

St. Jude The Apostle's Parish Newsletter
Sunday, 25th February 2024

A Warm Welcome to all to our Church.
Thank you for joining us for Mass.



Weekend Masses Saturday evening - 6.30pm
Sunday morning - 10.00 and 12.00.

Weekday Masses

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 09.30.
On Thursday morning at 09.30, we have the Rosary and Holy Communion. On Saturday morning at 10.00, we have a Prayer Service with Holy Communion.

Taize Mass: Will be celebrated each Sunday during Lent (except for the 5th Sunday, which coincides with St Patrick's Day) at 7.30pm. This Sunday 25th February celebrant Fr Séamus McEntee. Please use Rossmore entrance. All welcome. Bring a friend!

Parish Office Opening Hours: Monday, Wednesday & Friday 09.30 – 12.30
Closed – Tuesday & Thursday.

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First Reading

A reading from the book of Genesis. (Gen 22:1-2. 9-13. 15-18)

God put Abraham to the test. 'Abraham, Abraham' he called. 'Here I am' he replied. 'Take your son', God said 'your only child Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah. There you shall offer him as a burnt offering, on a mountain I will point out to you.' When they arrived at the place God had pointed out to him, Abraham built an altar there and arranged the wood. Then he stretched out his hand and seized the knife to kill his son. But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven. 'Abraham, Abraham' he said. 'I am here' he replied. 'Do not raise your hand against the boy' the angel said. 'Do not harm him, for now I know you fear God. You have not refused me your son, your only son.' Then looking up, Abraham saw a ram caught by its horns in a bush. Abraham took the ram and offered it as a burnt offering in place of his son. The angel of the Lord called Abraham a second time from heaven. 'I swear by my own self – it is the Lord who speaks – because you have done this, because you have not refused me your son, your only son, I will shower blessings on you, I will make your descendants as many as the stars of the heaven and the grains of sand on the seashore. Your descendants shall gain possession of the gates of their enemies. All the nations of the earth shall bless themselves by your descendants, as a reward for your obedience.'

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm (Ps 115:10. 15-19)

R I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

1. I trusted, even when I said: 'I am sorely afflicted.'
O precious in the eyes of the Lord is the death of his faithful. R
2. Your servant, Lord, your servant am I; you have loosened my bonds.'
A thanksgiving sacrifice I make: I will call on the Lord's name. R
3. My vows to the Lord I will fulfil before all his people,
in the courts of the house of the Lord, in your midst, O Jerusalem. R

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans. (Rom 8:31-34)

With God on our side who can be against us? Since God did not spare his own Son, but gave him up to benefit us all, we may be certain, after such a gift, that he will not refuse anything he can give. Could anyone accuse those that God has chosen? When God acquits, could anyone condemn? Could Christ Jesus? No! He not only died for us – he rose from the dead, and there at God's right hand he stands and pleads for us.

The word of the Lord.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark. (Mk 9:2-10)

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone by themselves. There in their presence he was transfigured: his clothes became dazzlingly white, whiter than any earthly bleacher could make them. Elijah appeared to them with Moses; and they were talking with Jesus. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Rabbi', he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah'. He did not know what to say; they were so frightened. And a cloud came, covering them in shadow; and there came a voice from the cloud, 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him'. Then suddenly, when they looked round, they saw no one with them anymore but only Jesus. As they came down the mountain he warned them to tell no one what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. They observed the warning faithfully, though among themselves they discussed what 'rising from the dead' could mean.

The Gospel of the Lord.

NOTICES:

Dublin Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock on Saturday April 27 th 2024. For more information, please email knockpilgrimage@dublindiocese.ie

Trócaire Boxes: Trócaire Boxes are available at the rear of the church.

Accord thanks all those who supported their church collection last weekend. €1,535 was raised for this worthy cause.

Journey into Faith 2024: This week's session is entitled "Who is Jesus?"

Faith is taking the first step, even when you don't see the whole staircase.

Dr Martin Luther King Jnr

There are five remaining sessions in this Lenten programme with a different guest speaker each night. Each session aims to help people develop a better relationship with and understanding of God. Venue St Judes Parish Centre.

Dates: Tuesdays Feb 27, Mar 5, 12, 19, 26. Registration at 7.15pm, session 7.30 to 9pm.

Toddlers World on Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays. For more information, please call Amanda on 086 1700806.

Three Tenors in Concert: As a mark of respect to Catherine we postponed the concert. The new date is the **19 th of April at 8pm**; The Concert will be in honour of Catherine and a tribute to her.

Anniversaries this weekend:

Saturday 17th , 6.30pm: Peg O'Kane (Mon Mind), Sheamus & Brid McGlynn (Anniv), Nelius & Margaret Lynch (Anniv), San Jav (Speedy Recovery), Patricia Tonge (Rec. Dec'd), Michael Doherty (Rec. Dec'd)

Sunday 18th , 10.00: William Needham (48 th Anniv), Kathleen Needham (16 th Anniv), Pat Brady (B'day Remembrance), Reggie Cheevers (Anniv), James, Mary & Tommy Brennan (Annivs) Peg O'Kane (Rec. Dec'd), Gay McLoughlin (Rec. Dec'd)

Sunday 18th , 12.00: Kay Gillen (1st Anniv), Dorothy Conroy (26th Anniv), Olive Haverty (1st Anniv), Teresa Ryan (Anniv), Peter Cooley (Anniv), Laura Cooley (Anniv), Donnie Doyle (Anniv), Tom Ryan (Rec Dec'd).