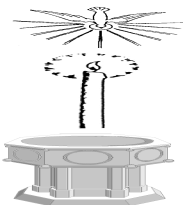


As LENT begins, this week, it might be a good time to consider doing a retreat. The Lay Retreat Association of Saint Ignatius offers an overnight retreat in Manresa Retreat Centre, Clontarf, starting at 8pm on Saturday, 28th Feb. and finishing at 6pm on Sunday, 1st March. For more information, please contact: John Redmond at 087 9962946

The SHARE collection is replaced at all Masses this Sunday by the annual collection for ACCORD - the Catholic Church's agency supporting Christian Marriage and family life. For more information on its services, please visit: www.accord.ie

Catholic newspapers are on sale at the back of the church after Masses on Sundays. Each home should consider purchasing one, to keep up to date with what's happening.

This week's calendar
 Tues: St. Fintan, abbot
 Weds: ASH WEDNESDAY - a day of Fast and Abstinence
 Sat: St. Peter Damian



NEXT BAPTISM PREPARATION MEETING

- in the church at 8pm, on Tuesday, 17th Feb. for Baptism on Sunday, 22nd Feb.



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MASS INTENTIONS

Vigil	6.00 pm	Jim Coffey (Anniv.)
Sun.	8.30 am	Pro Populo
	10.00 am	Teresa Ayres (1st Anniv.)
	11.30 am	Robert & Catherine Mullen (Anniv.)
Mon.	10.00am	Joseph Keogh (Rec. dec'd.)
Tues.	10.00am	Frank & Eileen Delaney (R.I.P.)
ASH Weds.	10.00am	Anne Guerin, (Rec. dec'd.)
Thurs.	10.00am	Vera Butler (Rec. dec'd.)
Fri.	10.00am	Thanksgiving for favours received
Sat.	10.00am	Eileen Hearne (Rec. dec'd.)

WORLD YOUTH DAY 2016 (WYD 2016)

- will take place in Krakow, Poland.
 The Dublin Archdiocese will soon announce plans for young people who may wish to travel. If you would like to be a leader for WYD 2016 there will be training taking place during 2015. If you would like more information please e-mail: wyd@dublindiocese.ie or visit www.evangelisation.ie

LENT 2015

The following are suggested as ways of fulfilling Friday penance, especially during Lent:
 Abstaining from meat or some other food;
 Abstaining from alcohol or smoking;
 Making a special effort with family prayer;
 Making a special effort to attend Mass on Fridays;
 Visiting the Blessed Sacrament;
 Praying the Stations of the Cross;
 Fasting from all food for a longer period than usual and giving what is saved to the needy;
 Helping the poor, sick, old or lonely.

Statement on Friday Penance, Bishops' Conference, 2011

Our parish is currently looking to recruit a Parish Secretary. The role will be offered, initially, on a one-year, part-time basis. Further details are available on the parish website: www.rahenyparish.ie

ASH WEDNESDAY

With LENT approaching, we have a greater awareness of our sinfulness, accompanied by the sense that the time to repent and turn back is now. Scripture tells us how to approach that renewal of our lives.

It puts before us the remedy: prayer, fasting and almsgiving - strands of Lenten observance which are as ancient as Christianity itself. There is no substitute for them.

GETTING MARRIED SOON?

“Week-End Away” preparing for marriage. Get away from it all. Have a Pre-Marriage course with a difference, focussing on your relationship. Contact: Esker, Athenry, (091) 844549, OR www.redemptoristsesker.ie OR search for “Esker Couples” on Facebook.

READINGS

Next Sunday
1st Sunday in Lent
 Gen. 9:8-15; Ps. 24:4-9
 1 Pt. 3:18-22 Mk. 1: 12-15

