

# Parish Newsletter

SUNDAY 9TH MARCH 2025



During Lent candles for "Healing & Renewal" are available at all Masses and from the Parish Office. Offering €1

## Beacon

Beacon is a free-to-use app designed by faithful Catholics that allows Catholics in Ireland to find events based on interest and/or location. The app was born when its creators noticed the plentiful number of Catholic events happening around Ireland, but most promotion happened through means most likely to reach people who already have strong Catholic networks (i.e. word of mouth, WhatsApp groups etc.). Hence the aim of the app is to ensure that any Catholic in Ireland, from someone coming back to the faith for the first time in years, to an immigrant just arrived in Ireland, has the same knowledge of Catholic events as someone who has spent years in Irish Catholic circles. To download, just go onto the Google Play or app store, and search Beacon Catholic Events or search [www.catholicevents.ie](http://www.catholicevents.ie)

# Let us journey together in hope

MESSAGE OF POPE FRANCIS FOR LENT 2025



Pope Francis sends a message of gratitude and closeness to all those who have been praying for his recovery since he was admitted to hospital 21 days ago. "I thank you with all my heart for the prayers you offer for my health from [St. Peter's] Square. I accompany you from here. May God bless you, and may the Virgin protect you. Thank you."

*Vatican News*

## Springtime in the Soul

with Martina Lehane Sheehan  
5th April (Sat. 10am—4pm)  
**Dominican Retreat Centre, Tallaght,**  
*Journeying through Lent towards horizons of Easter Hope. As we move closer to Holy Week, we will enter deeply into the heart of healing and transformation through input, meditation, scripture, poetry etc.*  
Cost: €65 including lunch  
Tel: (01) 4048189

## WHAT'S ON

### Monday 10th March

Choir practise at 7.45pm in the Church.

Baptism Preparation meeting at 7.00pm in the Oratory for Baptisms taking place next Saturday at 12.30pm.

### Friday 14th March

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.



We remember  
**Anna Curley**  
who died recently  
**MAY SHE REST  
IN PEACE**

### Church Collections

w/e 1st/2nd March 2025  
1st Priests: €788  
2nd Collection: € 638  
Envelopes: €792

### PARISH LOTTO

Development Fund  
There was no winner of last week's Jackpot.  
The winning numbers were  
**Lotto Nos 4, 9, 26, 30  
Jackpot €21,300**  
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.

**Thought** We are children of God. Matt: 10: 30-31 says "Every hair on your head has been counted. That is why there is no need to be afraid..." child of God. *There are many voices coming at us, maybe choose one; the One that lovingly counts the hairs on your head.*

**MASSES: SUNDAY: Vigil, 6.30p.m., 9.00a.m. & 12 noon.**

**MONDAY – SATURDAY Morning Mass at 10.00a.m.**

All Masses can be viewed on the Parish Webcam via the Parish Website [www.mourneroad.ie](http://www.mourneroad.ie)

**Confessions** after 10.00a.m. Mass Saturdays or on request.

**Parish Office:** Open Monday to Friday from 9.15am—1.00pm. **Mornings only.**

### TROCAIRE LENT 2025

**Trocaire  
Boxes are  
available at the  
back of the  
church.**

# Sunday 9th March 2025

## First Sunday of Lent

### First Reading Deuteronomy 26:4-10

Moses said to the people: 'The priest shall take the panner from your hand and lay it before the altar of the Lord your God. Then, in the sight of the Lord your God, you must make this pronouncement:

“My father was a wandering Aramaean. He went down into Egypt to find refuge there, few in numbers; but there he became a nation, great, mighty, and strong. The Egyptians ill-treated us, they gave us no peace and inflicted harsh slavery on us. But we called on the Lord, the God of our fathers. The Lord heard our voice and saw our misery, our toil and our oppression; and the Lord brought us out of Egypt with mighty hand and outstretched arm, with great terror, and with signs and wonders. He brought us here and gave us this land, a land where milk and honey flow. Here then I bring the first-fruits of the produce of the soil that you, the Lord, have given me.”

‘You must then lay them before the Lord your God, and bow down in the sight of the Lord your God.’

**The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.**

### Responsorial Psalm Psalm 90(91):1-2,10-15

*Be with me, O Lord, in my distress.*

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High  
and abides in the shade of the Almighty  
says to the Lord: ‘My refuge,  
my stronghold, my God in whom I trust!’

*Be with me, O Lord, in my distress.*

Upon you no evil shall fall,  
no plague approach where you dwell.  
For you has he commanded his angels,  
to keep you in all your ways.

*Be with me, O Lord, in my distress.*

They shall bear you upon their hands  
lest you strike your foot against a stone.  
On the lion and the viper you will tread  
and trample the young lion and the dragon.

*Be with me, O Lord, in my distress.*

His love he set on me, so I will rescue him;  
protect him for he knows my name.  
When he calls I shall answer: ‘I am with you,’  
I will save him in distress and give him glory.

*Be with me, O Lord, in my distress.*

### Second Reading Romans 10:8-13

Scripture says: *The word* (that is the faith we proclaim) *is very near to you, it is on your lips and in your heart.* If your lips confess that Jesus is Lord and if you believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, then you will be saved. By believing from the heart you are made righteous; by confessing with your lips you are saved. When scripture says: *those who believe in him will have no cause for shame,* it makes no distinction between Jew and Greek: all belong to the same Lord who is rich enough, however many ask his help, *for everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.*

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### Gospel Acclamation Mt 4:4

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!  
Man does not live on bread alone,  
but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.  
Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

### Gospel

Luke 4:1-13

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit through the wilderness, being tempted there by the devil for forty days. During that time he ate nothing and at the end he was hungry. Then the devil said to him, ‘If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to turn into a loaf.’ But Jesus replied, ‘Scripture says: Man does not live on bread alone.’

Then leading him to a height, the devil showed him in a moment of time all the kingdoms of the world and said to him, ‘I will give you all this power and the glory of these kingdoms, for it has been committed to me and I give it to anyone I choose. Worship me, then, and it shall all be yours.’ But Jesus answered him, ‘Scripture says:

You must worship the Lord your God, and serve him alone.’

Then he led him to Jerusalem and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. ‘If you are the Son of God,’ he said to him ‘throw yourself down from here, for scripture says:

He will put his angels in charge of you to guard you, and again: They will hold you up on their hands in case you hurt your foot against a stone.’  
But Jesus answered him, ‘It has been said:  
You must not put the Lord your God to the test.’  
Having exhausted all these ways of tempting him, the devil left him, to return at the appointed time.

**The Gospel of the Lord.**

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

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