass is a Do This in Memory Mass for the 2nd Class children from Scoil Uí Dhálaigh and their families, the 11.00 a.m. is for the 2nd Class children and their families from Scoil Eoin Phóil and the 12.15p.m. is for the 2nd Class children and their families from Scoil Bhríde and Scoil Mhuire. We thank all parishioners for their co-operation and support for all these young people and their families as they prepare for their First Penance and First Communion

CHURCH DIARY & MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY 4TH FEBRUARY

- 6.00 p.m. Marie Bolger (A) & Tess Woods 2nd (A) & remembering her husband Sean
8.30 a.m. Robert (Bob) Quinn (A)
9.45 a.m. Kathleen Mannion, rec dec. & Frances Byrne - rec. dec.
11 Alice & Noel Keogan (A). Matt Lynch (A). & John Duffy(A)
12.15 Rita O'Toole -month's mind
7.30 Bill & Kate Stenson (A)

MONDAY 5TH FEBRUARY

Memorial Of St. Agatha, Virgin & Martyr

- 9.30 a.m. Helen Kamembu - rec. deceased & Doris Coade
Birthday remembrance.

TUESDAY 6TH FEBRUARY -

Memorial Of S.S. Paul Miki & Companions Martyrs

- 9.30 a.m. Deceased members of the Kelly Family

WEDNESDAY 7TH FEBRUARY

- 9.30 a.m. Mass for the people of the parish & all who worship in our church

THURSDAY 8TH FEBRUARY

- 9.30 a.m. Helen Gillen - rec. deceased

FRIDAY 9TH FEBRUARY

- 9.30 a.m. Gerry Roche—rec. deceased

SATURDAY 10TH FEBRUARY -

Memorial St. Scholastica, Virgin

- 10 a.m. John Hayes - month's mind. Jack & Sheila Lyons their son John and granddaughter Mellissa Mackintosh.
6 p.m. John Ryan—month's mind

SUNDAY 11TH FEBRUARY

World Day of the Sick

- 8.30 a.m. Zita James (A)
9.45 Ivan Cosgrove - month's mind
11 Jim Gibney (A) & Patrick Cunningham (A) & Birthday Remembrance
12.15 Bridget Quinn - month's mind.
7.30 Paddy Walsh (A)

SANCTUARY LAMP is lit this week for a special intention.

GOSPEL READINGS FOR THE COMING WEEK:

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| MON: MK.6:53-56 | TUES: MK.7:1-13 |
| WED: MK.7:14-23 | THUR: MK.7:24-30 |
| FRI: LK.7:31-37 | SAT: MK.8:1-10 |
| SUN: MK.1:40-45 | |

PARISH COLLECTIONS

The First Collection last weekend was €2020.00, This collection is for priests in our own parish, priests in poorer parishes and for priests who have special appointments and are on sabbatical or are sick or retired. **The second collection** is for SHARE and last weekend was €1,325

The collection for Parish Maintenance & Development (envelopes only) last weekend was €1,096.15

Thank You for your continuing support.

BLESSING OF PARENTS BEFORE CHILDBIRTH

Is provided on the 2nd Sunday of each month after 12.15p.m. Mass.
The blessing for February is Sunday Next 11th.

CHRISTMAS DUES

We extend a sincere **THANK YOU** to all our parishioners who have sent in their Christmas Dues. Christmas Dues form part of the income of the priests in the parish and diocese and can be returned at any time during the coming weeks through the Envelope Collectors, Parish Office or Sacristy.

PARISH CELL GROUPS

- An invitation is extended to everyone, without exception, to come and experience a cell meeting in a home near you, morning or evening. Please contact: Bridie 086.3807917. Donal 086.4472605
- **Family Cell Meeting:** A cell meeting for parents/grandparents/expectant parents and babies/toddlers is held fortnightly in Our Lady's Parish Centre, Leixlip on Tuesdays 1-2pm. Volunteers lead the meeting, prepare refreshments and help with the toddlers. This is a space where families can come to reflect on scripture, pray and play. Please contact: Kate Cavanagh 086 4132511
- Meeting dates for all the above are:
Feb: 6th & 20th. March 6th & 20th, April 10th & 24th.
- Email: leixlipparishcells@gmail.com
or see website: www.parishcellsireland.net

FRANCISCAN MISSIONARY APPEAL IN THE CHURCH

Will take place next Sunday 11 February during all Masses.
Your support will be very much appreciated

LEIXLIP BETHANY SUPPORT GROUP

NEXT MEETING WED. 14TH FEBRUARY

7.30PM -9.00PM

BETHANY BEREAVEMENT SERVICES

Would you like to join our Bethany Bereavement Team?
The aim of Bethany is to support the bereaved through the grieving process.

Call Joan on 0876761002 or Clare on 0860761687

LEIXLIP & CONFY - YES TO LIFE CANVASS

Meeting each Tuesday evening in
CONFY CHURCH CAR PARK. 6.30p.m.

If you would like to join us, please come along and meet us there
Alternatively contact Donal at 086-4472605, Mike at 086-0536490
or John 087-2390481



Please Switch Off Your

COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS

FREE TRANSPORT SERVICE AVAILABLE FOR CHEMOTHERAPY PATIENTS

The Irish Cancer Society operates a free transport service for patients attending hospital for chemotherapy treatment. Volunteer driver picks the patient up at the door of their home and takes them to the hospital, then when finished treatment will pick them up at hospital door and drop them home. Volunteer expenses are paid. Patients wishing to avail of this free service should contact their healthcare professional, visit the Society's website at irishcancer.ie or contact the Irish Cancer Society for more information on 01 2310 522.

HANNIGAN FAMILY - ANNUAL DINNER

(Springfield Hotel)

Will host their Annual Dinner for Leixlip Senior Citizens in the Springfield Hotel on Sunday 18th February at 3 p.m. Please note that no written invitations are being sent out this year. If you are a Senior Citizen living in Leixlip you are most welcome to attend. Bus pick up usual places or for information tel : 01 6245200

Ardclough /Celbridge /Leixlip

1916 Rising Commemoration Committee

ANTHONY O'REILLY - Republican Martyr Celbridge

Public Lecture by Jim Doyle, Historian

In Celbridge Library - Thurs. 8th February 2018 @

7pm

Open to All

A.G.E.G Artist Solo Exhibition "Stages"

Leixlip Library Opening Night

Tuesday 6th February from 7 - 8pm.

All Welcome to attend.

The Exhibition comprises of a selection of Photography documenting Natural Changes over a period of three years.

Website <http://ageartist.com>

PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE (JoeWalshTours)

7 nights Half Board in Pansion Darko (or similar).
€719.00 pp inclusive of group travel insurance & Airport Transfers to Medjugorje Team Leader; Tony Hughes (accompanied by Spiritual Director) Call Tony at 016242679 or mobile 0863216013.



LEGION OF MARY.

There will be a Recruitment Drive to ask people to volunteer to join the Legion of Mary. This will take place during all the Masses on the weekend of the 3rd and 4th February 2018.

An Introductory Meeting will be held on Thursday morning 8th February 2018 in the Parish Centre, Leixlip at 10.30am.

MEDJUGORJE IRISH CENTRE - PILGRIMAGES

7 nights B&B with Airport Shuttle service from €279. Book any flight - any time. Contact no.014434510 or email reservation@med-irishcentre.com

LOURDES PETITIONS

A parishioner going on pilgrimage to Lourdes has offered to take your petition if they are left in the Sacristy or Parish office on or before Thursday morning.

B.E. - BEGINNING EXPERIENCE

B.E. is a support group for those coping with the pain of loss of their life partner, through Death, Separation or Divorce. Few people are able to cope alone with the pain of loss. Do you find that you need more support than family and friends can provide? Seeking help is a sign of strength and self-knowledge – not weakness. This is a healing ministry, which helps to resolve the grief that goes with the end of a marriage or relationship. Coping effectively with bereavement is a skill we can all learn. A team, who are themselves widowed, separated or divorced share their experiences with you.

Next Coping Programme will commence on Wednesday 7th February 2018 for 7 Wednesday evenings, at 7.15pm in White Friars Community Centre, Aungier St., Dublin 2 (No need to book) For further information phone 086 0877379 or e-mail

LOUR LADY'S PARISH SHOP

opening daily after 9.30am Mass to 11am. and on Sunday's after the morning Masses until 1pm. We stock a large selection of Mass cards, statues, candles, bibles, rosaries, prayer cards and much more. Do drop in, where you are assured of a warm welcome.

CISTERCIAN VOCATIONS WEEKEND

Cistercian monks and nuns are called to witness to God in a life of prayer, work, community and contemplation. We invite women who are considering God's call to join us for the weekend to get to know more about the monastic way of life. Friday 9th to Sunday 11th February 2018 at St Mary's Abbey, Glencairn, Lismore, Co. Waterford. See our website www.glencairnabbey.org for further information.

CATHECISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

2258 "Human life is sacred because from its beginning it involves the creative action of God and it remains for ever in a special relationship with the Creator, who is its sole end. God alone is the Lord of life from its beginning until its end: **no one can under any circumstance claim for himself the right directly to destroy an innocent human being.**"⁵⁶

2270 Human life must be respected and protected absolutely from the moment of conception. From the first moment of his existence, a human being must be recognised as having the rights of a person - among which is the inviolable right of every innocent being to life.⁷²

