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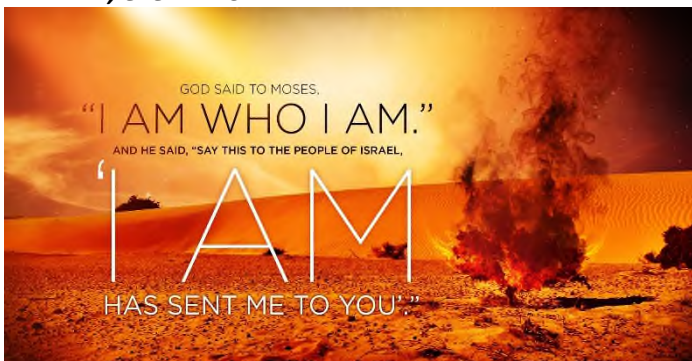
THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT



“How do we not judge, not condemn, and forgive? ‘Give and it will be given to you’: be generous in giving. Not only material alms, but spiritual alms too: spend time with someone in need, visit someone who is sick, offer a smile.”

Pope Francis @Pontifex

“THE LORD IS COMPASSION AND LOVE”: The responsorial psalm captures well the theme of Lent and the readings for this Sunday – **God is MERCY, ever PATIENT, ever PRESENT.**



The reading from Exodus, takes us to the encounter of Moses with the burning bush, an encounter with God. The encounter affirms two realities of God for us: firstly, God sees the needs of his people; secondly, God is personally involved in His Creation – **“I AM WHO AM”**. This is a personal name reflecting the continuing action of God in our human existence; an action that has no limit. Recall your encounters with God, your “burning bush” experiences. Like Moses listen to what God is asking of you...

❖ *What does God want you to be for Him?*

Jesus, using a story (parable), tells us about a gardener pleading with the landowner to give one more year for a fruitless fig tree to bear some fruit. What is Jesus trying to teach us with this story? Just as the gardener is willing to look after the tree very carefully so that it didn't need to be destroyed, so too God gives us the chance to try again to bear fruit, fruit of love and kindness.

Lent is our time to let Jesus be the gardener who prepares us to bear lasting fruit. Cultivation requires care and attention – and often pruning. Pruning in our lives is usually a painful experience, but out of it comes healthy, strong growth.

❖ *How fruitful has your life been?*

❖ *Are there areas of your life which are yet to bear fruit?*

LENT WEEK 3: “OUR BAPTISM”

Imagine that each of our lives as Christians is like a book. The title could be; *‘My Life – the Story of my Baptism’*. My Baptism is not just something that happened in chapter one. It is the theme running through every chapter. Each chapter is about what happens on our Baptism journey; the discoveries, the wrong paths, the new turns.

The final chapters have yet to be written. But sometimes we get this wrong. We think, because of some failure, some wrong path, that ‘that is it’, that’s all there is to me. This is where the Gospel comes in. Jesus believes in second chances – more time, new chapters. He believes that something new is possible.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation has been called the **Baptism of tears**. Originally, we were baptised with water. Our lives are never perfect. But there is always a future, another chapter. The ‘tears’ are our sorrow and our wanting to move on, to be a better ‘me’. In those tears, the waters of Baptism pour over us again, the Holy Spirit washes over us again – and a new chapter has begun.

DURING LENT, Come join us...

MONDAY:	9.45am	Morning Prayer of the Church
	10am	Mass
TUESDAY:	9.45am	Morning Prayer of the Church
	10am	Mass followed by
		Mother’s Prayer Group (20mins)
WEDNESDAY:	10am	Mass (with Communion and Confirmation Club children)
	5.30pm	Adoration of Blessed Sacrament with Evening Prayer at 6pm
THURSDAY:	9.45am	Morning Prayer of the Church
	10am	Mass
FRIDAY:	9.45am	Morning Prayer of the Church
	10am	Mass followed by
		The Way of the Cross (15mins)



Taking three STATIONS OF THE CROSS each Friday,

following the 10am Mass, we reflect for 10-15 minutes on the journey of Jesus in the context of our lived experience. Starting 22nd March. Other dates are March 29th, April 5th and 12th.

COMMUNION CLUBS: 2.25pm – 3.30pm in NLC.

Tues. 26 th MARCH	Thurs. 28 th MARCH	Tues. 2 nd APRIL	Thurs. 4 th APRIL
Room 13	Room 14	Room 15	Room 16

Communion Preparation Mass is on Sunday, 7th April @ 11.30am. All the children are encouraged to attend.

COMMUNITY PASSION PLAY:

Sr Lumay has climbed into the church attic and dusted down the soldier's outfits, swords and crown of thorns, and has ironed her collection of colourful saris for a new presentation of the Passion and Death of Our Lord. The Passion Play will take place this year in the Church of Our Lady Immaculate on Tuesday 9th April @ 1.30pm.



BAPTISM PREPARATION MEETING: Wednesday, 3rd April @ 7pm in Newlife Centre. Please collect a Baptism Registration Form in NLC.

CONGRATULATIONS to Lynn Hand & Paul Smith, married in St Canice's Church, Finglas last Saturday.

MINISTRY ROTA:			
23 rd /24 th March	7pm	9.30am	11.30am
WORD	Colm	Jean	Hilda + Jovie
COMMUNION	Hilda	Nancy	Lil, George
30 th /31 st March	7pm	9.30am	11.30am
WORD	Hilda	Lisa	Jovie + Peggy
COMMUNION	Willie	Renee	Lorraine, Sr Lumay

OBLATE PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES: 14th - 19th September 2019. Staying in HOTEL SOLITUDE 4* is €779 (sharing) - *Single room supplement is €180.* See the Centre Manager, Joan, for further details and bookings.

PARISH INCOME Last Weekend
Planned Family Giving Envelopes: €157.68
COMMON Fund: €135.66 ACCORD Collection: €106.64
Thank You for your generosity and support.

PARISH LOTTO: TUES. 19th March
Draw: €356 Numbers: 6, 16, 18 **NO Winner**
Next Draw on Tuesday, 26th March. Est. prize €650
The Draw takes place in the Community Sports Hall - 8.30pm Tuesday Bingo. *Lotto Envelopes* in church, NLC and Sports Hall.

PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING: Monday, 25th March @ 7pm in the Priest's House.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING: Wednesday, 10th April @ 7.30pm in the Newlife Centre.

DAILY LENTEN PRAYER

Today Lord, I choose life, I choose your love and the challenge to live it and share it, I choose hope, even in moments of darkness, I choose faith, accepting you as Lord and God, I choose to let go of some part of my burdens, day by day handing them over to you, I choose to take hold of your strength and power ever more deeply in my life. May this truly be for me a time of new life, of change, challenge and growth. May I come to Easter with a heart open to dying with you and rising to your new life, day by day. Amen.



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Tea/Coffee, scones & sandwiches served in our Coffee Dock 9.30am – 12.30pm. Donations are most welcome.

THANKS TO ALL WHO SUPPORTED Theresa Wall's **SPONSORED SILENCE** to raise funds for afterschool club play equipment. **Over €740** was raised. The Centre thanks Teresa for the great effort she made.

AGM for members of the *Darndale Belcamp Newlife Centre CLG* is on **Wednesday, 10th April @ 7.30pm**

Ladies Club	Tuesdays, 7pm – 8.30pm
NA	Tuesdays, 7pm – 8.30pm
Knitting & Chat	Wednesdays, 10.30am – 12
Active Age	Wednesdays, 2pm – 4pm
Knitting Class	Wednesday, 7pm – 8pm
AA	Wednesdays, 7pm – 8.30pm
Flower Arranging	Thursdays, 10.30am – 12

PARISH MISSION TEAM

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Church & Centre Safeguarding Reps: Joan McDonald, Anne Kinsella & Hilda McLoughlin 01 8474547	



TUESDAYS & THURSDAY @ 8.30pm

Darndale Sports Hall. Lots of Cash Prizes.

Doors open at 8pm. Last game ends at 10pm.