

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



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MASS INTENTIONS

Vigil	6.00 pm	Maureen Hayes (M. Mind) Caitriona Rooney (Anniv.) Vincent Bailey (Anniv.) Maureen Lavin (1st Anniv.)
Sun.	8.30 am	Maureen Rush (Rec. Dec.) Health Intentions
	10.00am	Eilish Wallace (Anniv.) Health Intentions
	11.30am	Michael Hayden (Anniv.) Tom and Hannah McDonnell (Anniv.) Sylvia Byrne (Anniv.)
Mon	10.00am	Funeral Mass: Una O'Sullivan
Tues.	10.00am	Gerard de Brit (Rec. Dec.)
Wed	10.00am	Mary Harnett Connolly (Anniv.)
Thur	10.00am	Special Intentions
Fri.	10.00am	Pauline Higgins (Rec. Dec.)

The Deep End • How happy
What's so great about being poor, or hungry, or sad? On the surface, these Beatitudes of Jesus seem very strange: 'How happy are you who are poor'. Surely it is better to be wealthy, to be well fed, and to enjoy good times – or to at least be comfortable and content?

But Jesus is not interested in comfort, or in maintaining the status quo. The Jesus of Luke's Gospel is something of a revolutionary. He has come to turn the social order on its head: last becomes first and least becomes greatest. His concern is always for the poor and marginalised. Jesus' vision is of a world where the unjust structures that cause poverty, hunger and oppression are swept away. Sadly, as we hear on the news every day, inequalities in our world with regard to wealth, education, health and opportunities remain as stark as ever. Speaking about how we can tackle injustice today, Pope Francis has offered six 'new Beatitudes' for the modern Christian. Like the teachings of Jesus, they remind us that the task of the Christian is to tackle injustice and to act in solidarity with those on the margins of society.

Pope Francis' 'new Beatitudes' include:

"Blessed are those who renounce their own comfort in order to help others. Blessed are those who look into the eyes of the abandoned and marginalised and show them their closeness. Blessed are those who protect and care for our common home"

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

**ANNUAL COLLECTION for
ACCORD** - Diocesan Agency
for Marriage and the Family -
replaces the Share Collection at
Masses this Sunday. **ACCORD**
offers: Marriage Preparation
Courses, Counselling for couples
and individuals experiencing dif-
ficulties in their relationships and
a Relationship and Sexuality Pro-
gramme for Schools. **ACCORD
Dublin needs our support.**
Please give generously.

Listening 2019

The Archdiocese is seeking the views
of parents, teachers, priests, parish
personnel & the wider faith community
on how we might improve how we pre-
pare and celebrate the Sacraments of
Baptism, Reconciliation, Communion
and Confirmation. All are invited to take
part in an on-line survey, which is
available until 24th Feb 2019 on the
"Notice Board" tab of the Diocesan
website: www.dublindiocese.ie

28th Divine Mercy Conference

The Divine Mercy Conference
Committee invites you to its an-
nual conference on 23rd-24th
Feb. in the RDS. Friday night,
22nd Feb., continues its very
successful addition to the pro-
gramme: including Holy Mass,
Adoration and Confessions -
aimed specially for young people.
This year's theme: *Let Us Not Be
Put to the Test* (Mt.6:13)

READINGS Next Sunday (7th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

1 Sam 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23
Ps 102
1 Cor 15: 45-49
Lk 6: 27-38



Feastdays this week:

Fri. 22nd: The Chair of St. Peter, Apostle

A one-day retreat, hosted by Teams of Our Lady (Equipes Notre Dame – www.equipes-notre-dame.ie) takes place on
Sat. 2nd March 2019 in Avila Carmelite Centre, Bloomfield Avenue, Morehampton Rd, Dublin 4. Starting at 9.30am,
guided by Fr. Declan Hurley, providing space for reflection and prayer, it will conclude with Mass at 4pm. Please bring a
packed lunch. Tea / Coffee served. Cost: €50 per couple / €30 per individual. Enquiries: call Anne or Mark on 831 3319.

Please pray for the happy repose of
the soul of Una O'Sullivan who died
recently. May she rest in peace.