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1st March 2020
1st Sunday of Lent

First Friday Visits to Housebound Parishioners

Communion is brought to our ill or housebound parishioners normally on the First Friday of every month. If you know of someone, family member or neighbour, who would like a First Friday visit, please let us know by contacting the Parish Office.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament each Friday for one hour at 10.30a.m. in the church. All are welcome for quiet prayer.

(There will be no Adoration if there is a funeral to take place.)

NOVENA OF GRACE

The Novena of Grace begins on Wednesday 4th March and continues till Thursday 12th March. The Novena Prayer will be prayed within the Masses / Prayer Service during the Novena time.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross each Wednesday of Lent after 10am Mass. In addition, we will have Stations of the Cross, each Tuesday evening of Lent from 7.30p.m. to 8.00p.m. followed by quiet prayer time till 8.30.p.m. in the Resource Room at the back of the church.

People who do not wish to come for the Stations can still drop in for a few minutes prayer time then.

LENTEN EVENTS LOCALLY

1. Elaine Mahon will make an evening presentation (as at Autumn Gathering) on Family Friendly Parishes and Liturgy on Tuesday 24th March in St Joseph's School Hall, Terenure (*Behind the Church*). Please check with Terenure about starting time.
2. All wishing to partake in Ballyboden Parish's Lenten Scripture presentations by Dr Ciaran O'Mahony are asked to e-mail Ballyboden Parish to confirm attendance for the series of presentations.
3. Holy Spirit Parish Greenhills will host Sean Goan's presentation 'Scripture in Lent' beginning at 7.30pm on Wednesday 18th and Wednesday 25th March.

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Prepared this year by the Women of Zimbabwe takes place in the Church of St Thomas the Apostle, Jobstown, Tallaght on Friday 6th March at 7.30p.m. (Carparking in the church grounds.) All Welcome.

TROCAIRE BOXES AND ENVELOPES

Are now available on the tables around the Church.

CHURCHGATE COLLECTION

A Church Gate Collection in aid of Our Lady's Hospice will take place this weekend after all Masses.

SIGN OF PEACE / HOLY COMMUNION

Given the increase in the numbers of people affected by Coronavirus (COVID-19) in recent weeks, it is opportune to remind ourselves of sensible practices. It is good to remember that those with Covid-19 / flu like symptoms are dispensed from their Sunday obligation to attend Mass. Those who are confined to home when ill can honour the Lord's Day by praying along with the Mass broadcast on parish webcams from the Parish Website www.firhouseparish.ie or (from the Pro Cathedral via www.dublindiocese.ie) and on Sunday Morning by RTE Radio on Long Wave 252 Khz. RTE1 television often broadcast Mass on Sunday mornings too.

In times of previous flu alerts the Health Service Executive stated: "Shaking hands while exchanging the 'Sign of Peace' involves a low risk of spreading the virus." If some parishioners still feel uncomfortable about shaking hands at the Sign of Peace, they are very welcome to wish others the Peace of Christ without hand contact (with a smile or a bow).

It is also recommended **Holy Communion** should be administered into the hand and **NOT** on the tongue.

Holy Water Fonts Because COVID-19 is a new disease and appears to spread easily between people, we have been advised that Holy Water Fonts should not be used, also please note there are hand sanitizers at each of the entrances to the Church.

FIRHOUSE BETHANY BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

Have you been bereaved by the loss of a loved one? Firhouse Bethany Bereavement Support Group is holding a series of open meetings for bereaved persons on the 2nd Tuesday of this month.

Venue: Presbytery 2 Ballycullen Avenue, Firhouse.

Next meeting, Tuesday 10th March at 7.30p.m. to 8.45pm Enquiries: Parish Office 01 4524702 Bethany member: 087 2852647.

Mass Intentions for the Coming Week.

Sat. 29th Feb. 6p.m.	Fiachra Treacy	(Months Mind)
	Marie Young	(1st Anniv.)
Sun. 1st March. 9.30a.m.	Michael Brennan	(Anniv.)
	Bridget Gorman	(Anniv.)
Sun. 1st March. 11a.m.	Mary Grogan	(Anniv.)
	Bobby Clarke	(Anniv.)
Mon. 2nd March. 10a.m.	Mary J. Sweeney	(Rec. Dec.)
Wed. 4th March. 10a.m.	Paddy Keane	(Rec. Dec.)
Sat. 7th March. 6p.m.	John Fitzmaurice	(Anniv.)
	Mary Talty	(Anniv.)
Deceased members of the Fitzmaurice & Talty Families.		
Sun. 8th March. 9.30a.m.	Noel Burke	(Anniv.)
	Patricia & Michael Brennan	(Anniv.)
Sun. 8th March. 11a.m.	Tom & Margaret Green	(Anniv.)
	Kathleen Ball	(Anniv.)
	Patrick O'Connor	(Anniv.)

WE EXTEND OUR SYMPATHIES TO:

John Martin on the death of his Mother
Lily Martin R.I.P.

Jo Farrell on the death of her Brother
Tom O'Loughlin R.I.P.