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Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time





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Turn The Other Cheek

What strange advice! "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. Jesus isn't suggesting we roll over and allow our enemies to walk all over us, nor is he suggesting we turn a blind eye. What he is suggesting is that we always make a stand for justice in the spirit of love and not aggression. The world has never been more ready.

World Day of Prayer Service in the Parish Centre on Friday 3rd March @ 8pm. All welcome to attend

MASS ROTAS

EDENDERRY-WEEKDAY MASS READERS 10am. 20th Feb — Pauline Grennan

EDENDERRY-WEEKEND MASS

READERS 7pm. Sat 25th Feb – Declan Manley 10am. Sun 26th Feb – Sean Fitzgerald 11:30am. Sun 26th Feb - Edel Coyne

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

7pm. Sat 25th Feb – Frances Judge, Amanda Carter, Caroline Murphy, Deirdre Byrne
10am. Sun 26th Feb – Martin Tyrrell, Sheila Cleary, Mary Finnegan, Mary Byrne
11:30am. Sun 26th Feb - Assumpta Tyrrell, Christy Pentony, Elaine Farrell, Colisa Halligan

Ofalia House Martin Tyrrell



MASSES FOR THE COMING WEEK

Saturday 7pm: Eileen & Seamus Hurst; Eddie & Liam Brennan; Henry Rennicks & deceased family members; Bernadette (Bunny) Cummins & deceased members of the O'Neill family; Lucia Cummins

Sunday 10am: Joe & Brigid O' Reilly & deceased family members; Philip Quinlan

Sunday 11:30am: Annie & Charley Flynn, **1st Anniversaries**; Sean (Corky) Keogh, **1st Anniversary**; Benny Flynn; Michael (Major) Connolly, daughter Martina Connolly; Pualine Etogokwe Fonsa

Monday 10am: Nuala Quinn; Liam & Shirley Moran, James & Jane Moran; Paddy & Rita McGonigle; Mass Card Intentions

Tuesday 10am: Eileen English; Keith Flower

Ash Wednesday 10am: Ash Wednesday 7pm:

Thursday 10am: Friday 10am:

Saturday 7pm: Sean (Hooper) Farrell; James (Fluffy) Berry; Fergal Farrell, formerly Drumcooley.

Sunday 10am: Kathleen Keogh, 1st Anniversary; Betty O'Neill, husband Eamon O'Neill, son Peadar O'Neill & six son's interred in Carbury Cemetery Sunday 11:30am: Liam Quinn, Months mind Mass; Ken Collins; Phil O' Callaghan; Ernie Lawless



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

Carmel, Joe & Kathleen Gill & deceased family members



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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 (22nd Feb 2023) 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 for 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.



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.....

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 realise 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

A Special Collection will be held at all Masses this weekend (18th/19th Feb) for the people of Turkey and Syria: to support those affected by the terrible events following the recent devastating earthquake. Thousands of people have been killed or injured and the numbers are still rising. Buildings have been destroyed and the infrastructure devastated. There is an immediate and urgent need for humanitarian aid in this region, the support of your parishioners is greatly appreciated.

Envelopes are available in the Church Porch if you wish to pick one up. Thank you.

Acknowledgement for Edwina Judge - R.I.P Brigid Jodie & family of Edwina Judge wish to thank everyone who attended the removal Mass, Rosaries, Funeral, and those who sent flowers. A special word of thanks to Fr. Liam, Patrick Larkin and staff, and everyone who helped in anyway. The Holy Sacrifice of Mass will be offered for your intentions.

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday 22nd Feb. Mass at 10am and 7pm... Ashes will be distributed at both Masses. TROCAIRE BOXES CAN BE COLLECTED FROM THE CHURCH PORCHES THIS WEEKEND.