

23rd February 2020

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Edenderry

# Link Up



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**Mass Times**  
**Edenderry**

**Daily Mass**  
9am

(No 9am Mass on day of funeral)

**Saturday**  
7p.m.

**Sunday**  
10a.m. & 11:30am

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## *The Politics of Peace*

In his fiftieth message for World Peace Day last month, Pope Francis said, I would like to reflect on nonviolence as a style of politics for peace. I ask God to help all of us to cultivate nonviolence in our most personal thoughts and values. May charity and nonviolence govern how we treat each other as individuals, within society and in international life. When victims of violence are able to resist the temptation to retaliate, they become the most credible promoters of nonviolent peace-making. Pope Francis takes his lead from Jesus' teachings. "If anyone strikes you on the right cheek, turn the other also. If anyone forces you to go one mile go also the second mile..." "If anyone sues you for your outer garment, give them your undergarment too." Jesus tells us not to resist evil. Does he mean us to roll over and allow our enemies to walk all over us? It's very easy for us to love our friends. Only loving those who are easy to love doesn't provide very much of a challenge, and consequently doesn't earn us much of a reward. The challenge Jesus poses today is to meet our enemies with love. Jesus' advice is to meet violence with non-violence and to meet force with acquiescence. If we only love those who love us back we are not doing anything more than anyone else, but if we love our enemies, we show ourselves to be true disciples of Christ. In our conflict-ridden world, today's gospel has never been more relevant. Never has there been a better time for Christians to get more involved in campaigning for non-violent strategies. The world has never been more ready.



**Lenten Reflection:** As we approach Lent, we invite you to join us for an hours prayer & reflection on the Sundays Readings, **beginning on Tuesday 25th Feb @ 7:30pm** in 49 Blundell Wood. Please pass this information on, as all are welcome

## **MASS ROTAS**

### **EDENDERRY-WEEKDAY MASS**

#### **READERS**

**9.00am.** Mon 24th Feb — Mary Foley

#### **EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER**

**9.00am.** Mon 24th Feb — Teresa Naughton

### **EDENDERRY—WEEKEND MASS**

#### **READERS**

**7pm.** Sat 29th Feb – Carmel Lynch & Bernadette Brady

**10am.** Sun 1st Mar – Anne Hanley & Paula Lalor

**11:30am** Sun 1st Mar– Pauline Grennan & Edel Coyne

#### **EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

**7pm.** Sat 29th Feb – Emma Dalton, Caroline Murphy, Therese Lowry; Tina Norman; Frances Judge

**10am.** Sun 1st Mar – Mary Hanly, Marian O'Donoghue, Colette Staunton, Ger Kearney

**11:30am** Sun 1st Mar – Colette Burke, Colissa Halligan, Mary Finnegan, Nathalie Leeper Murphy

#### **OFALIA HOUSE**

Mary Byrne & Mary Hanly

## Community Notices

**NOCND CLG:** Meals on Wheels and Services for Older People are holding their annual church gate collection on the 29<sup>th</sup> Feb & 1<sup>st</sup> March 2020 in Edenderry, Rhode & Croghan Parishes. All Support greatly appreciated.

**Tullamore Job Club:** are holding a 3 week Job Seeking Skills course in Edenderry on the 16th March. This FREE course will provide information, assistance and guidance on all matters job related; CV, cover letters, application forms, preparing for interview, Manual Handling certification, Stress awareness workshops and lots more. Participants will receive an allowance of €60 upon completion of the course. You do NOT have to be in receipt of a Social Welfare payment to attend but people currently on Jobpath cannot take part. For more information please contact Claire/Majella on 057 9352467, email us at tullamorejobclub@offalydc.ie or message us privately on our Facebook page @ Tullamore Job Club

**Edenderry & Castlejordan Angling Club:** would like to inform members that closing date for membership is 31st March. Membership can be had from Gerry Brennan and Eugene Hurst.



*In a world where you can be anything....  
Be KIND*

**Relay for life Offaly 2020:** takes place on the 12th/13th September in Derry Rovers Running Track. Starting at 3pm on Sat 12th and finishing on Sun 13th @ 3pm (24 hrs in Aid of Irish Cancer Society).

**Teams :** If you would like to put in a Team for this Event please contact Sharon on (087) 9732399

**Survivors:** if you would like to be our VIP on the day of Relay please contact Bridget @ 0861940061 or Geraldine @ 087 6179256 for more information

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### Coffee Day in Ballyfore

PJ & Brid Lynam are once again holding a Coffee Day in their house in Ballyfore on Wednesday 4th March. In aid of Offaly Hospice & Irish Cancer Society. All support would be very much appreciated and you are welcome to call to their house anytime on the day.



**Baptism:** Please note that if your child is to be baptised during or after **March** you will need to attend the baptism preparation evening, on the last Monday of the previous month. Therefore for baptisms in March the preparation evening is on **Monday 24th February @ 8pm** in the Parish Centre. Any queries contact Deacon Paul Wyer @ 086-6086154



**OUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR:**

*Phyllis Dunne nee McGlinchey;  
Francis St., Edenderry*

*May she Rest in Peace.  
Our Sympathy to her family*

## MASSES FOR THE COMING WEEK

**Saturday 7pm:** Henry Rennicks & deceased members of the Rennicks family; Seamus & Eileen Hurst; Eddie & Liam Brennan; Jack & Rita Dunne; Phil Quinlan

**Sunday 10am:**

**Sunday 11:30am:** Pauline Fanning, **Months mind Mass;**

**Monday 9am:**

**Tuesday 9am:** Benny Flynn

**Ash Wednesday 9am:**

**Ash Wednesday 7pm:**

**Thursday 9pm:** Michael Sheill & James Farrelly

**Friday 9am: Mass Card Intentions**

**Saturday 7pm:** Michael Nolan **1st Anniversary;**

**Sunday 10am:** Mary Farrell; Michael (Major) Connolly; Martina & Ann Connolly; Ann Swift

**Sunday 11:30am:** Philomena O'Callaghan; Maria Lynam & deceased members of the Larkin & Lynam families



*We Pray for the following  
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around this time.*

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deceased family members  
James (Fluffy) Berry*



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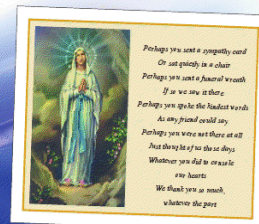
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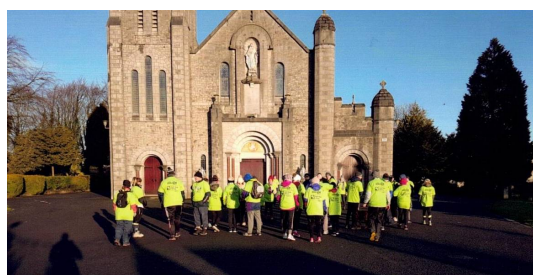
We would like you to join us with our Fundraiser

**The walk begins @ 7:30am**

We plan to be back in Croghan @ 11am, where walkers will receive complimentary refreshments. Then as a group, all walkers will climb Croghan Hill in time for Mass @ 12 noon on the Hill.

**If you would like to become a Sponsor or make a donation (large or small), please send a cheque payable to Gorta Self Africa To Laz Molloy, Croghan, Rhode, Co. Offaly or if you would like to take part in this event you can Contact: Laz @ 086 6778807/046 9731316 to receive Sponsorship cards.**

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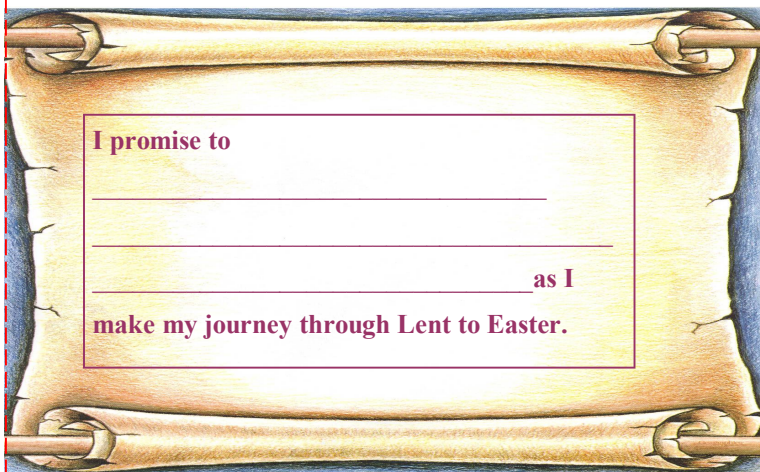


# Prayer Corner

## The Season of Lent

### Facts about Lent:

- ♦ Lent is a time when Christian people get ready for Easter.
- ♦ Lent is a sacred time within the Church calendar. It is a time of fasting, prayer and almsgiving.
- ♦ Lent lasts for forty days reminding us of the forty days that Jesus spent in the desert doing penance and fasting. It begins on **Ash Wednesday (6th March 2019)** and finishes before sunset on Holy Thursday. We don't count Sundays in the forty days because Sundays are days of celebration in the Church calendar.
- ♦ Purple vestments are worn by the priest during Lent.
- ♦ The Gloria and alleluia are not prayed at Mass during Lent.
- ♦ Lent comes from the word "lente" which means springtime.
- ♦ Many people promise to do something during Lent to help them to be more like Jesus. Sometimes they give up something they like, they fast from sweets, or television. Other people promise to do something like being kinder, going to mass, saying prayers or to put money in the Trocaire box to remind them to help others who are not as lucky as they are.
- ♦ What we do during Lent helps us to get ready for Easter.



### My Lental Prayer



Lord Jesus, be with me as I try to keep  
my promise and help me to be more like  
you everyday.  
Amen

### Stepping Stones for Lent — (Here is a list of good deeds which you could do during Lent!)

Pray for Peace  
Tidy your Room  
Help at home  
Play fairly  
Tidy the playground  
Be friendly  
Smile more often

Help your brother  
Be on time  
Say "thanks" to someone  
Do your homework  
Share your toys  
Pray for the sick  
Be Kind

Don't complain  
Say 'yes' more often  
Try to be patient  
Visit someone who is sick



**Priest:** *The Lord be with you*  
**People:** **And with your Spirit**

**PENITENTIAL ACT** I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary, ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

**Gloria.....**

**OPENING PRAYER**

Grant we pray almighty God, that, always pondering spiritual things, we may carry out in both word and deed that which is pleasing to you. Through Christ our Lord.

**FIRST READING (19:1-2.17-18)**

**A reading from the book of Leviticus.**

The Lord spoke to Moses; he said: Speak to the whole community of the sons of Israel and say to them: Be holy, for I, the Lord your God, am holy. You must openly tell him, your neighbour of his offence; this way you will not take a sin upon yourself. You must not exact vengeance, nor must you bear a grudge against the children of your people. You must love your neighbour as yourself. I am the Lord."

**The word of the Lord.**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**

**The Lord is compassion and love. Response:**

1. My soul, give thanks to the Lord, all my being, bless his holy name. My soul, give thanks to the Lord and never forget all his blessings. **R**
2. It is he who forgives all your guilt, who heals every one of your ills, who redeems your life from the grave who crowns you with love and compassion. **R**
3. The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy. He does not treat us according to our sins nor repay us according to our faults. **R.**

**SECOND READING (3:16-23)**

**A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians.**

Didn't you realize that you were God's temple and that the Spirit of God was living among you? If anybody should destroy the temple of God, God will destroy him, because the temple of God is sacred; and you are that temple. Make no mistakes about it: if any one of you thinks of himself as wise, in the ordinary sense of the word, then he must learn to be fool before he really can be wise. Why? Because the wisdom of this world is foolishness to God. As scripture says: The Lord knows wise men's thoughts; he knows how useless they are, or again: God is not convinced by the arguments of the wise. So there is nothing to boast about in anything human: Paul, Apollos, Cephas, the world, life and death,

the present and the future, are all your servants; but you belong to Christ and Christ belongs to God.

**The word of the Lord**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, alleluia!

If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him. Alleluia!

**THE GOSPEL (5:38-48)**

**Priest:** *The Lord be with you*

**People:** **And with your Spirit**

**A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew.**

**Priest:** **The Gospel of the Lord**

Jesus said to his disciples, 'You have learnt how it was said: Eye for eye and tooth for tooth. But I say this to you: offer the wicked man no resistance. On the contrary, if anyone hits you on the right cheek, offer him the other as well; if a man takes you to law and would have your tunic, let him have your cloak as well. And if anyone orders you to go one mile, go two miles with him. Give to anyone who asks, and if anyone wants to borrow, do not turn away. 'You have learnt how it was said: You must love your neighbour and hate your enemy. But I say this to you: love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you; in this way you will be children of your Father in heaven, for he causes his sun to rise on the bad men as well as the good, and his rain to fall on honest and dishonest alike. For if you love those who love you, what right have you to claim any credit? Even the tax collectors do as much ; do they not? And if you save your greetings for your brothers, are you doing anything exceptional? Even the pagans do as much, do they not? You must therefore be perfect as your heavenly Father is perfect.'

**People:** Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

**PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS**

Lord, as we gather to offer our gifts confident in your love, make us holy by sharing your life with us and by this eucharist forgive our sins.

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Lord, as you give us the body and blood of your Son, guide us with your Spirit that we may honour you not only with our lips, but also with the lives we lead, and so enter the kingdom. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord.

**LENT BEGINS ON ASH WEDNESDAY 26TH FEB.**

**Mass at 9am and 7pm... Ashes will be distributed at both Masses. TROCAIRE BOXES CAN BE COLLECTED FROM THE CHURCH PORCHES THIS WEEKEND.**

**Dates for Ceremony of Light:**

**Sat 29th Feb @ 7pm** St Marys Primary School.

**March 8th: @ 11:30am** St Patrick's Primary School

**March 15th: @ 11:30am** Scoil Bhríde

**March 21st: @7pm** Gaelscoil