



NEWSLETTER

26th February 2022



Lent

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent and is always 46 days before Easter Sunday. Lent is 40 days (not counting Sundays) and it represents Christ's time of Temptation in the wilderness where he posted and where Satan tempted him. Ashes are prepared by burning Palm branches from last year's Palm Sunday.



Ash Wednesday
— Lent Begins

So why Ashes? Ashes symbolize two main things "Death & Repentance". Ashes means I am a sinner, the Cross means I have a Saviour.

Lent is a time of prayer and fasting, a time to focus on our own sinfulness and mortality, a time to correct our faults and purify our hearts. Too often we think of Lent as a time to give things up, rather than a time to take on something new.

So what am I doing to Christ this Lent?

Further Information available on our website: <https://www.lucansouthparish.net/>

Programmed:

Ash Wednesday: Mass 9.15am & 7pm

Ashes will be distributed after each Mass

Every Tuesday during Lent: Additional Mass at 7pm

Every Thursday: Holy Hour 7-8pm

Every Friday: Stations of the Cross at 7pm

Prayer for the week

Good and gracious God,

Enlighten the secret places of my mind,

Enlarge the secret places of my love,

So that I walk in your light,

Act out of your desires

And live in your love.

Amen.

Mass Times: All Masses are available on the Parish Webcam:

<https://www.lucansouthparish.net/index.php/live-webcam-stream/>

Sat 26th Feb - 6.30pm Vigil Mass

Mon 28th Feb - 9.15am

Thu 3rd Mar - 9.15am

Sun 27th Feb - 10.15am Family Mass

Tues 1st Mar - 9.15am

Fri 4th Mar - 9.15am

Sun 27th Feb - 12.15pm Sunday Mass

*Wed 2nd Mar - 9.15am**

Sat 5th Feb - 10am

Baptisms

Available dates in Feb & Mar:

Sun 27th Feb - 11.15am

Sun 6th Mar - 11.15am

Sun 13th Mar - 11.15am

Sun 27th Mar - 11.15am



Application forms available in the Parish Office

Three Baptisms will take place this weekend.

Let's welcome them to our community of Faith.

Recent Church Collections

1st Collection: €60

2nd Collection: €75

Envelopes: €355

Our sincere thanks for your continued generosity

Coffee Morning

Our Coffee Morning will take place on Thursday 3rd March at 10am (after the 9.15am Mass) in the John Paul II Memorial Hall.

Enjoy a cup of tea/coffee, biscuits/cakes – or just drop in for a chat!



Mass Intentions for the coming week: Anniversaries, Month Mind, Recently Deceased

Sat 26th Feb 6.30pm Brian Lawrence – 2nd Mth Anniv
Oliver Fahy – Rec Dec

Special Intentions & Healing

Sun 27th Feb 10.15am Jacob Odeymi – 4th Anniv
Special Intentions & Healing

Sun 27th Feb 12.15pm John McCarthy – Rec Dec
Special Intentions & Healing

Mon 28th Feb 9.15am *Special Intentions & Healing*

Tues 1st Mar 9.15am Ellen & Pierce Doheny – Anniv
Frank & Christina Grace – Anniv
Gerry & Stella Doheny – Anniv
Maura & John Doheny – Anniv
Mary Ellen & John Tynan - Anniv

Wed 2nd Mar 9.15am *Special Intentions & Healing*

Thu 3rd Mar 9.15am *Special Intentions & Healing*

Fri 4th Mar 9.15am Altar List of the Dead

Sat 5th Mar 10am V. K John – Remembrance
Special Intentions & Healing

Should you wish to have a loved one included in this section, please contact the Parish Office with the details by the previous Thursday before 2.00pm.

LISTENING TO OUR YOUNG CHURCH DUBLIN DIOCESAN TEEN SYNOD



Young People of Dublin - This is your chance! Pope Francis wants to hear what you think or feel about our Church. We would love to hear your voice at our Dublin Diocesan Teen Synod!

Join us online: Thursday 31st March
6:30pm - 8pm

Readers and Eucharistic Ministers

	Sat 26 th Feb 6.30pm	Sun 27 th Feb 10.15am	Sun 27 th Feb 12.15pm
<i>Ministers of the Eucharist</i>	Florin D'Souza Ida D'Souza	Joe Peck Brigid Hewitt	Mary Jordan Eve Forde
<i>Ministers of the Word</i>	Linda Gogarty Lily Medina	Childrens' Mass	Lorraine Conway Angelina Dominic

Raising awareness about Synod and Synod Gatherings in Parish

Pope Francis is inviting all Catholics, the baptised and anyone of good faith all across the world to take part in a time of prayerful reflection, listening and sharing, so that we can better hear the voice of God's Spirit, to help direct the Church into the future. This listening phase is part of a journey that will lead to a meeting of Church Leaders for a Synod in Rome in 2023.

"Synod" simply means 'journeying together' and there have been many synods since the time of the early Church. The Universal Synod (or synod for the whole world) next year will focus on how we can journey together better, or be more synodal, as a Church going forward. We are also hoping that this listening will help with a National Synod here in Ireland which is due to take place in the next 4 or 5 years.

You are warmly invited to two Synodal gatherings in March here in the parish. These gatherings will be an opportunity to share and listen to each other's experience of Church, in an organised, gentle and prayerful environment. This invitation is for everyone, those who come to church and those who do not, and the feedback from the gatherings will be collected and passed onto Church leaders in time for the 2023 Synod.

Two people in our parish called Animators have been trained to lead the gatherings in a reflective, prayerful atmosphere. Questions will be presented each evening and people will get into small groups to share on each question and listen to each other. Each small group will have a leader who will help everyone to have the opportunity to share and will collect the feedback from the group. Please remember we are being asked to listen with understanding, to respect each other's experiences, and to try to walk in the other person's shoes. It is not an opportunity to debate or convince someone of our opinions.

It would be important to spend some time thinking about these questions in advance of the gatherings. There will be two questions each evening and the questions are:

First gathering:

When you think of your experience of Church, what brings joy?

When you think of your experience of Church, what brings sorrow?

Second gathering:

When you think of your experience of Church, what brings hope?

When you think of your experience of Church, what brings fear or anxiety?

After the meetings have been held the feedback will be sorted into similar themes. These will form the basis for a Report to the Diocesan Synodal Committee and will be incorporated into the Dublin Diocese overall report for the Synod. The feedback will also be used by the Parish Team and Parish Pastoral Council to help in pastoral planning.

We will let you know the dates and venue as soon as all this is available. Safeguarding and confidentiality guidelines will be in place and the gatherings will be Covid compliant.

If you would like to know more in advance of the parish gatherings, you can go to the Dublin Diocesan website www.dubiinciocese.ielsynod where you will find lots of information and Videos to help you. We will put further information on our website and on Facebook to keep you informed.

Finally, this is an important moment for our Church, and I would ask you to keep the synodal process in your prayers. We are at a crossroads in the Church today and we pray that this intervention by Pope Francis, supported by all the baptised, will bear much good fruit.

Divine Bloom

Every Saturday morning after the 10am Mass.
All are Welcome!

Daffodils are one of the most reliable spring-flowering bulbs, blooming year after year.



Adoration and Holy Hour:

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

Mon: 7.30pm: Divine Mercy Adoration

Thu: 7pm: Holy Hour
(Adoration/Confession)

Fri: 2-3pm: Divine Mercy
Devotion/Adoration



Fun Bingo Night



Next Bingo night will be held on the 2nd Mar at 8pm in John Paul II Memorial Hall. Meeting up friends, connect with new people and to assist with fund raising for the Church. All are Welcome!

Recently Deceased

You are asked to remember in your Prayers:

Ann Marie Walsh

May she enjoy perfect peace and Reconciliation in the presence of God



Welcome to our new Caretaker

We are delighted to welcome Claude as our new Caretaker.

We thank the TUS Initiative Leader who has been responding to our call for more community workers to work in our Parish.



First Holy Communion and Confirmation

Registration and leaflets to download on our website.

Key dates:

Confirmation: 3rd Preparation Mass for Confirmation

5th March 6.30pm

Communion: 1st Sacrament of Reconciliation (Divine Mercy School Students) 1st March



Parish Office Opening Hours: Monday to Friday 9.45am to 1.00pm. Closed Bank Holidays.
Wide range in stock of Mass Cards, General Cards for all occasions.



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