

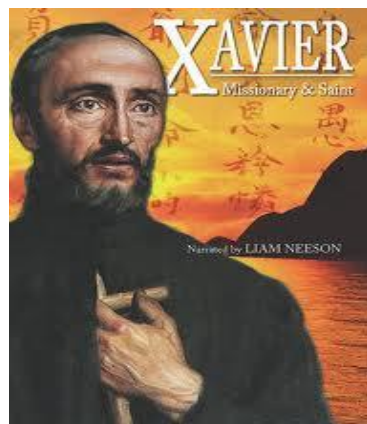
First Sunday of Lent
5th March 2017
The Joy of Love



You are invited to read and share on the Pope's letter **The Joy of Love** each Friday after the 10am Mass in the Oratory during the season of **Lent** This will help us to prepare for the meeting of Families next year which Pope Francis wishes to attend.



This year we welcome Jeff and Grace into our parish through baptism at the Easter vigil. They both have been preparing each week studying the Christian faith. This Sunday the first Sunday of Lent they both will be presented to the Archbishop at the Rite of Election in the Pro Cathedral. We ask that you keep them in your prayers and that the Lord will help them on their journey of Faith.



The Novena of Grace in honour of St. Francis Xavier begins this weekend. Fr. Martin Henry of St. Nathy's College, Ballaghaderreen will open the Novena. Fr. Martin will also preach at all Masses in St. Finian's next weekend (11th and 12th). The Novena prayers will be prayed at the weekday Masses in St. Finian's and at all Masses in the Airport between 4th and 12th March. We ask St. Francis Xavier to pray for us and for all our family members during these days of grace.



The African Community will be praying the stations of the cross at 7.30pm every Friday during Lent.

25th Feb/26th Feb
For the running of our parish

Envelope Collection: **€635**
Standing Orders: **€370**

The above are the **ONLY** collections that stay in the parish to support the running costs of our parish. Please consider contributing if you don't already do so.

Please contact Stephanie in the parish office for details.

Collections for outside the parish

Common Fund: €600
(First collection)

Share €465
(Second collection)

FaithFest 10: The FaithFest team, with the support of the Office for Evangelisation and Ecumenism, will host the tenth FaithFest event in Clonliffe College. FaithFest is a faith inspired event for young people of secondary school age. Upwards of 80 teenagers take part in each event from parishes around the Diocese. Teenagers take part in dynamic programmes, which support their faith and create opportunities for them to meet other young people. On Friday 10th of March from 6.00-9.30pm we are inviting all parishes to send a group of young people to FaithFest. Each young person is asked to bring €2, walking shoes, a warm jacket or coat and a signed consent form. Parishes are asked to contribute €5 per person to defray some of the costs involved. Registration: faithfest@dublindiocese.ie



Mon 6th
Áine Moloney (RD)
Katherine Ryan (RD)
Tues 7th
Kay Kennedy (RD)
Wed 8th
Kathleen O' Shea (RD)
Thurs 9th
Kathleen Heffernan (RIP)
Colin Mc Gill (AN)
Friday 10th
Health Intention
Saturday 11th
11am David Fitzgerald (AN)
Special Intention
Thanksgiving
Vigil
6.30pm
Tommy Blackwell (14th AN)
Sunday 12th
10am Mrs Cullen (RD)
11.30am Tom & Joe Reynolds (AN)
James Dillion Kelly (MM)

A Week of Guided Prayer

There will be a week of guided prayer in our parish from March 26th to April 1st. This is a great opportunity in helping us to find God in our everyday life. The guides will be available in

St Colmcille's 10m – 12.30pm.

St Finian's 2.30pm -4.30pm

St Cronan's 6.30pm- 8.30pm.

The week will begin in St Cronan's on the 26th March and finish in St Finian's on the 1st April.

For more information contact Steph in the parish office **01 8409043.**