



Bohernabreena Parish

St Anne's & Holy Rosary Churches

Reg. Charity No. 20016166



Parish Bulletin

Sunday 8th March 2026 - Third Sunday of Lent

The water that I shall give will become a spring of eternal life



The **first reading** describes how God provided water to the ungrateful complainers of Israel, thus placing Jesus' promise within the context of the Exodus account of water coming from the rock at Horeb.

The **Responsorial Psalm** (Ps 95), refers both to the Rock of our salvation and also to our hardened hearts. It reminds us that our hard hearts need to be softened by God through our grace-prompted,

grace-assisted prayer, fasting and works of mercy which enable us to receive the living water of the Holy Spirit, salvation, and eternal life from the Rock of our salvation.

In the **second reading**, Saint Paul asserts that, as the Saviour of mankind, Jesus poured the living water of the gift of the Holy Spirit into our hearts.

In the **Gospel**, an unclean, ostracized Samaritan woman is given an opportunity to receive the living water. Jesus awakened in the woman at the well a thirst for the wholeness and integrity which she had lost, a thirst which he had come to satisfy. This Gospel passage also gives us Jesus' revelation about himself as the Source of Living Water and teaches us that we need the grace of Jesus Christ for eternal life because Jesus IS that life-giving water. (frtonyshomilies.com)

POINTS TO PONDER: Third Sunday of Lent - If we look again at this week's Gospel of Jesus's encounter with the Samaritan woman at the well (*John 4:5-42*), we can find aspects of love. Let us begin by imagining that we are also at Jacob's well with Jesus as he asks the Samaritan woman for a drink of water. We are shocked.

The Gospel says Jews used nothing in common with Samaritans (*John 4:10*). But in reaching out across cultural and gender barriers, Jesus is showing a magnanimous love that does not insist on its own way. Jesus went further in this outpouring of love, offering her 'living water,' precisely because he knew about her past. And the woman, undoubtedly at first shocked and irritated that Jesus, a Jew, had occupied her space, changed too in the dramatic encounter. She left behind her water jar (*John 4:28*) as she returned to her village to share how her encounter with Jesus changed her heart. It was a small gesture on her part, a sign that her heart, once irritated, was now filled with love.

As this week unfolds, you might spend a few minutes each day reflecting on Jesus' outpouring of love, his living water, and how it is available to you, right now. And think of the Samaritan woman, her life radically changed by encountering the Messiah, and her water jar, a small gesture of her love. What small gesture of love can you offer this week, to a person who irritates you? *Roger Sullivan, trinity.org*

LENTEN GATHERING OF READERS

We will have a Gathering of Readers from St Martin's and Bohernabreena parishes in **St Martin's church on Saturday March 14th beginning with Mass at 11am**. Those who are free to attend, are very welcome.



PARISH PARTNERSHIP INFORMATION

Booklets are available at the back of our churches with information on our Parish Partnership of Bohernabreena, St Martin de Porres and Firhouse Parishes. Sheets with details of Lenten Services/Events throughout the Partnership are also available.

MASS INTENTIONS March



St Anne's Church

8.30am Mass Sunday

8th March Mai Melvin, Anniversary
Jack & Hannah Jones

15th Mar Sheila Collins, Anniversary also Mary Quirke and Kathleen Collins, Anniversaries

Pat & Mary Moran, Anniversaries

22nd Mar George Murphy, 13th Anniversary and May Murphy

10am Mass Friday

13th March Seamus Anderson and Mary Walsh, Anniversaries

27th March Eileen Bateman, 8th Anniversary

Holy Rosary Church

10.30am Mass Sunday

1st March Martin in Ingle, Month's Mind

22nd March Lorna Daly, Anniversary

Come & See - This Mon 9th March

**Gerard Gallagher is
the Come and See Guest Speaker
this Monday 9th March 2026
at 7pm in Holy Rosary Church, D 24.**

Gerard is well known for his work and analysis in inspiring faith initiatives within the Catholic Church. Now he is General Secretary of the Association of Missionaries and Religious of Ireland.

Finding God through life's twists & turns

Hosted by Parish Cells



TRÓCAIRE LENTEN CAMPAIGN 2026

TRÓCAIRE Boxes are available in the church to bring home. Alternatively, TRÓCAIRE envelopes are also available.



BOHERNABREENA - ST ANNE'S & HOLY ROSARY, ST MARTIN DE PORRES

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Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri 10.00am

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Baptised and Sent for 3rd Sunday of Lent:

Because of their participation in the teaching office, all the faithful, including those without a formal theological training, have an instinct for the truth. 'God furnishes the totality of the faithful with an instinct of faith – *sensus fidei* – which helps them to discern what is truly of God' (*Evangelii Gaudium* 119).

Participating in the priestly office enables the full and active participation of all in the celebration of the liturgy of the Church where the whole assembly offers praise and thanks to the Living God.

Participating in the kingly office empowers all the baptised to play an active part in the governance of the Church.

Together, participation in the threefold messianic mission of Jesus Christ calls for a Spirit-filled community that listens, prays, meditates, dialogues, accompanies, discerns, decides and acts as all the baptised journey in Christ to God the Father. Even as the difference between the common priesthood of the baptised and the ministerial priesthood of the ordained is recognised, the essential equality of the one People of God is maintained. Ordained ministers are to serve the community of baptised disciples in its responsibility for the one mission of the Church, a mission that takes on new requirements in an ever-changing world. Also on www.synod.ie, see 'Baptised and Sent in Lent' – an accessible and easily led prayer resource for groups and families with the Sunday Gospels during Lent.

Join us for Baptised and Sent during Lent on **Friday evenings at 5.30pm in St. Martin's church.**

ANAM CARA

the organisation that supports bereaved parents, will hold its monthly Parent Support Evening

on Monday 9th March at 7.30pm in the Maldron Hotel, Whitestown Way, Tallaght. This event is free and open to all

bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or how recent their death was. You do not need to register

in advance. **We also offer an online support group meeting. To find out more call 01 4045378 or email info@anamcara.ie.**



PLANNED GIVING / FAMILY OFFERING

This offering to our Churches, either through the weekly envelopes or monthly standing order, is the **ONLY** collection that stays within the parish for the day to day running costs.

We would strongly urge you to consider supporting our parish financially as your contribution allows us to maintain our churches and provide the pastoral services required. Standing order forms and donation envelopes are available at the back of the church.

All donations, no matter how much or how little, are gratefully received.

Thank you.



Go down to the Potter's House

Donagh O'Shea OP

14 March 2026 10am—4pm

Working with clay is a very effective way of learning how to meditate. Simple work with clay (no previous experience of pottery necessary) will alternate with sessions of meditation to make a very useful and enjoyable experience. Instruction on meditation is offered.

€70 incl. lunch Places limited; advance booking

Mindfulness

Teresa Larkin

18 April 2026 10am—3pm

Self-Kindness in Difficult Times: In this workshop we will explore how we can meet stress and fear with a compassionate presence. We will use meditation, poetry, music, etc. for when we feel critical towards ourselves and others.

€65 incl. lunch. Advance booking essential



Help Us Create a Museum to Holy Rosary!

FOR OUR 40TH ANNIVERSARY!



HOLY ROSARY
PRIMARY SCHOOL

Do you have old photos, newsletters, art, posters, or news clippings tucked away in attics or boxes?

We'd love to borrow them!

**Friday April 17th,
6.30 - 8.30pm**

Please drop anything you'd like to share into the school by **March 13th** so we can prepare them for display. Everything will be returned to you.

Come along and reminisce!

Past pupils, past parents and past staff are all invited to come and see fabulous old photos, newsletters, posters, documents, and more!

Tea, biscuits, and conversation will be flowing!

Help spread the word and share this invitation with anyone who might like to join us!

ALL WELCOME!

WEEKEND MASS COLLECTIONS

The weekly **PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES** or **STANDING ORDERS** are the **SOLE SOURCES OF INCOME** which remain in the parish, contributing to the day to day running of the parish - altar expenses, light & heat, wages, etc. Every contribution is important to us, no matter how much or how little you can give. If you are in a position to contribute to the planned giving, please contact our parish offices for a box of envelopes or standing order form. In order to keep banking costs to a minimum, standing orders are our preferred method of payment please.

PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICES FOR MORE DETAILS.

Common Fund:

The first collection taken up during mass is paid directly to the Dublin Diocese to support the priests of our parish, sick and retired priests, priests in low income parishes, and priests working in special ministries.

Share Collection:

The Share (or second) collection at mass is also paid directly to the Dublin Diocese and provides essential pastoral services supporting all parishes, as well as support to low-income parishes and contributing to initiatives of the Irish Bishops' Conference.