

Parish Newsletter

SUNDAY 8TH MARCH 2026



WHAT'S ON

Monday 9th March

Choir practise at 7.45pm

Tuesday 10th March

Lectio Divina for Lent in the Oratory from 11am-12midday

Thursday 12th March

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

Friday 13th 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.



Prepare for Easter this Lent 2026 by joining a Lectio Divina evening/morning for 5 Tuesdays.



In Western Christianity, *Lectio Divina* (Latin for "Divine Reading") is a traditional monastic practice of reading scripture, meditation and prayer intended to promote communion with God and to increase the knowledge of God's word. In the view of one commentator, it does not treat Scripture as texts to be studied, but as the living out of God's Word. It is not a Bible Study Group but a sharing of how the Gospel of the next Sunday's Mass means something personal right now in my life.

The next Lectio Divina date is Tuesday 10th March 11am-12noon in the Oratory.

Please see the posters at the back of the church and the parish website for full details
www.mourmeroad.ie

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



We remember
Rosemary Jones
Eillen Boyne
Denis (Dinny) Geoghegan
who died recently
MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

The Patient Volunteer Service commenced in September 2024. The service has been tremendously positive and has had a huge impact on our patients and visitors experience in the hospital.

The Service provides personal and practical support to patients and visitors attending St James's Hospital. From simply helping someone check in for their clinic appointment, or guiding/walking with a patient to their clinic destination.

We are currently recruiting new volunteers for the service. If you know anyone who would be interested in volunteering please ask them to contact the team for a friendly chat on 087 499 5792 or email:

teamvolunteer@stjames.ie

TROCAIRE BOXES 2026

Trocaire Boxes are available from the tables at the back of the church or from the Parish Office.

Church Collections

w/e 28th Feb/1st March 2026

1st Priests: €664

2nd Collection: €487

Envelopes: €1360

PARISH LOTTO

Development Fund

There was no winner of last week's Jackpot.

The winning numbers were

Lotto Nos 11, 13, 19, 24

The Jackpot is €3,000

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

The Draw takes place on Tuesday morning before 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.

Archdiocese of Dublin

Dublin Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock

Saturday, April 25, 2026



This year's theme:
Baptised and Sent

Workshops will include: 1. Living your Baptism and your Mission in Life; 2. Baptism and Ministries; and 3. How Confession Renews your Baptism;



For more information, email knockpilgrimage@dublindiocese.ie

Prayer Lord Jesus, Lord of joy, the world craves good news; the world craves your love and joy. Fill us with that love and joy. Help us to see the plight of others, to hear the sighs of need, the howls of pain the cries of despair, and to respond, always, in the love and joy of you, our Saviour and our Lord. Amen.

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

First Reading Exodus 17:3-7

Tormented by thirst, the people complained against Moses. 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt?' they said. 'Was it so that I should die of thirst, my children too, and my cattle?'

Moses appealed to the Lord. 'How am I to deal with this people?' he said. 'A little more and they will stone me!' the Lord said to Moses, 'Take with you some of the elders of Israel and move on to the forefront of the people; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the river, and go. I shall be standing before you there on the rock, at Horeb. You must strike the rock, and water will flow from it for the people to drink.' This is what Moses did, in the sight of the elders of Israel. The place was named Massah and Meribah because of the grumbling of the sons of Israel and because they put the Lord to the test by saying, 'Is the Lord with us, or not?'

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm 94(95):1-2,6-9

Response: *O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts.'*

Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;
hail the rock who saves us.
Let us come before him, giving thanks,
with songs let us hail the Lord. **R.**

Come in; let us bow and bend low;
let us kneel before the God who made us:
for he is our God and we
the people who belong to his pasture,
the flock that is led by his hand. **R.**

O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the desert
when your fathers put me to the test;
when they tried me, though they saw my work.' **R.**

Second Reading: Romans 5:1-2, 5-8

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, by faith we are judged righteous and at peace with God, since it is by faith and through Jesus that we have entered this state of grace in which we can boast about looking forward to God's glory. And this hope is not deceptive, because the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us. We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man – though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die – but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Gospel (Shorter form) John 4: 5-15. 19-26. 39-42

Jesus came to the Samaritan town called Sychar, near the land that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Jacob's well is there and Jesus, tired by the journey, sat straight down by the well. It was about the sixth hour. When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink.' His disciples had gone into the town to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, 'What? You are a Jew and you ask me, a Samaritan, for a drink?' – Jews, in fact, do not associate with Samaritans. Jesus replied:

'If you only knew what God is offering and who it is that is saying to you: Give me a drink, you would have been the one to ask, and he would have given you living water.'

'You have no bucket, sir,' she answered 'and the well is deep: how could you get this living water? Are you a greater man than our father Jacob who gave us this well and drank from it himself with his sons and his cattle?' Jesus replied:

'Whoever drinks this water will get thirsty again; but anyone who drinks the water that I shall give will never be thirsty again: the water that I shall give will turn into a spring inside him, welling up to eternal life.'

'Sir,' said the woman 'give me some of that water, so that I may never get thirsty and never have to come here again to draw water.' 'I see you are a prophet, sir' said the woman. 'Our fathers worshipped on this mountain, while you say that Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship.' Jesus said:

'Believe me, woman, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know: for salvation comes from the Jews. But the hour will come – in fact it is here already – when true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth: that is the kind of worshipper the Father wants. God is spirit, and those who worship must worship in spirit and truth.'

The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah – that is, Christ – is coming; and when he comes he will tell us everything.' 'I who am speaking to you,' said Jesus 'I am he.'

Many Samaritans of that town had believed in him on the strength of the woman's testimony, so, when the Samaritans came up to him, they begged him to stay with them. He stayed for two days, and when he spoke to them many more came to believe; and they said to the woman, 'Now we no longer believe because of what you told us; we have heard him ourselves and we know that he really is the saviour of the world.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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