

# 1ST SUNDAY IN LENT

Mass Times FOR the coming Week.

Mon, Tues & Thurs Mass at 9.00 am

Wed Mass at 9.45 am

Fri (First Friday) Mass at 10.00 am with exposition of the Blessed Sacrament for 1 hour after Mass.



## LAST WEEKS COLLECTION

Offering €650 Share €495 Family Offering €210 Maint. & Dev. €185

## DAY OF MERCY 2020

St Patrick's Church, Wicklow will host a "Day of Mercy" on **Saturday 29 February** from 10:00am-8:00pm to offer a space of welcome and peace to all. The day will begin with Mass at 10:00am. There will be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions all day as well as guided prayer, music and reflections. People are invited to come and light a candle and spend a little time in silent prayer. We will have our usual 6:00pm Mass followed by Holy Hour from 7:00-8:00pm finishing with Benediction. We would ask you to pass on the word to your friends and neighbours and join us at some stage during this special time of prayer. Everyone is invited to pass by the Church for a visit or to avail of the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

## Women's World Day of Prayer

**Women's World Day of Prayer** is an international [ecumenical](#) Christian laywomen's initiative and is celebrated annually in over 170 countries on the first Friday in March. Every year, the worship service focuses on a different country and a specific theme. The theme for this year is "Rise! Take Your Mat and Walk" The Women of Zimbabwe, have prepared the service for this year. Through preparation and participation in the worship service, women worldwide learn how their sisters in other countries, languages and cultures understand the biblical passages in their context. Women's World Day of Prayer aims to demonstrate that prayer and action are inseparable and that both have immeasurable influence in the world. Men and women are warmly welcome to come to this prayer service, which will take place this year in the Church of St Thomas the Apostle, Jobstown, Tallaght on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March at [7.30 pm](#). For more information contact Rosemary by email: [rosemary.lavelle@dublindiocese.ie](mailto:rosemary.lavelle@dublindiocese.ie)

## LENTEN ONLINE RETREAT

Do a free three day online retreat focusing on Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving. This is available throughout Lent. Register now with [prioryinstitute.com](http://prioryinstitute.com), 01 40458124. See noticeboard for details.

## Readers for the next 2 weeks in Ashford.

### Vigil

### Sunday

07/08 Mar Deirdre McMahan Michael Noone

14/15 Mar Carmel Grant, Marie Togher Tom McHugh

## Eucharist Ministers for next 2 weeks in Ashford.

### Vigil

### Sunday

07/08 Mar Lucy Molloy, Derek Connolly Ann Lyons, Cara Heraty

07/08 Mar Robbie Carter, Ellen Doyle Ann Clarke, Gary Dowling

## GOD OF MERCY AND COMPASSION

God of mercy and compassion,  
Look with pity upon me.

Father, let me call thee Father,  
Tis thy child returns to thee.

*Jesus Lord I ask for mercy,  
Let me not implore in vain,  
All my sins I now detest them,  
Never will I sin again.*

**God most holy and forgiving  
Penetrate my pride and sloth.  
On a people partly living,  
Press the gift of life and growth.**  
Jesus, Lord I ask for mercy, etc.

## CHRIST BE BESIDE ME

Christ be beside me, Christ be before me,  
Christ be behind me, King of my heart.  
Christ be within me, Christ be below me,  
Christ be above me, never to part.  
Christ on my right hand, Christ on my left hand,  
Christ all around me, shield in the strife,  
Christ in my sleeping, Christ in my sitting,  
Christ in my rising, light of my life.

## LORD ACCEPT THE GIFTS

Lord accept the gifts we offer  
At this Eucharistic feast.

**Bread and wine to be transformed now  
Through the actions of thy priest.  
Take us too Lord and transform us,  
Be thy grace in us increased.**

**May our souls be pure and spotless  
As this host of wheat so fine.  
May all stain of sin be crushed out  
Like the grape that form the wine,  
As we too become partakers,  
In this sacrifice divine.**

## NEARER MY GOD TO THEE

Nearer my God to thee, nearer to thee,  
E'en though it be a cross that raiseth me.  
Still all my song shall be, nearer my God to thee,  
Nearer my God to thee, nearer to thee.  
Deep in thy sacred heart, let me abide,  
Thou who has come for me suffered and died.  
Sweet shall my weeping be, grief surely leading me  
Nearer my God to thee, nearer to thee.

## TROCAIRE

Trocaire boxes are available for those who wish to make a contribution to the Trocaire appeal. These boxes can be returned after Easter and your donation will be forwarded to Trocaire.

## Cabinteely Parish

Cabinteely Parish present a series of Lenten Series of talks in St. Brigid's Parish Pastoral Centre, Cabinteely beginning on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March from 8.00- 9.30pm. Dr. Lorna Gold will speak of 'Active Hope'. Dr. Lorna is an author, commentator, & well-known media and public speaker. Lorna has worked with Trocaire for 20 years in areas of policy, advocacy and research. On Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March, Fr. Alan Hilliard, Chaplain, DIT Grangegorman will address the theme of Refugees and Migrants - *What has this got to do with me?* At 8pm. Both evenings will include a brief Q & A session, followed refreshments.