



Our Lady Immaculate Church
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Clustered with **Bonnybrook** and **Priorswood** Parishes

31st March – 6th April 2019

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT



If we do not listen to the voice of the Lord, our hearts become like soil without water. That is why the Lord says: "Harden not your hearts".

"WELCOME BACK": In Sunday's Gospel of the parable of the *"Prodigal Son"*, Jesus teaches us three important learnings about ourselves and about God:

About ourselves:

1. We fail, and we fail often and at times we fail in ways that to others would seem unforgivable.
2. We can sometimes feel that we are better than others, or that we deserve more than others because of our faithfulness.
3. We should not be afraid to admit our failures, our miserable mistakes, our disastrous choices.

About God:

1. God gives us the freedom to choose and act. He never seeks to curtail or remove freedom from us.
2. God never gives up on us. God is always out looking for us... waiting for us...
3. God's forgiveness is lavish, unfathomable, unconditional.

The Fourth Sunday of Lent, **LAETARE SUNDAY** has traditionally been viewed as a day of celebration midway through the season of Lent. *Laetare* means *Rejoice*. We have good reason to rejoice in the Lord. We rejoice because our God is slow to anger and rich in mercy.

MOTHER'S DAY this Sunday! *May every mother have a happy and joy filled day.* A PRAYER:

Today, loving God, we pray for mothers and for all women who nurture love and life. We pray for those who are with us and those who have died. They cared for us when we were helpless, comforted us when we were hurt. May we never take their love and care for granted. Amen.

Happy
Mother's
Day



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: April 5th and 12th.

LENT WEEK 4: "OUR BAPTISM"

In this Sunday's reading Paul says that, for anyone in Christ, 'there is a new creation; the old creation is gone and now the new one is here'. This has strong echoes with the prayer at Baptism when the newly baptised is clothed with the white shawl; 'you are a new creation clothed in Christ – see in this white garment the outward sign of your Christian dignity'. Our baptism shawls have long ago been put away. But what about the truth about each of us that our white garments represent? Our sense of our Christian dignity cannot be put away or forgotten. We need to carry that sense of ourselves each day.

This is deeper than any self-doubt we may have, any belittling of ourselves, any insecurity. Deeper than any of that is God's gaze of pure, unconditional love. That gaze tells us who we are, bestows dignity. We can stand tall, confident, as we welcome that gaze into our hearts. *"The old creation has gone and now the new one is here."*



Carl Lanigan from Darndale will be joining the missionary expedition to Zimbabwe in July. It is designed to help young people to give their time and share their talents with children in a *Children's Centre* in the south of Zimbabwe where the Oblates are working.

BAKE SALE on this weekend to raise some funds for the missionary experience. Please support this worthy cause and a wonderful life enhancing experience for Carl. Thanks to all who gave donations of baked goods.



ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:

Wednesdays of Lent starting at 5.30pm, concluding with the Evening Prayer the Church at 6pm.



PASSION PLAY

A meditation on the Way of the Cross through drama, words and songs. The Passion Play will take place in the **Church of Our Lady Immaculate** on **Tuesday 9th April @ 1pm**. Sr Lumay has recruited the adults and children from the parish and beyond. All are welcome! *“Christ is still wounded and disfigured in our church and society.”*



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

MINISTRY ROTA:			
30th/31st March	7pm	9.30am	11.30am
WORD	Hilda	Lisa	Jovie + Peggy
COMMUNION	Willie	Renee	Lorraine, Sr Lumay
6th/7th April	7pm	9.30am	11.30am
WORD	Aaron	Noel	Peggy + Maybel
COMMUNION	Hilda	Jeanette	Lil, George

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

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: €204.62
 COMMON Fund: €127 ACCORD Collection: €126
Thank You for your generosity and support.

PARISH LOTTO: TUES. 26th March
 Draw: €712 Numbers: **7, 8, 24** **NO Winner**
Next Draw on Tuesday, 2nd April. Est. prize €950
 The Draw takes place in the Community Sports Hall - 8.30pm
 Tuesday Bingo. *Lotto Envelopes* in church, NLC and Sports Hall.

COMMUNION CLUBS: 2.25pm – 3.30pm in NLC.

Tues. 2nd APRIL	Thurs. 4th APRIL
Room 15	Room 16

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

FIRST FRIDAY OF VISIT TO SICK AND HOUSEBOUND: On First Fridays, Eucharistic Minister and the parish team make their monthly visit to the sick and housebound who receive the Blessed Sacrament at home. If you are aware of any housebound parishioners who would like to receive the sacraments, please contact the Parish Office, 01 8474547.



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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**. Final count totaled €830.

HEALTHY FOOD MADE EASY: Fun six-week nutrition and cookery course (with certificate upon completion). Registration Fee €10.

Mondays, 13th May – 17th June, 10am – 12.30pm, in the Newlife Centre. Course offered through Northside Partnership and HSE. Contact NLC reception or Linda on 01 8320995. All ages and abilities.

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

PARISH SAFEGUARDING AUDIT: Joan and Hilda (our Parish Safeguarding Representatives) together with Lorraine (Parish Secretary) and Fr Leo, undertook a Safeguarding self-evaluation Audit during the week. There is a need to ensure that all who are engaged in a ministry in the church are all Garda Vetted and have done some Child Protection Training. Garda vetting and training must be renewed every three years. Fr Leo and Lorraine will contact those who need to update their vetting/training.

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.

DARNDALE BOXING CLUB: Hard luck to Aaron Ward who was beaten on points in the County Dublin Championship on Monday night. He gave his all and lost out in a very close contest. Well done Aaron! Also good luck to John Collins who will fight on Wednesday night.