



PARISH OF FINGLAS

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CHURCH of St. Canice and St. Margaret



LENT

Each year the trees give us a lesson in renewal. First the bud, then the blossom and finally, the shoot. Spring dresses the trees in a new robe, and makes them young again. But this is possible only because in Autumn, they let go of their old leaves, and in between endure a period of nakedness.

Lent is the springtime of the spirit.

Lord, help us not to be afraid to let go of old habits, and to face our spiritual poverty, in order that you may renew us, and so at Easter, we will feel young again in our discipleship.

VOLUNTEERING—THANK YOU

We would like to express our sincere thanks to those whom we met last weekend and who expressed and interest in volunteering in our Parish.

Indeed some volunteered for more than one ministry and this will indeed help hugely. We will be in touch with all in the coming days. We still need more volunteers. We would indeed be particularly grateful for any help with the **Church Cleaning** on **Monday** mornings and also help with **Flower Arranging**.

This may be right up your street!

If you missed the opportunity to volunteer last weekend, forms that contain all the information you need are available from the tables in the Church. We ask that you complete the form and return it to the sacristy or the parish office or hand to one of the Priests. We are grateful also to those who took the forms last weekend and we would encourage them to return the forms as soon as they can.



WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES

Dublin, Ireland has the great joy of hosting the 9th World Meeting of Families that will take place in just under seven month's time from the 21 – 26 August 2018. The sense of excitement, expectation and anticipation is building by the day as we prepare to welcome families from across Ireland and across the world to our family gathering. Pope Francis believes that the family is good news for today's world.

To form a family is to be part of Gods dream, to join him in building a world where no one will feel alone (Pope Francis)

NOVENA OF GRACE St. Francis Xavier

The Novena of Grace begins on **SUNDAY** 4th March at the 10.30am Mass and concludes on Monday March 12th The Novena will take place during 10am Mass each weekday

The Novena of Grace is a special time of prayer in which people all over the world call to God through the intercession of St. Francis Xavier. It usually begins on March 4th and closes on March 12th, when we celebrate the canonization of St Ignatius Loyola and St. Francis Xavier. The Novena of Grace was prompted by the cure of Fr. Marcellus Mastrilli, S.J., in 1634. At the point of death from a brain injury he was cured instantaneously through the intercession of St Francis Xavier and afterwards died a martyr in Japan. Fr. Mastrilli said the Saint had assured him that "all who ask his intercession with God for nine days, in honor of his canonization, would infallibly experience the effects of his great power in heaven and would receive whatever they asked that would contribute to their salvation." Because of the innumerable graces and extraordinary favors received through his intercession, this devotion came to be known as the **Novena of Grace**.

During the week of the Novena funerals in St. Canices Church will take place at 11.30am

FAMILY OFFERING

Envelope Collection for the week of 18th Feb €1416.00 - Thank you for your generous support

Sat 24th	7pm	Anniversaries: Months Mind: Josie Daly: Willaim Liam Corbally: Ellen & Frank Walsh: Florence Rainsford: Tony & Deirdre Connolly: Mary & Michael Reilly & Family: MONTHS MIND: Phyliss Nooney: Christy Henny: Robert Campbell: RIP Tony Andrews
Sun 25th	9am	Anniversaries: Scully & Ryan Families: : Joseph English: RIP Dolores Rowan
Sun 25th	10.30am	Anniversaries: Eileen Shiels: Philip Brogan: Marcella Escandre: Joe & Delma Mullaney
Sun 25th	12noon	Anniversaries: Bernadete Barnes: Eileen O Flaherty: Florence Rainsford: Liz and Joe Keogh: Mary & Patrick Farrell & Family: Antoinette Malke: Declan Gantly: Lillian Markham: Millie Burke
Monday 26th	7.25am 10am	Anniversary Canon Denis Tangey: Tuesday 27th 7.25am 10am Declan Gantly
Wednesday 28th	7.25am 10am	Anniversary: Bridget Mulroy : Jean O Reilly
Thursday	MARCH 1st	7.25am 10am Anniversary:
Friday	2nd	7.25am 10am 1st Friday of the Month
Saturday	3rd	Anniversaries: 10am: No Intention



Trocaire Boxes are available from the tables in the Church. You are asked to take a box and place it in a prominent place in your home. Boxes may be returned to the Sacristy after Lent.

INDIAN SYRO- MALABAR COMMUNITY

MASS will be celebrated at 2.30pm in St. Canices Church (Indian Language- Malayalam Community) today Sunday 25th February 2018. All welcome

Third Order of St. Francis - The next meeting will take place on Wednesday 28th February at 3pm in the Prayer Room

Parish Shop

The Parish Shop is open daily after Mass until 11.45am. There are many items for sale, i.e, medals, books, Masscards, etc...please call in for a browse.....

EXPLORING THE PSALMS

The School of the Word Programme will begin on Wednesday next 28th February and will run for four weeks. This event will take place in the Jubilee Room in St. Oliver Plunkett's Church Finglas South and will be presented by Fr. Kieran O Mahony and will explore the Psalms. The programme commences at 7.30pm and concludes at 9.15pm. Refreshment will be served—all Welcome.

PARISH NEWSLETTER

From Sunday March 4th the Parish Newsletter will be printed off site.



Parish notices and Mass intentions for Anniversaries, special intentions etc, must be into the Parish Office by Tuesday morning of each week for inclusion in the Parish Newsletter

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

What is the Eighth Amendment?

The wording of the Eighth Amendment reads as follows:

The State acknowledges the right to life of the unborn and, with due regard to the equal right to life of the mother, guarantees in its laws to respect, and, as far as practicable, by its laws to defend and vindicate that right".

This is a declaration to respect, defend and vindicate the equal right to life of a mother and her unborn child. It enshrines in Irish law a deep conviction that every human life is precious, equal and worth cherishing.

What will happen if the Eighth Amendment is repealed?

If the Eighth Amendment is repealed the right to life for unborn children in Ireland will be without legal constitutional protection. This would radically change the principle, for all unborn children and indeed for all of us, that the right to life is a fundamental human right



FAMILY PRAYER

Guide the work of doctors, nurses and midwives. May the life of a mother and her baby in the womb be equally cherished and respected. Help those who make our laws to uphold the uniqueness of every human life from conception to natural death.

Amen.

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Con Keenan Bryan Cassidy
Eileen Lawlor

May They Rest in Peace



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National Collection for the World Meeting of Families 2018

Please support the third National Collection for WMOF2018 which will be taken up in our parish this weekend (24 & 25 February).