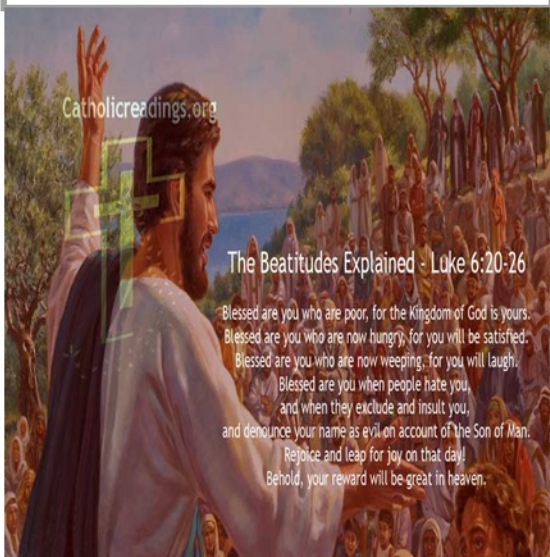


# Parish Newsletter

SUNDAY 16TH FEBRUARY 2025



## The Beatitudes Explained - Luke 6:20-26

Blessed are you who are poor, for the Kingdom of God is yours.  
Blessed are you who are now hungry, for you will be satisfied.  
Blessed are you who are now weeping, for you will laugh.  
Blessed are you when people hate you,  
and when they exclude and insult you,  
and denounce your name as evil on account of the Son of Man.  
Rejoice and leap for joy on that day!  
Behold, your reward will be great in heaven.

The Hebrew concept of a blessing is about the discovery that God is present and active in our experiences, right here and right now. The Beatitudes are saying that we do not need to go past our own daily struggles and experiences to find the presence of God. Jesus tells us that when we see the poor, the mournful, those who campaign for a just society and suffer because of it, the gentle, the innocent, the peacemakers and the martyrs; we are encountering, in a special way, the presence of God.  
*oblateyouth.com*

## WHAT'S ON

### Monday 17th February

**Choir practise** at 7.45pm in the Church.

**Every Thursday after Mass** the Holy Rosary in the Oratory is specifically for vocations to the priesthood. Rosary beads are free for anyone who wants to take them home to pray.

### Friday 21st February

**Eucharistic Prayer Group** meets in the Oratory from 2.30pm-3.30pm. All welcome.

### Eucharistic Adoration

**Monday to Friday 10.30am to 5.00pm. in the Oratory.**



**PLANNED GIVING BOXES 2025** are available for collection from the Parish Office. If you have some time to spare and would like to help with the distribution, please call to the Parish Office. **A huge thank you to the volunteers who helped to assemble the boxes & those who are helping with the distribution, your help is very much appreciated.**



The **ANNUAL COLLECTION** for **ACCORD Dublin, the Diocesan Agency for Marriage and the Family**, will be made at all Masses this weekend.

**ACCORD Dublin throughout the Diocese offers:** Marriage Preparation courses – online, small groups. Counselling for couples and individuals experiencing difficulties in their relationships, currently online or by phone. A Relationship and Sexuality Programme for schools.

**ACCORD Dublin needs your support this year more than ever.**



We remember **Joan Nolan,** whose **Funeral Mass takes place on Monday morning at 10.00am**  
**Olivia Byrne**  
**Elaine Byrne**  
**Christopher (Noel) Grant** who died recently  
**MAY THEY REST IN PEACE**

**Thought** Recently a man attributed his re-conversion to the endless grace of God. Even a limited grace is both generous and merciful. Endless grace is a total love commitment from a God who has infinite attachment to us and our good. It is His "Yes" in our need. Who/what circumstance do you have today that needs the endless grace of God? Maybe you've prayed before, maybe you never had the faith to. Maybe it's time to believe that, when it comes to grace, the great I AM replies with an endless, great, I will.

### Church Collections

w/e 8th/9th February 2025

1st Priests: €687

2nd Collection: €546

Envelopes: €685

### PARISH LOTTO

Development Fund

There was no winner of last week's Jackpot.

The winning numbers were

**Lotto Nos 5, 19, 23, 26**  
**Jackpot €21,000**

Congratulations to last week's winners of the three €20 Prizes.

The Draw takes place on

Tuesday morning after 10 a.m. Mass. Entries for the Lotto draw each week must be put into the safe in the church by 11.00a.m. on Mondays. All are welcome to attend the draw.

## THE DUBLIN ARCHDIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, 11th February, 2025 Prayers and greetings to all in our Diocese from Lourdes, where a small Dublin group is representing the Diocesan Pilgrimage for the **Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes on 11th February, World Day of the Sick**. All of your Intentions are being remembered by us at the Grotto, especially those who are sick and those who care for them.

As the recently appointed Director of the Pilgrimage I am very grateful for the support our sick pilgrims have received throughout the years from so many people in the parishes of the Diocese. Those who have organised and supported our Associate Membership throughout the years are being specially remembered by us in Lourdes with heartfelt gratitude.

**Some early details of our 2025 Jubilee Year Pilgrimage:** The dates are 4th to 9th September 2025, led by Archbishop Farrell. The Pilgrimage is a fully escorted tour including: direct return flight from Dublin to Lourdes, airport transfers and assistance between Lourdes Airport and the hotels, five nights' accommodation, meals, 20kg check-in luggage plus one small personal item in the cabin and full services of Joe Walsh Tours guides and representatives throughout.

### FURTHER INFORMATION

[info@joevalstours.ie](mailto:info@joevalstours.ie) or phone Dublin: 01 241 0800. About 100 Sick or Assisted Pilgrims will form a very important section of our Pilgrimage. **Accueil Notre Dame**, the special place of welcome for the Sick located in the Shrine opposite the Grotto, will house our Sick Pilgrims. A dedicated Team of Doctors, Nurses, Chaplains and several hundred Helpers of all ages will travel with us from Dublin to care for our Assisted Pilgrims from their arrival at Dublin Airport, during their time in Lourdes and until they depart the airport on our return.

Enquiries about travelling as a Sick/Assisted Pilgrim should be made to the Pilgrimage Office, 51 Home Farm Road, Drumcondra, Dublin 9, D09 W5W4. Deirdre Daly, Administrative Secretary, [info@lourdes.dublindiocese.ie](mailto:info@lourdes.dublindiocese.ie) /

01 8087555 or to John Flaherty, [john.flaherty@dublindiocese.ie](mailto:john.flaherty@dublindiocese.ie) / 01808557. Every good wish and blessing from Lourdes.

*Canon John Flaherty, Pilgrimage Director.*

## HYMNS



### Entrance:

Seek ye first the kingdom of God  
And His righteousness;  
And all these things shall be added unto you.  
Allelu, Allelujah!

2 Ask, and it shall be given unto you;  
Seek, and you shall find.  
Knock, and it shall be opened unto you.  
Allelu, Allelujah!

3 Man shall not live by bread alone,  
But by every word  
That proceeds out from the mouth of God.  
Allelu, Allelujah!

### **Do not be afraid for I have redeemed you**

When you walk through the waters I'll be with you

You will never sink beneath the waves

When the fear of loneliness is looming  
Then remember I am at your side

You are Mine, O My child I am your father  
And I love you with a perfect love

### **Recessional: The Bells of the Angelus**

The bells of the Angelus  
Call us to pray  
With sweet tones announcing  
the sacred Ave.

*Ave, Ave, Ave Maria,  
Ave, Ave, Ave Maria.*

An angel of mercy,  
led Bernadette's feet,  
Where flows the deep torrent,  
Our Lady to greet.