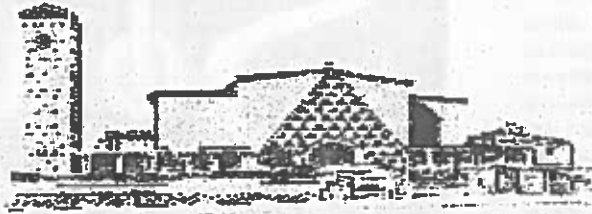


**NEXT BAPTISM
PREPARATION MEETING**

- will be at 8pm, on Tuesday, 13th Feb., for the celebration of Baptism on Sunday, 18th Feb.



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MASS INTENTIONS

Vigil	6.00 pm	Michael Nolan (M. Mind) Peter Faby (Anniv.) Jim Coffey (1st Anniv.)
Sun.	8.30 am	Carmel Coates (Rec. Dec.)
	10.00am	Dinny & Nancy O'Connell (Anniv.)
	11.30am	Patrick Mc Ginley (M.Mind) Malachy Mangan (Rec. Dec.) Alice O'Neill (Anniv.) Frank & Helen Byrne (Anniv.)
Mon.	10.00am	Tony Barron (Remembrance)
Tues.	10.00am	Billy & Ciaran Stanbridge (Anniv)
Wed.	10.00am	Teresa McDermott (Anniv.)
Thur	10.00am	Margo Thornton (Anniv.)
Fri.	10.00am	Mary & Margie Power (Anniv.)

THE DEEP END: Jesus the Healer

In today's Gospel we read about Jesus' first healing in Mark's Gospel. Jesus hears of the illness of the mother of Simon's wife and goes to her. Due to the purity laws of His time this scene would have been considered controversial. His first healing is of a woman and we are told that He touches her, raises her up; He completely restores her to health. Many of His actions here would be considered taboo.

The 'whole city' was crowded around the door as people wanted to also be healed. What a commotion! Jesus, very early on in His ministry, is clearly a very popular, attractive figure. Jesus is the Healer. We might ask ourselves today: who do we know who is in need of healing of any kind? This week, how can we reach out to them?

Another important aspect of this story is that Jesus does not remain comfortable in this house. He keeps moving, keeps going outward. This requires so much energy and an outpouring of love for those in need. Jesus shows us in today's Gospel what it takes to stay connected, to re-energise ourselves for our various tasks: quiet time and space for real encounter with God. Even then, the people hunted for Him. 'Everyone is searching for You', and still today, everyone is searching. It is up to all of us to help those on this journey, the seekers, the lost and those in need of healing. We cannot break new ground unless we are inwardly free and connected to that divine presence within us and in our world.

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Please pray for the repose of the soul of Kevin Lattimore who died recently. May he rest forever in God's peace and love.

WORLD DAY OF THE SICK 2018

Mass of Healing and Anointing of the Sick will take place on Sunday 11th February at 3pm in St. Agnes' Parish Church, Crumlin. Main celebrant: Archbishop Diarmuid Martin.

The Dublin Diocesan World Day of the Sick Committee has made available for the 26th anniversary celebrations of World Day of the Sick a renewed version of the very popular prayer book 'I Am With You' (Ps 90). For those experiencing suffering and illness, and for those caring for those who are facing sickness. Of use for personal prayer on many occasions – in parish – at home – in hospital – healthcare facilities – for pastoral visitation of the sick and carers and First Friday calls. Additional copies of the prayer book, unit price €1.95, are available from Ms. Sheila Pyne, Archbishop's House – Tel: 01 8379253 (Ext. 116) and from veritas.ie

READINGS Next Sunday
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
(World Day of the Sick)

Lev 13:1-2, 44-46
Ps 31
1 Cor 10:31-11:1
Mk 1:40-45



Host a Family Pilgrim

Thousands of people will be travelling from very distant places to participate in World Meeting of Families 2018 (Dublin, 21-26 August 2018). Many would be unable to come if they also had to cover the cost of accommodation.

Do you have a spare room? Would you be willing to host a person, a couple or a family next August? Help us welcome visiting families to Ireland and have a home-from-home experience.

Learn more at www.worldmeeting2018.ie/

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