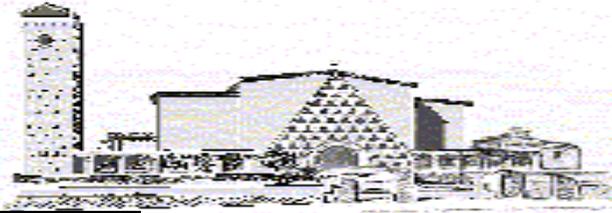


**NEXT BAPTISM  
PREPARATION MEETING**  
- will be on Thursday 5th March, at  
8pm, for Baptism on Sunday 8th  
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### MASS INTENTIONS

<b>Vigil</b>	<b>6.00 pm</b>	Peter Fahy (Anniv.) Dymphna McKeon (Anniv.)
<b>Sun.</b>	<b>8.30 am</b>	Molly Corcoran (Anniv.) Vincent Counihan (Rec.Dec.)
	<b>10.00am</b>	Carmel Garvey (Anniv.) Sylvia Byrne (Anniv.)
	<b>11.30am</b>	Gillian O'Connor (Anniv.) John Herbert (Anniv.) Robert McMahon (Anniv.) Charlie McMahon (Anniv.)
<b>Mon</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	Frank McPherson (Rec. Dec.)
<b>Tues.</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	Catherine and Sarah McNamee (Anniv.)
<b>Wed.</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	Kate Cronin (Anniv.)
<b>Thur</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	Fr. Larry Zampese (Anniv.)
<b>Fri.</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	Altar List of the Dead

### Do not lead us into temptation

Lent is a Pilgrimage, a Journey, and it begins with Jesus being led into the wilderness of the desert by the Holy Spirit. The desert for the Jewish People is a very scared and symbolic place. It was in the desert that the Israelites encountered and experienced God. It was in the desert that God established the Covenant with them and said '*You will be my people and I will be your God.*' But they grew tired, frustrated and impatient with God and built the golden calf and began to worship it rather than remaining faithful to God.

On this, the first Sunday of Lent, Jesus willingly goes into the desert and there he will be tempted to turn his back on God in favour of power, wealth and fame. So, what will he do? Will he be like his ancestors and give into temptations or rely on God when he is offered, what on the face of it looks very attractive. His answer comes in three parts, all from scripture;

*'We do not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God; do not put the Lord your God to test and finally, you must worship the Lord your God and serve him alone.'*

Jesus has the courage and humility to turn to God when he needs help and strength the most; he does not rely on his own strength and willpower when tempted. He doesn't give up on God and God does not desert him. Our daily temptations may not be as dramatic as those of Jesus, but they are no less real or dangerous. Ours are more than likely to be far more ordinary and subtle. We will have another cigarette, another glass of wine, we will do or say something that we know to be wrong in order to protect ourselves. These may start out as small temptations, but in the end they all add up. When we are tempted, we have two choices; to rely on our strength or humbly turn to God as Jesus did and ask for help. God did not abandon Jesus and neither will God ignore us when we ask for help.

(extracted from the Oblate website [www.oblates.ie](http://www.oblates.ie))

**Donaghmede – Clongriffin – Balgriffin – Ayrfield** Holy Trinity & St Paul's Parishes invite you to attend their annual Novena of Grace in Holy Trinity Church, Donaghmede, with V. Rev. Msgr. Daniel O'Connor, Episcopal Vicar for Education. The Novena takes place from Wed. 4<sup>th</sup> to Thurs. 12<sup>th</sup> March (Mon – Fri 7:30pm, Sat 6:30pm Sun 11:30am)

A Lenten Talk entitled "**From grief to hope in the Irish Church - hearing the prophet Jeremiah today**" will be presented by Dr. Jessie Rogers on Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> March, 7.30 pm. Jessie Rogers is a lecturer in Sacred Scripture in the Pontifical University, Maynooth.

**Lenten Reflection:** Join Sr Marie Dunne, CHF in the Margaret Aylward Centre on the 10<sup>th</sup> March from 8.00-9.00pm where she will draw from scripture and music in this time of reflection as we yearn to be refreshed and nourished on our Lenten Journey - €5 donation.

**Christ Our Light - Towards Easter 2020** Fr. Kieran O'Mahony OSA presents *The Sunday Reading Lent Programme* in St. Mary's Pro-Cathedral, every Wed. during Lent at 11:15am.

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.

Please pray for the repose of Thomas Moore, Sean Scanlon and Frank McPherson who died recently. May they rest in the loving arms of God.

### READINGS Next Sunday (2nd Sunday of Lent)

Gen 12: 1-4  
Psalm: 32  
Tim 1: 8-10  
Matt 517: 1-9

