

Parish Newsletter

SUNDAY 6TH APRIL 2025

Easter Mass Bouquet Cards €6 & Easter Cards €2 available from the Parish Office.

THE SONG OF BERNADETTE

The 1943 film *The Song of Bernadette* will be screened in the Civic Theatre, Tallaght, on the morning of Monday, April 14. If you would like to attend, please send a message to Joan at 0876262008 before next Wednesday, April 9.

LECTIO DIVINA – SACRED READING

Join us from the comfort of your home to pray with the Sunday Gospel. Please email saule.cameron@dublindiocese.ie a Zoom link. Remaining dates: Thursday 10th of April, Holy Week Monday, 14th of April. Time: 8-9 pm. Led by Sister Anne & Saule (parish pastoral worker). All are warmly welcome to join.

Anam Cara, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, will hold its monthly Parent Support Evening on Monday 14th April at 7.30pm in the Maldron Hotel, Whitestown Way, Tallaght. This event is free and open to all bereaved parents. There is no need to register in advance. Anam Cara also offers an online support group meeting. To find out more call 01 4045378 or email info@anamcara.ie

Our Lady of Mercy Secondary School Parents' Council is organising a Bingo night on Tues 8th April in the Primary School Hall. Doors open from 6pm. Game starts at 7pm. Books €10, Jackpot €2. Books can be bought from the OLM school office or on the night. Spot prizes and cash jackpot. For enquiries, contact Claire on 1423368. Please support us.

Thought As Lent lengthens God sends us an encouraging invitation; *Come back to Me with all your heart. Long have I waited for your coming home to me and living deeply this new life.*

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
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.



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament With Guided Prayer & Reflection
Wednesday evenings during Lent 7.30-8.30pm in the Oratory.
All are welcome.



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



We remember
Christopher O'Reilly
who died recently
MAY HE REST IN PEACE

WHAT'S ON

Monday 7th April

Choir practise at 7.45pm in the Church.

Tuesday 8th April

Sacramental Team meeting at 7pm for the next Confirmation Preparation Mass on Saturday 12th April at the 6.30pm Vigil.

Wednesdays during Lent

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with Guided Prayer & Reflection in the Oratory from 7.30-8.30pm.

Thursday 10th April

After the 10am Mass the Holy Rosary in the Oratory is specifically for vocations to the priesthood. All welcome.

Parish Pastoral Council meeting at 7.30pm

Friday 11th April

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.



Church Collections

w/e 29th/30th March 2025

1st Priests: €671

2nd Collection: €535

Envelopes: €639

PARISH LOTTO

Development Fund

There was no winner of last week's Jackpot.

The winning numbers were

Lotto Nos 2, 11, 16, 30
Jackpot €21,700

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

The Draw takes place on

Tuesday morning before the 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.

Sunday 6th April 2025

5th Sunday of Lent

First Reading **Isaiah 43:16-21**

Thus says the Lord,
who made a way through the sea,
a path in the great waters;
who put chariots and horse in the field
and a powerful army
which lay there never to rise again,
snuffed out, put out like a wick:
No need to recall the past,
no need to think about what was done before.
See, I am doing a new deed,
even now it comes to light; can you not see it?
Yes, I am making a road in the wilderness,
paths in the wilds.
The wild beasts will honour me,
jackals and ostriches,
because I am putting water in the wilderness
(rivers in the wild)
to give my chosen people drink.
The people I have formed for myself will sing my
praises.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 125(126)

What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad.

When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage,
it seemed like a dream.

Then was our mouth filled with laughter,
on our lips there were songs.

What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad.

The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels
the Lord worked for them!'

What marvels the Lord worked for us!
Indeed we were glad.

What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad.

Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage as streams
in dry land.

Those who are sowing in tears
will sing when they reap.

What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad.

They go out, they go out, full of tears,
carrying seed for the sowing:
they come back, they come back, full of song,
carrying their sheaves.

What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad.

Second Reading **Philippians 3:8-14**

I believe nothing can happen that will outweigh the supreme advantage of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For him I have accepted the loss of everything, and I look on everything as so much rubbish if only I can have Christ and be given a place in him. I am no longer trying for perfection by my own efforts, the perfection that comes from the Law, but I want only the perfection that comes through faith in Christ, and is from God and based on faith. All I want is to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and to share his sufferings by reproducing the pattern of his death. That is the way I can hope to take my place in the resurrection of the dead. Not that I have become perfect yet: I have not yet won, but I am still running, trying to capture the prize for which Christ Jesus captured me. I can assure you my brothers, I am far from thinking that I have already won. All I can say is that I forget the past and I strain ahead for what is still to come; I am racing for the finish, for the prize to which God calls us upwards to receive in Christ Jesus.

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Gospel Acclamation **Joel2:12-13**

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!
Now, now – it is the Lord who speaks –
come back to me with all your heart,
for I am all tenderness and compassion.
Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

Gospel **John 8:1-11**

Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. At daybreak he appeared in the Temple again; and as all the people came to him, he sat down and began to teach them.

The scribes and Pharisees brought a woman along who had been caught committing adultery; and making her stand there in full view of everybody, they said to Jesus, 'Master, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery, and Moses has ordered us in the Law to condemn women like this to death by stoning. What have you to say?' They asked him this as a test, looking for something to use against him. But Jesus bent down and started writing on the ground with his finger. As they persisted with their question, he looked up and said, 'If there is one of you who has not sinned, let him be the first to throw a stone at her.' Then he bent down and wrote on the ground again. When they heard this they went away one by one, beginning with the eldest, until Jesus was left alone with the woman, who remained standing there. He looked up and said, 'Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?' 'No one, sir' she replied. 'Neither do I condemn you,' said Jesus 'go away, and do not sin any more.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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