

# Church of the Assumption

Howth, Co. Dublin

**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2025**

**Third Sunday in Lent (12/25)**

## MASS TIMES

Sunday

Vigil Saturday 5.30pm

Sunday 8.30am, 11.30am

Mon Tues Weds Fri Sat at  
10.00am

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## **First Reconciliation 2025**

The parish are delighted to welcome the girls and boys from 2<sup>nd</sup> class in Scoil Mhuire to receive the sacrament of Reconciliation on Wednesday evening, 26<sup>th</sup> March.

The Howth Conference of the  
**Saint Vincent de Paul Society**  
will hold their monthly collection  
next weekend  
after all the Masses

## **PARISH OFFICE HOURS**

Opening hours  
9.30am to 1.00 pm Monday,  
Tuesday Wednesday and Friday.

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## MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS 23<sup>rd</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup> March 2025

<b>Sun 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	Third Sunday of Lent
Vigil ( <b>5.30pm Sat 22<sup>nd</sup> March</b> ) Stella Ypil (Recently Deceased and Dorothy Hennessy (Month's Mind)	
8.30am	A Special Intention
11.30am	Tommy Farrell (10 <sup>th</sup> Anv) also Peter Fagan & Raymond Fagan
<b>Mon 24<sup>th</sup></b>	<i>St Macartan</i>
10.00am	Tom Gaynor (21 <sup>st</sup> Anv) also Harry & Ann Gaynor, Willie & Eleanor Kelly
<b>Tues 25<sup>th</sup></b>	<i>The Annunciation of the Lord</i>
10.00am	Nicky Maguire (4 <sup>th</sup> )
<b>Weds 26<sup>th</sup></b>	
10.00am	Paddy, Ria and Anthony Rowland (Anvs)
<b>Thurs 27<sup>th</sup></b>	
10.00am	Celebration of the Word with Communion
<b>Fri 28<sup>th</sup></b>	
10.00am	The Bennett & Roche Families (Deceased)
<b>Sat 29<sup>th</sup></b>	
10.00am	Terry Lawless (36 <sup>th</sup> Anv)
<b>Sun 30<sup>th</sup></b>	Fourth Sunday of Lent
Vigil ( <b>5.30pm Sat 29<sup>th</sup> March</b> ) Brian Fagan and Lorna Fagan Oloffson	
8.30am	Jackie Redmond (Recently Deceased)
11.30am	Denis Quinn (16 <sup>th</sup> Anv)

## CHURCH READERS *The following are listed to read*

### WEEKEND MASSES

**Sat. 22<sup>nd</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup> March :**

Saturday 5.30pm : A. Ffrench

Sunday 8.30am: A. Burke

Sunday 11.30am: D. Gilroy

### WEEKDAY MASSES

**10.00am Masses 24<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup> March**

Monday: B. Milton

Tuesday: M. Connaughton

Wednesday: T. Barry

Friday: K. Nolan

Saturday: G. Reidy

### WEEKEND MASSES

**Sat. 29<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup> March :**

Saturday 5.30pm : N. Vaughan

Sunday 8.30am: A. O'Halloran

Sunday 11.30am: B. Morgan

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS, DURING LENT

**Every Wednesday morning after the 10am Mass, the Stations of the Cross will be led by a parishioner in the church.**

**All welcome**

## **HOWTH PENINSULA HERITAGE SOCIETY**

A TALK in St. Mary's Church of Ireland, (beside Howth Castle main entrance) 8pm Tuesday. 25<sup>th</sup> March 2025

**Learning Together** The Speaker is Linda Ervine who will speak about *Turas* - the wonderful Irish language project and school in East Belfast. Linda founded this project, determined to *"connect people from Protestant communities to their history with the Irish language."*

Admission for non members is €5. All are welcome.

## **BETHANY BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT**

Bethany Bereavement Support Group is a voluntary community service. Our objective is to support the bereaved through the grieving process and our services are totally free of charge and confidential within the law. The name Bethany is derived from the story of Jesus' friends Martha and Mary who lived in a village called Bethany and grieved over the death of their brother Lazarus. Visit <https://bethany.ie/>

## **CHRISTIAN MEDITATION**

Christian Meditation continues on Tuesday evenings in the church from 7.15pm to 8.00pm. New members are welcome. No previous experience of meditation is necessary. Call Barbara in the Parish Office Tel. 01-839 7398 for more information.

## **BRACKEN HILL NURSERY SCHOOL**

NOW ENROLLING for September 2025 - Bracken Hill Nursery School with ECCE and NCS places available. Monday to Friday 9.00am to 12.30pm. For more information contact Gwen on 086-810 0173 or email [info@brackenhillnursery.ie](mailto:info@brackenhillnursery.ie) Bracken Hill is located right beside Binn Eadair GAA Club, Balkill Road, Howth.



## ***Adoration prayer on the Sundays of Lent here in our Church.***



***Come and be present with Our Lord in quiet Adoration, Prayer and Benediction from 3pm to 4.20pm on the Sundays of Lent.***

***So many need our prayers: ourselves, our friends and loved ones, our sick and troubled, our community, our Country, our Church; those beset by war, poverty, hunger, climate change, enforced migration; et al.***

***So much too in our lives for which we owe thanks to God.***

### **Jubilee Year of Hope 2025**

#### **A WORLD FULL OF HOPE AND KINDNESS**

Everyone knows what it is to hope. In the heart of each person, hope dwells as the desire and expectation of good things to come, despite our not knowing what the future may bring.

*Pope Francis*

### **FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS**

This year is the centenary year of the request of Our Lady of Fatima given to the Venerable Sister Lucia on the 10<sup>th</sup> December 1925 for special devotions on the First Saturdays of each month. To facilitate this request, a small group of parishioners assemble after the 10.00am Mass on the first Saturdays for thirty minutes of Prayers which include the Rosary and Meditations on the Rosary. All are welcome to participate. The next one will be on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> April in the church.

## Seeing Life through the Lens of the Gospel

### Second Sunday of Lent

23rd March 2025

**God's mercy is unfathomable to humankind. We have no markers, no boundaries for understanding the greatness of his love for us, the lengths he goes to forgive us. He even makes excuses for our sins as he did from the cross. "Forgive them, Lord, for they know not what they do,"**

**The parable that Jesus spoke at the end of today's Gospel is a window into the love that Jesus has for us. Jesus does not like to punish in the way that humans often like to punish. Our need to punish others is a gut reaction from deep within us, and we find it very difficult to play down this need. It is often much harder to forgive than to condemn. And the need to condemn spreads like wildfire through humanity, catching from one person, one nation, one culture to the next.**

**Jesus' was a different way, a way that requires more discipline, more Love for a neighbour, more empathy. Jesus was bursting with embassy of love and he still gives us unfathomable mercies now, through the Sacraments, through prayer, through our meeting him in our fellow humans. After all: 'Whatsoever you do to the least of my sisters and brothers, you do unto me.'**

**If we were the tree at the close of to-days Gospel, then what would the owner of the vineyard say of us? May we use this Lenten season to become worthy trees in the vineyard of the Lord, to bear worthy fruit, and to praise with our very existence the beauty of all creation.**

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