

**NEXT BAPTISM
PREPARATION MEETING**

- will be at 8pm, on Tuesday, 1st Mar. 2016, for the celebration of Baptism on Sunday, 6th March.



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MASS INTENTIONS

Vigil	6.00 pm	Catherine Ryan (M.Mind) Robert McMahon (Anniv.) Bill & Kathleen Mackey (Anniv.)
Sun.	8.30 am	Pro Populo
	10.00 am	Jack & Eva Flood (Anniv.)
	11.30 am	Austin Sullivan (Anniv.) Gillian O'Connor (Anniv.)
Mon.	10.00am	Catherine Ryan (Rec. Dec.)
Tues.	10.00am	Kevin O'Brien (Rec. Dec)
Weds.	10.00am	Hannah & Patrick King (Anniv.)
Thurs.	10.00am	Tom Ryan (Anniv.)
Fri.	10.00am	Catherine Ryan (Rec. .Dec.)
Sat.		No Saturday morning Mass

THE DEEP END • 'Called to transformation'

Jesus takes the disciples up to the mountain top in today's Gospel. In that space, they have a profound experience and are invited to see Jesus for who He really is. One can empathise with the disciples in this story as they do not want to leave that space. We all have had experiences that we want to last forever and are hugely disappointed when they are over. However, commitment to any cause very often involves a long and painful journey. Like the disciples in the Gospel today, there is a 'hook' moment, when Jesus or any leader shows us something different, a vision, a dream, something that is so wonderful and hope-filled that we commit there and then to making it happen. Then we realise that there is much work to be done and the path will not be so easy. Obstacles will arise, people will fall away, enthusiasm will waver, there will be set backs and disappointments. We are being called to commitment today, to the more difficult path. We are being called to open our ears and eyes to the Gospel message of transfiguration, of transformation.

Per capita, Ireland is one of the highest polluters in Europe. This is not a statistic to be proud of. We know we can do better. Coming down from the mountain, like the disciples, means making changes in our lifestyles that lower each of our carbon footprints. We start with ourselves.

'We require a new and universal solidarity... All of us can cooperate as instruments of God for the care of creation, each according to his or her own cultures, experience, involvements and talents.' (Pope Francis *Laudato Si'*, 14)

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The Ignatian Group meets on the last Monday of the month for guided prayer/ meditation. The next meeting is on Monday 29th February in the Old Baptistry.

LENTEN TALKS on God's Mercy, in Parish Centre, Kilbarack / Foxfield on Tuesdays, 16th Feb. to 8th Mar., at 8pm, given by Frances Hogan. Suggested weekly donation €5.

Watch out for tickets being sold for our Easter Raffle to support our young adults going to the World Youth Week this Summer!!

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Norman Church who died recently.

Many thanks to all who contributed to the recent Accord collection. €2,415 was raised.

Church Gate Collections

Sun. 21st Feb. in aid of St. Vincent De Paul Society
Sun. 28th Feb. in aid of the Friedreich's Ataxia Association

READINGS Next Sunday

3rd Sunday in Lent

Ex 3:1-8, 13-15

Ps. 102

1 Cor. 10:1-6, 10-12

Lk 13:1-9



Reconciliation Service (Confession) will take place next Saturday 27th February at 12 noon.

There is a HOLY HOUR on Friday 5th Feb., from 3.30-4.30pm.

All are welcome to spend one hour of Adoration on the 1st Friday of each month.

St. Joseph's Young Priests' Society is meeting on Monday 22nd February at 2.30pm in the church.