

**Sunday 7th February 2016**  
**Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
*Day of Prayer for Temperance*

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Today is World Day of the Sick. **Anointing of the Sick** will take place at the 11:30a.m. Mass today. All are welcome.

A **'Bring & Buy' Cake Sale** will be held at the back of the Church following 10a.m. & 11:30a.m. Masses today. This is a fundraising event to support our parishioners who will be going to World Youth Week in Krakow this Summer.

A **Liturgy Group Meeting** will take place on Tuesday 9th February at 10:30a.m. in the Church.

Wednesday next is **Ash Wednesday** and is a day of Fast and Abstinence. Ashes will be distributed at all Masses on Wednesday.

Congratulations to the girls of **Scoil Áine** who received the sacrament of First Penance last Wednesday. First Penance for the boys of **Scoil Assaim** will take place this Wednesday, 10th February at 7:30p.m. in the Church.

**Lenten Talks** on God's Mercy, by renowned scripture scholar, Frances Hogan will take place in the Parish Centre, Kilbarrack/Foxfield on Tuesdays from 16th February to 8th March. Suggested weekly donation of €5.

The 25th Jubilee **Divine Mercy Conference** takes place in the RDS on 20th & 21st February. See [divinemercyconference.com](http://divinemercyconference.com) for further info.

The annual collection for **Accord**, the Catholic Marriage Counselling Service, will take place at all Masses next weekend, 13th & 14th February. It will replace the SHARE collection.



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**THE DEEP END: Put out into the Deep**

Jesus is preaching at Lake Gennesaret (the Sea of Galilee) in today's Gospel. This is Luke's account of the calling of the First Disciples which takes place in the context of a miraculous catch of fish. Jesus is using Simon's boat as a sort of platform from which to address the crowds who had gathered around him. Already Jesus is gaining popularity and the crowds are 'pressing' near to him. Clearly they see something in Jesus that is attractive and fulfilling.

Simon is most likely being polite when he agrees to try again for a catch, possibly thinking that Jesus should leave the fishing to the professionals. Simon obeys, takes the risk, lets go of his pride, and the result is an overwhelming catch of fish.

It can be hard to trust others at times; it can be difficult to let go of what is familiar to us. We are constantly being challenged to do this. The big challenge is to trust that God knows what God is doing and is constantly urging us to pull away from the shore. As Paulo Coelho puts it 'A boat is safe in the harbour; but this is not the purpose of a boat'.

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**Mass Intentions for this week**

<b>Sat:</b>	<b>6.00p.m.</b>	Mary Russell (M. Mind) Frank & Helen Byrne (Anniv.)
<b>Sun:</b>	<b>8.30a.m.</b>	May Russell (Anniv.)
	<b>10.00a.m.</b>	Margaret & Gerard Hoey (Anniv.)
	<b>11.30a.m.</b>	Alice O'Neill (Anniv.)
<b>Mon:</b>	<b>10.00a.m.</b>	Billy & Ciarán Stanbridge (Anniv.)
<b>Tues:</b>	<b>10.00a.m.</b>	Birthday Remembrance
<b>Ash Wednesday:</b>		
	<b>10.00a.m.</b>	Michael & Margaret Hogan (Anniv.)
	<b>1.00p.m.</b>	
<b>Thurs:</b>	<b>10.00a.m.</b>	Austin Lowth (Rec. Dec'd)
<b>Fri:</b>	<b>10.00a.m.</b>	Séamus Byrne (Rec. Dec'd) Kathleen Byrne (Anniv.) Patrick Byrne (Anniv.) Patrick Byrne Jnr. (Anniv.)
<b>Sat:</b>	<b>10.00a.m.</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>

Please pray for the happy repose of the souls of parishioners **Peter Fahy** and **May Murphy** whose funerals took place in our parish church this week. Our thoughts and prayers are with their families and friends. May they rest in the peace of Christ.

**Next Sunday's Readings (First Sunday of Lent):**

Deut 26:4-10. Ps 90:1-2, 10-15, R/ v15. Rm 10:8-13. Lk 4:1-13.

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