

**NEXT BAPTISM
PREPARATION MEETING**
- will be at 8pm, on Tuesday, 19th
March, for the celebration of Bap-
tism on Sunday, 24th March.



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MASS INTENTIONS

Vigil	6.00 pm	Margaret O'Sullivan (Anniv.) John and Nora Ward (Anniv.)
Sun.	8.30 am	Special Intentions Health Intentions
	10.00am	Keith Durston (Rec. Dec.) Maureen Forde (Anniv.)
	11.30am	Valerie Brophy (Anniv.) Packey & Nora O'Gorman and their sons Dermott, Nigel & baby Patrick (Anniv.)
Mon	10.00am	Parishioners Intentions Tony Barron (Anniv.)
Tues.	10.00am	Health Intentions
Wed	10.00am	Nicholas Bridgett (Anniv.)
Thur	10.00am	Teddy Corcoran (Anniv.) Patrick Sarsfield (1st Anniv.)
Fri.	10.00am	Patrick Smyth (Rec. Dec.) Keith Roche and Deirdre Donohoe on the occasion of their marriage.

The Deep End • Walking with the Lord

Last July and August, hundreds of people took part in 'Walk While You Can', a walk from Letterkenny, County Donegal to Ballydehob, County Cork, to raise awareness and funds to support those with Motor Neurone Disease. The event was the brainchild of Fr Tony Coote, a priest of the parishes of Kilmacud and Mount Merrion in Dublin, who made the decision to walk the length of Ireland after himself being diagnosed with MND. His boundless energy and zest for life, even in the face of terminal illness, struck a chord with many. People were inspired by his faith. Speaking during an interview on The Late Late Show, Fr Tony said: 'I haven't much time left, I know that. But I believe in a loving God; I don't fear death.'

Fr Tony is an example of someone who is following Jesus as a disciple, while also bringing others to Jesus. In his years as a priest he has preached and lived the Gospel, and since this massive change in his health and circumstances he has found a way to spread the Good News in a new way. His story came to mind as I reflected on today's Gospel, which tells the story of the call of Peter. We are often struck by how the first disciples 'left everything and followed him'. Are we expected to do the same? Only a rare few will literally leave behind home, friends and family. But following Jesus does require us to offer our whole selves, whatever our circumstances. Whatever our position in life, we have something unique and great to offer.

Triona Doherty, Athlone, Co Roscommon (Email trionad@gmail.com)

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul (SVP) is holding a **Volunteer Recruitment Evening** on 15th April in the Hilton Hotel, Northern Cross. Starting at 6pm with light refreshments and finger food, there will be an overview of the work of SVP. Please come along and see if volunteering with SVP is for you. Time commitment is three hours per week.

Light the Fire 2019 The Franciscan Sisters of the Renewal invite you to join them at St. Patrick's Parish Church in Slane, Co. Meath, to pray together for Ireland in the place where St. Patrick lit the Easter Fire. Event begins at 5pm, on the 18th March (Bank Holiday Monday). Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Tom Deenihan, Bishop of Meath, followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. For more information contact the Franciscan Sisters of the Renewal, 041 983 0441.

Lenten Reflections on the Sunday Gospels with Fr. Kieran O' Mahony OSA, Scripture Scholar on Mon. 11th and 18th March at 7.30p.m. in the Rosary Pastoral Centre (Church of the Holy Rosary) Harold's Cross. All welcome

Trócaire Lent 2019-Stations of the Cross: Come along for an evening of prayer on the 27 March at 7.30pm in St. Paul's Church Arran Quay, Dublin 1.

Please pray for the happy repose of the souls of Jane Barron and Liam Gilmartin who died recently. May they rest in peace.

Hearing Aid found at door of Church. Please contact Parish Office.

The Encounter: Join other young adults for a night of live acoustic music, reflective prayer in adoration, with guest speaker on life, faith and purpose. Followed by social, pizza and refreshments. Our next Encounter will be Friday 22 March at 8pm, with Ciaran Coll as guest speaker and Musician for the night. For more information e-mail: st.pauls@dublindiocese.ie

READINGS Next Sunday

(Second Sunday of Lent. St. Patrick's Feastday)

Am 7: 12-15

Ps 138

1 Thess 2:2-8

Mt 13:24-32



Brian Grogan S.J. will share insights from the life of Pedro Arrupe S.J. (1907-1991)

"How we can be people of hope in a troubled world" on Wed March 20th at 7.30pm in our church (meeting in the Old Baptistry). All welcome. Copies of his new book will be on sale on the evening at the special price of €4.50.