

Parish Notices

COLLECTIONS

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ASH WEDNESDAY: Wed 26th Feb.

The Beginning of Lent. Blessed Ashes will be distributed at each Mass. 7.00am; 8.00am; 10.00am (School children); 1.00pm and 8.00pm
Ash Wednesday is a Day of Fast and Abstinence

TROCAIRE BOXES

Envelopes with Trocaire fast Boxes available at back of Church. Your contributions enables Trocaire to continue humanitarian relief in places of need.

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

is an international ecumenical Christian laywomen's initiative and is celebrated annually in over 170 countries on the first Friday in March. Every year, the worship service focuses on a different country and a specific theme. The theme for this year is **"Rise! Take Your Mat and Walk"**

The Women of **Zimbabwe**, have prepared the service for this year.

Through preparation and participation in the worship service, women worldwide learn how their sisters in other countries, languages and cultures understand the biblical passages in their context. Women's World Day of Prayer aims to demonstrate that prayer and action are inseparable and that both have immeasurable influence in the world.

Men and women are warmly welcome to come to this prayer service, which will take place this year in the **Church of St Thomas the Apostle, Jobstown, Tallaght on Friday 6th March 2020 at 7.30pm.**

BEGINNING EXPERIENCE - COPING WITH LIFE ALONE

A voluntary peer **support group**, led by trained facilitators dedicated to helping people through their grief and sorrow **invites** those **who suffer a loss** (men and women separated, divorced or widowed) **to a One-Day Coping with Life Alone Programme on Saturday March 7th @ Carmelite Centre, Whitefriar Street Dublin 2.** It will allow you to work through your initial grief in a safe, confidential and supportive atmosphere with others who have suffered similar losses. For more information please contact Louise at : bedublin@gmail.com or 086 0877379 or beginningexperiencebandi.org

RECENTLY DECEASED

Your prayers are requested for the repose of the souls of **Kevin Byrne** (Jobstown) and **Ciaran Colgan** whose funerals were from this Church during the week.

PRIORY NEWSLETTER

St. Mary's Dominican Priory - Tallaght, 7th Sunday of the year (A), 23th February 2020

THE UNIVERSAL CALL TO HOLINESS IN THE CHURCH

II Vatican Council, *Lumen Gentium* (Light of all Nations), Chapter 5, No. 39-40

39. The Church, whose mystery is being set forth by this Sacred Synod, is believed to be indefectibly holy. Indeed Christ, the Son of God, who with the Father and the Spirit is praised as "uniquely holy," loved the Church as His bride, delivering Himself up for her. He did this that He might sanctify her. He united her to Himself as His own body and brought it to perfection by the gift of the Holy Spirit for God's glory. Therefore in the Church, everyone whether belonging to the hierarchy, or being cared for by it, is called to holiness, according to the saying of the Apostle: "For this is the will of God, your sanctification". However, this holiness of the Church is unceasingly manifested, and must be manifested, in the fruits of grace which the Spirit produces in the faithful; it is expressed in many ways in individuals, who in their walk of life, tend toward the perfection of charity, thus causing the edification of others; in a very special way this (holiness) appears in the practice of the counsels, customarily called "evangelical." This practice of the counsels, under the impulsion of the Holy Spirit, undertaken by many Christians, either privately or in a Church—approved condition or state of life, gives and must give in the world an outstanding witness and example of this same holiness.

40. The Lord Jesus, the divine Teacher and Model of all perfection, preached holiness



of life to each and everyone of His disciples of every condition. He Himself stands as the author and consummator of this holiness of life: "Be you therefore perfect, even as your heavenly Father is perfect". Indeed He sent the Holy Spirit upon all men that He might move them inwardly to love God with their whole heart and their whole soul, with all their mind and all their strength and that they might love each other as Christ loves them. The followers of Christ are called by God, not because of their works, but according to His own purpose and grace. They are justified in the Lord Jesus, because in the baptism of faith they truly become sons of God and sharers in the divine nature. In this way they are really made holy. Then too, by God's gift, they must hold on to and complete in their lives this holiness they have received. They are warned by the Apostle to live "as becomes saints", and to put on "as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved a heart of mercy, kindness, humility, meekness, patience", and to possess the fruit of the Spirit in holiness. Since truly we all offend in many things we all need God's mercies continually and we all must daily pray: "Forgive us our debts".