

**NEXT BAPTISM  
PREPARATION MEETING**  
- will be at 8pm, on Tuesday, 5th  
February, for the celebration of Bap-  
tism on Sunday, 10th February.



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### MASS INTENTIONS

<b>Vigil</b>	<b>6.00 pm</b>	Seamus Canavan (M.M.) Evelyn Golden (Anniv.) Anne and Gerard Clynes (Anniv.) James Quinn (Anniv.) Margaret McArdle (Anniv.)
<b>Sun.</b>	<b>8.30 am</b>	Kitty Summers (M.M.)
	<b>10.00am</b>	Msgr. Brendan Houlahan former PP of Howth (Rec.Dec.) John and Bridget Byrne (Anniv.) Kate and Sarah McNamee (Anniv.)
	<b>11.30am</b>	Bob Brennan (Rec.Dec.) Colm Flanagan (Anniv.) Catherine and Robert Mullen (Anniv.)
<b>Mon</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	Parishioners' Intentions
<b>Tues.</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	Fred Crowe (Rec.Dec.)
<b>Wed</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	Noel Gibney (Rec.Dec.)
<b>Thur</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	Health Intentions
<b>Fri.</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	Doreen and Conor Power (Anniv.) Altar List of the Dead

#### THE DEEP END: 'So that you may know the truth'

There is something about the opening sentences of Luke's Gospel that grabs one's attention. He is the only Gospel writer to give us information about his purpose and sources. He writes for Theophilus, whose name in Greek suggests 'lover of God'. Theophilus may have been a patron of Luke's, but we can also take this name to mean that Luke writes for all lovers of God, i.e. all of us.

Jesus, 'as was his custom,' attends the service at his local synagogue. It is clear that Jesus was a faithful Jew even though he is about to have some serious run-ins with the Jewish religious leaders. This moment is one of the most powerful passages in the New Testament, as Jesus sets out his manifesto for ministry. Reading from Isaiah, Jesus tells the crowd that this passage is being fulfilled as they hear it, his ministry would be one focused on freeing people from various types of oppression. This passage is as relevant in our world today as it was for Jesus' time: people still await liberation, the oppressed are not free. This is not a passage read in the past: it is very much alive, a vision for all to have as Christians and to work out of. Just as the scriptures are fulfilled in Jesus, they are also fulfilled in each of our lives.

'Although they heard you, Lord, they failed to listen. They heard only what they wanted to hear. The truth hurt them, you made them feel uncomfortable, and they rejected you ... Show us how we may seek your Kingdom and help to bring peace to a troubled world.' (Tony Singleton)

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#### Little Sister of the Poor, Sacred Heart Residence, Sybil Hill Road. Raheny:

You are welcome to join us for our  
Monthly Mass for Vocations, on  
Monday, 28<sup>th</sup> January 2019, at  
7.30pm, followed by a cup of tea.

#### Day for Consecrated Life:

Come and join with religious from  
around the Diocese, on Saturday, 2nd  
Feb., at 3pm, in the Church of the  
Guardian Angels, Newtownpark Ave-  
nue. Archbishop Diarmuid Martin  
will lead this prayer service of reflec-  
tions and music.

Rev. Brian Grogan S.J. will lead  
a discussion, "*Decisions: Let-  
ting Go and Moving On*", on next  
Wednesday, January 30th, at  
7.30pm in the Old Baptistry in  
our parish church.  
All welcome.

#### READINGS Next Sunday (4th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Jer 1:4-5, 17-19  
Ps 70  
1 Cor 12:31-13:13  
Lk 4:21-30



World Day of the Sick 2019 will  
take place on 9 February 2019, in All  
Hallows, Drumcondra (9:30am to  
1.00pm) on the topic *Community  
struggle with addiction - A pastoral  
response*.

Mass for World Day of the Sick will  
be held on 10 Feb. 2019, in Corpus  
Christi Church, Homfarm Rd. at 3pm

Laudate 2019: 50 Primary Schools  
(including Scoil Aine) are gearing up  
for the third *Laudate Festival of Litu-  
rgical Music*, which will take place dur-  
ing Catholic Schools Week. You can  
hear Laudate, on Tuesday 29th January  
at 7pm, in Our Lady of Victories  
Church, Ballymun Road. All welcome.

#### Feastdays this week:

**Fri. 1st Feb:** St. Brigid (Secondary Patron of  
Ireland)

**Sat. 2nd Feb:** The Presentation of the Lord

Please pray for the happy repose of the  
souls of Mary Hayes and Noreen O'Con-  
nor who died recently. May they rest in  
peace.