NEXT BAPTISM PREPARATION MEETING

- will be on Thursday, 20th February at 8pm, for Baptism on Sunday, 23rd February 2020.



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MASS INTENTIONS

The Deep End

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine!

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Perhaps you are familiar with this popular hymn. It is often used in children's liturgies, and was in fact written as a gospel song for children in the 1920s. It later became something of an anthem for the Civil Rights Movement of the 1950s and '60s, associated in particular with civil rights leader Fannie Lou Hamer. The song was seen as a way of expressing unity, as people fought for equal rights and freedom.

'This Little Light of Mine' is based on the words of St. Matthew's Gospel that we hear today: 'No one lights a lamp to put it under a tub... your light must shine in the sight of men.' Without the light of those who were part of the civil rights movement, our world would be a very different place. There are good people everywhere who continue to fight for justice and freedom, who use their 'light to help others and make sure people are treated fairly and with dignity – both those who campaign and speak out about injustice, and the people on the ground who support the sick, the homeless, refugees and others experiencing difficulties. Witnessing so much suffering, it might be tempting for these 'people of light' to become disheartened, but they carry on, using their compassion and skills to bring about change, shining their light in the darkness. As followers of Christ, we are called to light up the world. Take some time this week to think about how you can let vour light shine.

'A community of Jesus which seeks to hide itself has ceased to follow him.' (Dietrich Bonhoeffer)

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Lent Book Club This year's suggested book for Lent is Finding God in a Leaf by Fr. Brian Grogan, SJ. Last year, 36 parishes in the Diocese set up book clubs with great success, during the season of Lent. If you are interested in gathering a parish group to read together for this coming Lent, please come along to the training evening where guidelines and other advice on how to make the best use of the group will be given by Patricia Caroll, of the Evangelisation and Ecumenism Team, in Holy Cross Diocesan Centre, Clonliffe Road, Dublin 3 from 7.30-9.30pm on 11th February. Please register by email to: mary.dent@dublindiocese.ie

ANOINTING OF THE SICK will take place in our church after the 11.30am Mass on 9th February.

Prayer Book: 'I Am With You', is for use with those who experience illness, for carers and for personal prayer in the parish, at home, in hospitals, nursing homes and healthcare facilities and also for pastoral visitation and First Friday calls. Unit Price €1.95, available from: Anne Donnellan, Archbishop's House - Tel: 01 8379253, Ext. 245 and also Trish Conway, M: 087 6220349.

Cross Care would like to thank all who contributed to its annual collection, in our parish., which amounted to €5.235.

St Anne's Conference of St. Vincent De Paul is seeking new members. If you are interested, please contact Peter or Michael at 086 1642854. Vigil 6.00 pm Teresa Bergin (M.Mind) Anne Kelly (M.Mind) and her sister May Kelly (Anniv.)

Sun. 8.30 am Health Intention

10.00am Caitriona Kelly (Rec.Dec.)

11.30am Delores O'Keeffe (M.Mind)

Margaret Hegarty (M.Mind) Margaret Gallagher (Rec.Dec.) Pat Dowling (Rec.Dec.)

Una Nolan (Anniv.)

10.00am Parishioners Intentions Mon

Tues. 10.00am Tom Murray (Rec.Dec.)

Wed. 10.00am Eileen Hearne (Anniv.)

Thur 10.00am Pat Dowling (Rec.Dec.)

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Please pray for the repose of Mary O'Halloran who died recently. May she rest in the loving arms of God.

Church Gate Collections:

9th Feb.: in aid of St. Vincent De Paul Society 16th Feb.: ACCORD Annual Collection

READINGS Next Sunday (6th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Sir. 15: 16-21

Psalm: 119

1 Cor 2:6-10

Matt 5: 17-37

