

27th March 2022

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Edenderry

# Link Up



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**Mass Times**  
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**Daily Mass**  
10am

**Saturday**  
7p.m.

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

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## **True Love Never Gives Up**

It doesn't matter how far we've travelled from God, there is always a way back. The parable of the Prodigal Son is great comfort for those of us whose lives are in such a mess that we can see no glimmer of hope. But does that mean that the parable is not relevant for the rest of us? The wonderful thing about the seemingly simple parable that Jesus tells us today, is that it is really two parables rolled into one. Whichever part of the story speaks loudest to us is dependent upon the son with whom we most identify. The story of the wayward son, who squandered his father's money and then returns home for forgiveness, speaks to anyone who has turned away from God but wants to put his or her life on track again. This parable is for anyone who has made bad decisions without much thought of the consequences. Bad decisions take us in the wrong direction and we might only realise it when we finally hit rock bottom. Only then might we admit the truth to ourselves; only then might we confess "I can't carry on like this... something has to give... something must change!" If our sympathies lie with the prodigal son's older brother, then this parable speaks to us from a different point of view. The parable is for all who judge others as unworthy of our respect or companionship. This parable is for all those who lack empathy. Like the older son who resents his brother's welcome home party, we disappoint God when we resent others being given a second chance, or when we are unable to forgive. The one character in the story that is beyond reproach is the father. Like God, the father is loving and compassionate. The father's love enables him to look beyond the transgressions of his younger son. Similarly, the father is patient and understanding towards his self righteous son. The father is ready to forgive even before he is asked to forgive. The father doesn't give up on either son. His love is exemplary. Today we can further our Lenten journey by not putting ourselves above others, by not being judgmental and by allowing others their second chance in life just as we may one day need our second chance.



## **MASS ROTAS**

### **EDENDERRY-WEEKDAY MASS**

#### **READERS**

10am. Mar 28th Mar — Seamus O' Connell

### **EDENDERRY—WEEKEND MASS**

#### **READERS**

7pm. Sat 2nd April – Dave Mulling

10am. Sun 3rd April – Carol Flynn

11:30am. Sun 3rd April - Gerry Raleigh

### **EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

7pm. Sat 2nd April – Amanda Carter, Caroline Murphy, Deirdre Byrne, Bernice Flynn

10am. Sun 3rd April – Patricia Brady, Colette Staunton, Anne Gunning, Mary Hickey

11:30am. Sun 3rd April – Colette Burke, Assumpta Tyrrell, Christy Pentony, Elaine Farrell

### **OFALIA HOUSE 2ND / 3RD APRIL**

Anne Gunning

## Community Notices

**Older people need your support!** ALONE is recruiting volunteers to provide companionship and support through their Telephone Support & Befriending service for older people. ALONE asks that interested volunteers commit to one set shift of 2 hours per week for a minimum of 6 months. Visit [alone.ie/volunteers](http://alone.ie/volunteers) for more information.

**Edenderry Historical Society:** On Monday, April 4th at 8pm Edenderry Historical Society welcomes Danny Slevin who will be speaking on Showbands. The talk will take place in the Parish Centre and all are very welcome to join us. New members are especially encouraged to join, including our society meeting which will be held at 7pm.

### Pilgrimage to Pietrelcina & San Giovanni Rotondo Spiritual Director: Fr John Bowe

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### *Failte*

We welcomed the following into the Christian Community through the Sacrament of Baptism:

*Luka Mary Virbickaitė*



## PARISH LOTTO DRAW

### RESULTS FOR DRAW HELD ON

Wednesday 23rd March 2022

### NUMBERS DRAWN

01

10

17

22

**No Jackpot Winner**

**18 Matched 3's won €56 each**

**1 local Winner**

**Cora & Margaret**

**Next Week's Jackpot €11,000**

*Mothering Sunday is celebrated on the fourth Sunday of Lent.*

Centuries ago it was considered important for people to return to their home or 'mother' church once a year. So each year in the middle of Lent, everyone would visit their 'mother' church - the main church or cathedral of the area. Inevitably the return to the 'mother' church became an occasion for family reunions when children who were working away returned home... a day off to visit their mother and family, usually taking gifts of cake or flowers. Nowadays it's a day to show our mothers that we appreciate and love them. Happy Mothering Sunday.



**OUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR:**

*Billy McCarthy  
Colonel Perry St, Edenderry  
Carmel Killian nee McNamee  
Clonmore Cross, Edenderry*

*May they Rest in Peace.  
Our Sympathy to their families*

## MASSES FOR THE COMING WEEK

**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; Annie, Francis & Sheamie Traynor; Patrick Connell

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

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

**Monday 10am:**

**Tuesday 10am:**

**Wednesday 10am:** Mindaugas Kotkis, **1st Anniversary**, Rimas Draugelis; deceased members of the Vaicesku & Bujausku families; Jim & Maura Fanning

**Thursday 11am:**

**Friday 10am: Mass Card Intentions**

**Saturday 7pm:** Colin McLachlan; Marian & Ger Mooney; Baby Amy Mooney; Marie Brereton

**Sunday 10am:** Lucy O'Brien, **1st Anniversary**; Sean Connolly; Damian McKeon

**Sunday 11:30am:** Kathleen McGrath, **1st Anniversary**; John & Bridget McDonnell; Stephen, Theresa, Michael & Jim Maher; Sean Colgan



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

*Liam Staunton  
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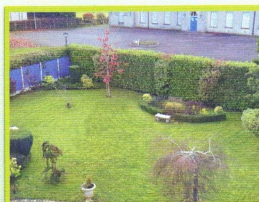
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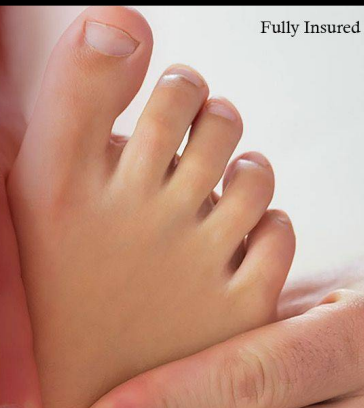
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## Special Collection for Ukraine



**Weekend of 26 -27  
March 2022**



**"In the name of God I ask  
you: stop this massacre!"  
- Pope Francis**

**The proceeds of this Special Collection will be directed to  
Caritas Internationalis which is the helping hand of the  
Church on the ground in Ukraine and surrounding areas.**



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# Edenderry Parish Centre

**Opening Hours: 9:30am to 1pm  
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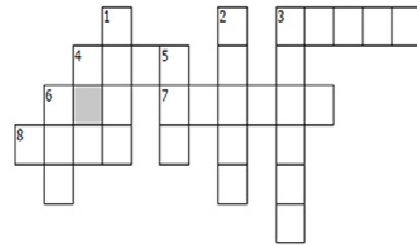
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# Prayer Corner



## ACROSS

3. When something which was lost has been relocated. (I \_\_\_\_ my dog).
4. To not be able to be found. (I \_\_\_\_ my dog.)
7. A large amount of money and other valuable possessions.
8. To touch or press your lips against another person as a greeting or to express love.

## DOWN

1. Your male children.
2. A large special meal to celebrate something or honor someone.
3. A male parent.
5. The number that is equal to one plus one.
6. Farm animals with pink, brown, or black skin, short legs, and a flat nose.

FATHER

SONS

PIG

FEAST

TWO

FOUND

WEALTH

KISS

LOST

## Word Search

Q N S O N S C U C B F E X A S  
R F A Y J U W O E N T E Z L N  
K K A U V R G O U A B U A O Z  
K N Y T F E E D R N H O I S E  
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O S H H I O R K I S S E D S Y  
U F M T F P D Y Z H F O O D K  
I I U H U Z S P E N T L C W U

COUNTRY  
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LOST  
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STARVING  
RING

COMPASSION  
PIGS  
FOOD  
FATHER

FEED  
FEAST  
KISSED  
PROPERTY

ESTATE  
SONS  
HIRED  
STOMACH



**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**

Merciful Father, fill our hearts with your love and keep us faithful to the gospel of Christ. Give us the grace to rise above our human weakness. Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**FIRST READING (5:9:12)**

*A reading from the book of Joshua.*

The Lord said to Joshua, 'Today I have taken the shame of Egypt away from you.' The Israelites pitched their camp at Gilgal and kept the Passover there on the fourteenth day of the month, at evening in the plain of Jericho. On the morrow of the Passover they tasted the produce of that country, unleavened bread and roasted ears of corn, that same day. From that time, from their first eating of the produce of that country, the manna stopped falling. And having manna no longer, the Israelites fed from that year onwards on what the land of Canaan yielded.

*The word of the Lord.*

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**

**Taste and see that the Lord is good. Response:**

1. I will bless the Lord at all times, his praise always on my lips; in the Lord my soul shall make its boast. The humble shall hear and be glad. *Response.*
2. Glorify the Lord with me. Together let us praise his name. I sought the Lord and he answered me; from all my terrors he set me free. *Response.*
3. Look towards him and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed. This poor man called; the Lord heard him and rescued him from all his distress. *Response.*

**SECOND READING (5:17-21)**

*A reading from the prophet Micah.*

*Though I live in darkness, the Lord is my light.*

For my part, I look to the Lord. My hope is in God who will save me. My God will hear me. Do not gloat over me, my enemy: though I have fallen, I shall rise, though I live in darkness the Lord is my light. I must suffer the anger of the Lord, for I have sinned against him. Until he takes up my cause and rights my wrongs, he will bring me out into the light and I shall rejoice to see the rightness of his ways.

*The word of the Lord*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus! I will leave this place and go to my father and say: 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you.' Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus!

**THE GOSPEL (15:1-3. 11-32)**

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

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

*A reading from the Gospel according to Luke.*

The tax collectors and the sinners were all seeking the company of Jesus to hear what he had to say, and the Pharisees and the scribes complained. This

man' they said 'welcomes sinners and eats with them'. So he spoke this parable to them: A man had two sons. The younger said to his father, "Father, let me have the share of the estate that would come to me." So the father divided the property between them. A few days later, the younger son got together everything he had and left for a distant country where he squandered his money on a life of debauchery. When he had spent it all, that country experienced a severe famine, and now he began to feel the pinch, so he hired himself out to one of the local inhabitants who put him on his farm to feed the pigs. And he would willingly have filled his belly with the husks pigs were eating but no one offered him anything. Then he came to his senses and said, 'How many of my fathers paid servants have more food than they want, and here am I dying of hunger! I will leave this place and go to my father and say: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as one of your paid servants.' So he left the place and went back to his father. While he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was moved with pity. He ran to the boy, clasped him in his arms and kissed him tenderly. Then his son said, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son. But the father said to his servants, 'Quick! Bring out the best robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the calf we have been fattening, and kill it; we are going to have a feast, a celebration, because this son of mine was dead and has come back to life; he was lost and is found. And they began to celebrate. Now the elder son was out in the fields, and on his way back, as he drew near the house, he could hear music and dancing. Calling one of the servants he asked what it was all about. "Your brother has come" replied the servant "and your father has killed the calf we had fattened because he has got him back safe and sound". He was angry then and refused to go in, and his father came out to plead with him; but he answered his father, "Look, all these years I have slaved for you and never once disobeyed your orders, yet you never offered me so much as a kid for me to celebrate with my friends. But for this son of yours, when he comes back after swallowing up your property-he and his women-you kill the calf we had been fattening." The father said, "My Son, you are with me always and all I have is yours. But it is only right we should celebrate and rejoice, because your brother here was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found."

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

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

**PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS**

Lord, we offer you these gifts which bring us peace and joy. Increase our reverence by this Eucharist and bring salvation to the world.

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Father, you enlighten all who come into the world. Fill our hearts with the light of your gospel, that our thoughts may please you and our love be sincere. We ask this through Christ our Lord.



*The first and most important step towards success is the feeling that we can succeed*

*Don't forget to Put your Clocks forward by one hour this Saturday night*



Altadore Nursing Home  
Upper Glenageary Road  
Glenageary  
Co Dublin  
March 2022

Dear Friends

Thank you for all your cards and letters sending me good wishes for Christmas and the New Year. They mean a great deal to me and have helped greatly in keeping my spirits up.

Not everyone is aware, I think, that on 29<sup>th</sup> April 2021 last year I suffered a severe stroke while painting the fence in my garden in Edenderry. Fortunately, I managed to call for help and within a short time I was brought by ambulance to Mullingar Hospital and later to Tullamore Hospital where I remained for six weeks before moving to Esker Ri, a nursing home in Clara, Co Offaly.

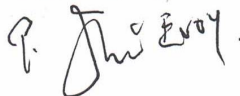
In November 2021, I was admitted to the National Rehabilitation Hospital in Rochestown Avenue, Dun Laoghaire for intensive therapy to maximise my recovery. After three months working with the team there, I have now moved to Altadore Nursing Home in Glenageary, Dublin where I will receive ongoing support and care. This will be my new home.

It has been a challenging journey, but I have received great support from family and friends during these past eleven months. Of course, I miss my parish in Edenderry greatly, but your continuous prayers and good wishes have given me great strength and hope. And I know you will continue to do so.

At Christmas I joined in the Edenderry Christmas mass through webcam from my wheelchair, and I was delighted to see the church, the congregation, altar servers, readers, and all the choirs looking their very best. Bishop Denis celebrated mass with me from my wheelchair in the Rehabilitation Hospital on St Stephen's Day and that was very special.

I will keep you in my prayers, just as I know you will keep me in yours. I wish you and all your family a safe, healthy, and blessed 2022.

Warmest regards

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Fr PJ' with a stylized flourish.

Fr PJ