

20th March 2022

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Edenderry

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10am

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The Gardener, the Fig Tree and the Promise

When people die, especially in tragic or premature circumstances, we are left with a sense of injustice. There are some who will question what kind of God we have who can allow such unfairness. But the bottom line is that life simply isn't metered out to us in equal proportions. Death simply happens. There is no intent behind a natural disaster, and because there is no intent there can certainly be no injustice. In biblical days people imagined that fatal disasters and terminal illnesses were sent as some kind of punishment from God. Had the victims brought about their own fate by living sinful lives? What will Jesus' answer be? No, of course untimely death is not sent as a punishment! But whilst we are pondering the fragility of our lives, Jesus reminds us that any one of us could die in similar circumstances. We only have to be in the wrong place at the wrong time. None of us can bank on living to a ripe old age, and so we must consider how well we are prepared to live and how well we are prepared to die. At first, today's reading feels uncomfortable. The parable of the fig tree reads like a threat. The tree is not bearing any fruit and so the master commands that it should be axed. A compassionate gardener begs that the tree be given a second chance, and so the master grants another year. It feels like a threat... bear fruit or else! But Jesus knows that threats don't bring out the best in us. Like the gardener who tends the tree and nurtures it, so Jesus is there for all who need a second chance. For those of us who make a commitment to live life in a better way, Jesus is there to support and guide us towards our goals. The parable has moved from something that sounds like a threat to something that sounds like a promise.... something inspirational! Lent is a time to address some begging questions. How many years have we spent making the same old mistakes? What must we do to make life different? It sounds obvious, but to achieve different results, we must do something different. We are invited to ask God for help in setting new priorities, and we must achieve results that reflect God's love for us, and our love for God.



MASS ROTAS

EDENDERRY-WEEKDAY MASS

READERS

10am. Mar 21st Mar — Pauline Grennan

EDENDERRY—WEEKEND MASS

READERS

7pm. Sat 26th Mar – Carmel Lynch

10am. Sun 27th Mar – Eugene O' Brien

11:30am. Sun 27th Mar - Edel Coyne

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

7pm. Sat 26th Mar – Kathleen Hanlon, Theresa Naughton, Bernadette McKeon, Tina Norman

10am. Sun 27th Mar – Mary Finnegan, Ger Kearney, Bernie Nutterfield, Laura Pentony McKeon

11:30am. Sun 27th Mar – Rose Waters, Maria Egan, Rita Guing, Elyse Halligan

OFALIA HOUSE 26TH / 27TH MARCH

Mary Hanley

Community Notices

Daffodil Day: March 24th/25th. If you would like to help out contact Pauline Grennan @ 086 2198553. If anyone would like to donate fresh daffodils you can leave them into Mary Kennedy, Francis Street.

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Grow: weekly meetings are back in the Edenderry Parish Centre room 4 each Tuesday @ 2pm. If you are in distress, feeling isolated or low, you are welcome to join some like-minded people for support free of charge. Contact Michelle 086 4183805.

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I would rather have a mind opened by wonder than one closed by belief..



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Lenten Reflection: Fr Liam will lead us in guided prayer, music and meditation each Tuesday evening during Lent, in the Church @ 7pm. All are welcome, please pass this message on to anyone who may be interested.



OUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR:

Mary O' Sullivan nee Fitzsimons
Ballykillen, Edenderry

May she Rest in Peace.
Our Sympathy to her family

MASSES FOR THE COMING WEEK

Saturday 7pm: Patrick & Elizabeth Ryan; Christopher & Margaret Mooney; James Walsh; John Judge; Phyllis Usher

Sunday 10am: Josie & Michael Bergin

Sunday 11:30am: Sean (Corky) Keogh, **1st Anniversary**; Michael Forde

Monday 10am:

Tuesday 10am:

Wednesday 10am:

Thursday 11am: Nicky Bermingham

Friday 10am: Mass Card Intentions

Saturday 7pm: Dâire McDonnell, **1st Anniversary**; Mary Hynes, **1st Anniversary**; Mary & Laurence O'Brien; Helen Mitchell; John & Mary O'Connor; Christina & Jimmy Smullen & deceased members of the Smullen & Dunne families; Rose & Josie Kennedy & deceased family members; Mary & William Forde; Margaret Davy

Sunday 10am: Bernie Carroll, **Months mind Mass**; Paddy Carroll

Sunday 11:30am: Kathleen Keogh, **Months mind Mass**; Andy Farrell



We Pray for the following
whose Anniversary occurs
around this time.

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Whelan

Dinah Finn

Matt Loughlin

Michael Whelan

Nuala Ennis

Thomas, Margaret & Patrick (Paddy)
Usher

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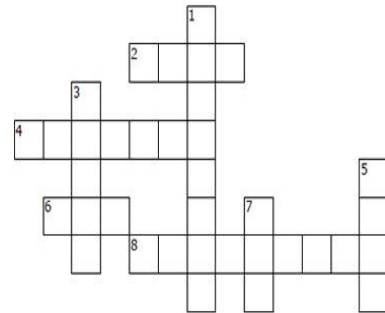
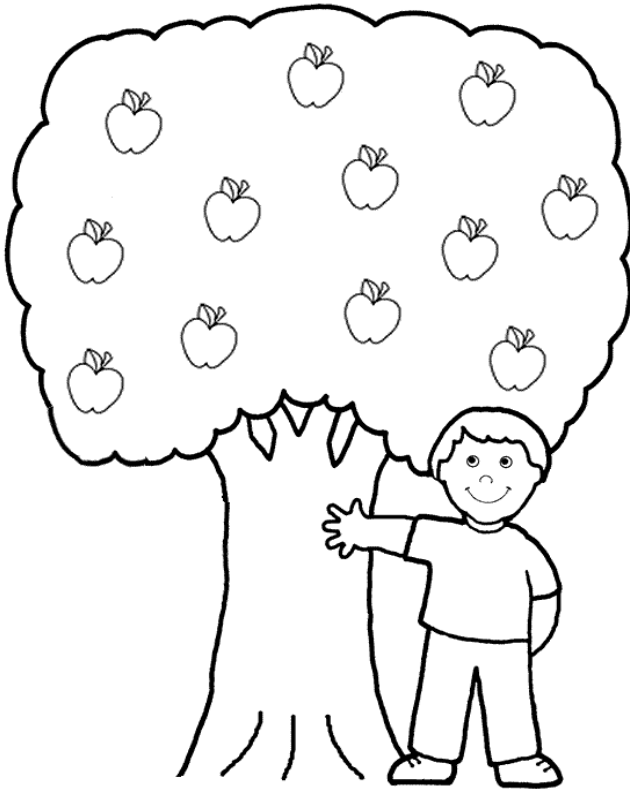
I would like to thank the Irish and Polish community all who donated medical products, food and clothing for Ukraine to the many volunteers who worked tirelessly to sort out the many bags of clothes and box them to have them ready for transport. We have got of 36 pallets all together and have been loaded on Monday the 14th of March 2022 and sent to Poland.

I also want to thank to Martin Kearney from MCK Hardware who provided many pallets and temporary storage, Green Harbour Energy Solution from Edenderry who provided their warehouse for all pallets and their help for loading the truck. Mazurek polish shop who provided many pallets too and the transport company from Poland.

It was hard work but very worthwhile, may God reward all of you who took any effort for this good job. God Bless you all! Piotr Pauspert

Prayer Corner



ACROSS

2. The top layer of the earth's surface favorable to plant growth.
4. A simple story teaching a moral or religious lesson.
6. To break up and move dirt using a shovel.
8. To spread a something on land or plants to help plants grow.

DOWN

1. An area of ground planted with vines and fruit trees.
3. The usually sweet-tasting part of a tree which can be eaten.
5. A large plant with a trunk, limbs, branches, and leaves.
7. The sweet, pear-shaped, fruit of a plant found in Bible lands.

PARABLE
FIG

TREE
FRUIT

VINEYARD
FERTILIZE

SOIL
DIG



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YEARS
DOWN
PLANTED
FERTILIZE

THREE
FIND
USE
DIG

LOOK
VINEYARD
SOIL
PARABLE

LEAVE
MAN
ALONE
TREE

FRUIT
TOLD
FIG
CUT

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.

OPENING PRAYER

O God, author of every mercy and of all goodness, who in fasting, prayer and almsgiving have shown us a remedy for sin, look graciously on this confession of our lowliness, that we, who are bowed down by our conscience, may always be lifted up by your mercy. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

FIRST READING (3:1-8,13-15)

A reading from the book of Exodus.

Moses was looking after the flock of Jethro, his father-in-law, priest of Midian. He led his flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in the shape of a flame of fire, coming from the middle of a bush. Moses looked; there was the bush blazing but it was not being burnt up. 'I must go and look at this strange sight,' Moses said, and see why the bush is not burnt. 'Now the Lord saw him go forward to look and God called to him from the middle of the bush. 'Moses! Moses! he said, 'Here I am' he answered. 'Come no nearer he said. Take off your shoes, for the place on which you stand is holy ground. I am the God of your father,' he said 'the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob. 'At this Moses covered his face, afraid to look at God. And the Lord said, 'I have seen the miserable state of my people in Egypt. I have heard their appeal to be free of their slave-drivers. Yes, I am well aware of their sufferings. I mean to deliver them out of the hands of the Egyptians and bring them up out of that land to a land rich and broad, a land where milk and honey flow. The Moses said to God, 'I am to go, then, to the sons of Israel and say to them, 'The God of your fathers, has sent me to you. 'But if they ask me what his name is, what am I to tell them? And God said to Moses, 'I Am who I Am. This' he added 'is what you must say to the sons of Israel; The Lord, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you. This is my name for all time; by this name I shall be invoked for all generations to come.'

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.
Response:
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.
Response:
3. The Lord does deeds of justice, gives judgment for all who are oppressed, he made known his ways to Moses and his deeds to Israel's sons. **Responses:**

SECOND READING (10:1-6 10-12)

A reading from St Paul's letter to the Corinthians.

I want to remind you, brothers, how our fathers were all guided by a cloud above them and how they all passed through the sea. They were all baptised into Moses in this cloud and in this sea; all ate the same spiritual food and all drank the same spiritual drink, since they all drank from the spiritual rock that followed them as they went, and that rock was Christ. In spite of this, most of them failed to please God and their corpses littered the desert. These things all happened as warning for us, not to have the wicked lusts for forbidden things that they had. You must never complain: some of them did, and they were killed by the Destroyer. All this happened to them as a warning and it was written down to be a lesson for us who are living at the end of the age. The man who thinks he is safe must be careful that he does not fall.

The word of the Lord

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God!
Repent, says the Lord, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand. Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God.

THE GOSPEL (13;1-9)

Priest: *The Lord be with you*

People: **And with your Spirit**

A reading from the Gospel according to Luke.

Some people arrived and told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with that of their sacrifices. At this he said to them, 'Do you suppose these Galileans who suffered like that were greater sinners than any other Galileans? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen on whom the tower at Siloam fell and killed them? Do you suppose that they were more guilty than all the other people living in Jerusalem? They were not, I tell you, No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did.' He told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard and he came looking for fruit on it but found none. He said to the man who looked after the vineyard, 'Look here, for three years now I have been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and finding none. Cut it down; why should it be taking up the ground? Sir, the man replied 'leave it one more year and give me time to dig round it and manure it: it may bear fruit next year; if not, then you can cut it down. ''

Priest: **The Gospel of the Lord**

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Be pleased, O Lord, with these sacrificial offerings, and grant that we who beseech pardon for our own sins, may take care to forgive our neighbour. Through Christ our Lord.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

As we receive the pledge of things yet hidden in heaven and are nourished while still on earth with the Bread that comes from on high, we humbly entreat you, O Lord, that what is being brought about in us in mystery may come to true completion. Through Christ our Lord.