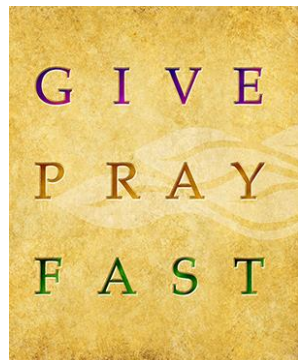


First Sunday of Lent 1st March 2020



Lent calls us to God-centeredness. Jesus hanging there on the cross is a sign not only of forgiveness of sin, but of atonement for sin. Jesus Christ teaches us the value of prayer and fasting in order to gain self-control and self-discipline. Let the words of the prophet Joel guide your spiritual journey during Lent: "Return to me with all your heart, with fasting and weeping and mourning for your sins. Rend your hearts, and not your garments, says the Lord God Almighty." (Joel 2. 12:2) The prophet Micah sums up what God requires of us: The Lord has told us what is good and what He requires, namely, to do what is just; to love tenderly; and to walk humbly with your God." (Mic. 6:8)

THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who supported our Lenten Campaign last weekend for the people of Rumbek. €1450 was collected. A box will be left out every day and you can donate what you can over

the next seven weeks of Lent. You can also donate online at loretorumbek.ie.



Our Lenten campaign in the parish for 2020 has as its focus: The People of Rumbek in South Sudan where Loreto Sr Orla Treacy is working. All donations will be sent directly to Sr Orla which will eliminate administration fees. All Donations welcome in our Rumbek Box at the church or online at loretorumbek.ie

Adoration 9am Every Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday morning followed by 10am Mass.

Reflection and prayer on the Gospel of the following Sunday. Every Thursday Morning in Lent beginning 27th February in the Oratory after 10am Mass until 11.15am: Reflection and prayer on the Gospel of the following Sunday.

Bible Studies Every Friday Morning from 10.30am to 12pm

Stations of the Cross Every Friday Evening at 7.30pm

Women's World Day of Prayer 2020 Zimbabwe
"Rise- Take your Mat and Walk"
Service takes place:
Date: Friday March 6th
Time: 7.30pm
Venue: St Finian's Church River Valley
All Welcome!



Baptisms will take place on the following Sundays at 12.30pm
March 8th and March 22nd
April 12th / April 26th

22nd Feb / 23rd Feb
For the running of our parish
Family Offering **€855**
Standing Orders: **€370**
Upkeep Envelopes **€310**

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: **€585**
(First collection)

Share **€435**
(second Collection)

THANK YOU!

QUIZ NIGHT

Thank you to everyone who came and supported our parish Quiz on Friday 21st February and to everyone who helped out on the night especially our young people from Localise. €1,220 was raised.



Mon 2nd
Hubert & Annie Donohue (RIP)
Kathleen & Tommy Donohue (RIP)
Tues 3rd
Tom Cassidy (AN)
Pranciska Vanda Jutelienė (1st AN)
Wed 4th
Joseph Manley (RIP)
Thurs 5th
Julia Gallagher (RD)
Fri 6th
First Friday
Saturday 7th
11am People of the Parish
Vigil 6.30pm
Séamus Dillon (AN)
Tommy & Annie Blackwell (AN)
Sunday 8th
10am Bridget & Eamon Condon (AN)
11.30am Seamus Eighan (AN)
Frances Eighan (AN)

Novena of Grace



Novena of Grace to St Francis Xavier begins next Wednesday March 4th to Thursday March 12th. The Novena prayers will be prayed at all Masses in St. Finian's and in Our Lady Queen of Heaven church. We ask St. Francis Xavier to pray for us and for all our family members during these days of grace.