

Church of the Assumption

Howth, Co. Dublin

Sunday 30th March 2025

Fourth Sunday in Lent (Laetare Sunday) (13/25)

MASS TIMES

Sunday

Vigil Saturday 5.30pm

Sunday 8.30am, 11.30am

Mon Tues Weds Fri Sat at
10.00am

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

FAMILY MASS NEXT SUNDAY

Our monthly Family Mass takes
place next Sunday, 6th April at
11.30am. Everyone is welcome to
join this special celebration and
join us afterwards for refresh-
ments in St. Columbanus Hall.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

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**MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS 30th March - 6th April
2025**

Sun 30th Fourth Sunday of Lent

Vigil (**5.30pm Sat 29th March**) Brian Fagan and
Lorna Fagan Oloffson

8.30am Jackie Redmond (Recently Deceased)

11.30am Denis Quinn (16th Anv)

Mon 31st

10.00am McAleese (Recently Deceased)

Tues 1st April *St Ceallach (Celsus)*

10.00am Eileen and Des Dooley & Noel Martin

Weds 2nd *St Francis of Paola*

10.00am Chris Garry (5th Anv)

Thurs 3rd

10.00am Celebration of the Word with Communion

Fri 4th *St Isidore*

10.00am Altar List of the Dead, also Betty Sewell (2nd
Anv) and Neil Ackroyd (Birthday Remembrance)

Sat 5th *St Vincent Ferrer*

10.00am Margaret and Denis Burke

Sun 6th Fifth Sunday of Lent

Vigil (**5.30pm Sat 5th April**) Catherine O' Sullivan

8.30am A Special Intention

11.30am Pat Carey (Month's Mind)

CHURCH READERS

The following are listed to read

WEEKEND MASSES

Sat. 29th - 30th March :

Saturday 5.30pm : N. Vaughan

Sunday 8.30am: A. O'Halloran

Sunday 11.30am: B. Morgan

WEEKDAY MASSES

**10.00am Masses 31st March - 5th
April**

Monday: A. Solan

Tuesday: M. Connaughton

Wednesday:

Friday: K. Nolan

Saturday: J. Towers

WEEKEND MASSES

Sat. 5th - 6th April :

Saturday 5.30pm : B. Farrell

Sunday 8.30am: A. Burke

Sunday 11.30am: Family Mass Team

SPRING SHOW AND PLANT SALE

Howth and Sutton Horticultural Society Spring Show and Plant Sale
Saturday 26th April 2025 2:30pm to 4:30pm in St. Nessian's Community
School, Baldoyle, Dublin, D13 F6N3. Exhibits, plant sale, book stall, garden
tools jumble sale, refreshments and raffle. Admission €3. New exhibitors
welcome. See www.hshs.ie for more information.

Our Parishes Go Viral on Social Media for St. Patrick's Day

Did you know that our parishes recently had our first viral posts? We gained widespread attention with videos of our St. Patrick's Day celebrations in Howth and Sutton, garnering thousands of views! The Irish music from Howth and Fr. Paul's heartfelt Mass in Sutton captured our community's spirit. Visit our X account to watch these inspiring videos and stay connected with our parish updates. Follow us at @HowthParish or scan the QR code to join the journey.



We prayerfully remember those who died recently

PAT CAREY, DOROTHY HENNESSY, RITA BARRETT, MAEVE Mc GRATH,
GERRY Mc LOUGHLIN, BRENDAN NOONAN, SHEILA TANHAM AND DERMOT
BRIODY.

May they rest in peace

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

FAMILY CARERS IRELAND

Are you caring for a loved one at home with additional needs? A spouse, partner, child, close relative or neighbour? Then you are a family carer! Become a member of Family Carers Ireland, the national charity supporting Ireland's 500,000+ family carers nationwide. Contact 057 9370221 and hear how we can support you or for more info visit www.familycarers.ie



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

Kindness is not a diplomatic strategy, but instead represents a form of love that opens hearts to acceptance and helps us all to become more humble.

Pope Francis

Quoting from the autobiography of British author GK Chesterton, the pope shares his invitation to "take the elements of life with gratitude and not for granted".

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 10th 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 5th April in the church.

Seeing Life through the Lens of the Gospel

Fourth Sunday of Lent (Laetare Sunday)

30th March 2025 * Mother's Day

The two clear lessons from today's Gospel are:

- 1. I can be absolutely sure of God's mercy and forgiveness, provided I turn back to him in true sorrow.**
- 2. I need to have the same attitude of compassion with people who offend me. I must be ready to forgive and be reconciled. I cannot refuse to love someone that God loves.**

There are three people in this story and we can identify with all of them:

The son who went far from his Father and followed his own way into the most degrading behaviour.

The son who thought he was good and observant, but deep down, did not have the mind of his Father at all. He kept the commandments and all the rules but did not have a forgiving heart.

The Father whose love never changes no matter what his children do and is ready to accept them back every time without exception.

Which of these three most represents me? Which one would I want to be like?. Many say they identify most with the elder son, which of course is the point of the story. They who are the real sinners are those who shut their hearts against God's compassionate love.

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