

Church of the Assumption

Howth, Co. Dublin

Sunday 9th March 2025

First Sunday in Lent (10/25)

MASS TIMES

Sunday

Vigil Saturday 5.30pm

Sunday 8.30am, 11.30am

**Mon Tues Weds Fri Sat at
10.00am**

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GET WELL WISHES TO POPE FRANCIS

Pope Francis remains in a stable condition and received the Eucharist and ashes on Ash Wednesday. We continue to remember him in our prayers. The Holy Father is aware of and grateful for all the prayers and well-wishes from around the world.

Altar flowers

Thanks to Mary McKenna for the altar flowers for February. In keeping with Lenten traditions there will be no altar flowers during Lent.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Opening hours

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

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MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS 9th - 16th March 2025

Sun 9th	First Sunday of Lent
Vigil (5.30pm Sat 8th March)	Kieran Healy (Anv) also Michael, Kathleen & Felicity Healy
8.30am	Ray Shannon (Recently Deceased)
11.30am	A Special Intention
Mon 10th	
10.00am	Eithne Barry (4 th Anv)
Tues 11th	<i>St Aengus</i>
10.00am	Gerry Murphy (1 st Anv)
Weds 12th	
10.00am	Kathleen Hudson (Anv) also John McCann, Noel O'Mahony, Geraldine Hudson & Mary Elizabeth McCann
Thurs 13th	
10.00am	Celebration of the Word with Communion
Fri 14th	
10.00am	Brendan & Nancy Towers
Sat 15th	
10.00am	Martin & Stattie Fox, Sheila & Noel Fox
Sun 16th	Second Sunday of Lent
Vigil (5.30pm Sat 15th March)	Noeleen Mc Morrow (2 nd Anv)
8.30am	Suzanne Mc Cann (Recently Deceased)
11.30am	Patricia Henry (3 rd Anv & 100 th Birthday Remembrance)

CHURCH READERS *The following are listed to read*

WEEKEND MASSES

Sat. 8th - 9th March :

Saturday 5.30pm : N. Vaughan

Sunday 8.30am: A. O'Halloran

Sunday 11.30am: Family Mass Team

WEEKDAY MASSES

10.00am Masses 10th - 15th March

Monday: A. Solan

Tuesday: M. Connaughton

Wednesday: T. Barry

Friday: K. Nolan

Saturday: G. Reidy

WEEKEND MASSES

Sat. 15th - 16th March :

Saturday 5.30pm : B. Farrell

Sunday 8.30am: U. Kane

Sunday 11.30am: D. Gilroy

Jubilee Year of Hope 2025

A WORLD FULL OF HOPE AND KINDNESS

Hope and Kindness touch the very heart of the Gospel and show us the path to follow in our behaviour. A world full of Hope and kindness is a more beautiful world.

Pope Francis

JUBILEE YEAR OF HOPE

On this, the First Sunday of Lent, we are introducing the **Jubilee Year of Hope** in our parish, we are also highlighting the 10th Anniversary of the publication of **Laudato Sí** and the **Trócaire Lenten project**.



Jubilee Year of Hope 2025

Pope Francis declared that 2025 is to be a **Jubilee year of Hope**.

In this year Pope Francis is inviting each of us, to be **Pilgrims of Hope** in the world. In a world that is severely challenged by war, climate change, food poverty and migration on so many fronts, he invites us to remain anchored, to remain rooted, in the hope given us by Christ.

Laudato Sí: Care for our Common Home

Coinciding with the Jubilee year of Hope we also celebrate the 10th anniversary of the publication of **Laudato Si**, the Pope's "Letter" on Care for our Common home. There is a growing Laudato Si movement across the global church.

Trócaire

This year the Trócaire campaign and boxes feature a family in Guatamala who are being pushed further into poverty by climate change. You are invited to take a Trócaire box.

We are all invited to be pilgrims of Hope in our daily lives, renewing our commitment to Faith, Love and Service. Let us journey together in prayer and action, united by the hope we find in Christ

RECENT BAPTISMS

The Parish Community warmly welcomes

Cillian McGinley, Tadhg Byrne, Cillian Byrne, Isabella Kennedy and
Alannah Kennedy

who were baptised recently in our Church.

Congratulations and every joy to their proud Parents,
Grandparents, God Parents and extended family.



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.

POPE FRANCIS AND CHURCH REFORM

A church historian has said that Pope Francis is the Instigator of the most far reaching effort at Church reform since the 4th century. The Pope is countering what he has identified as the '**CANCER**' of '**Clericalism**' / '**Institutionalism**' in the Church.

QUESTIONS: 1. What did Pope Francis mean?

2. Why and how did this '**Cancer**' take hold?

3. Why is the Pope confident that the process of Synodality will successfully counteract the **Institutionalist** version of Christianity that has become embedded in the Church over many centuries?

4. Why is his advocacy of Synodality regarded as a radical approach to reform today?

5. What grounds are there for **HOPE**?

There will first be an input on this topic, followed by discussion, in **St. Columbanus Hall** on **Monday, 10th March 2025** at **8.00p.m.** All insights and comments will be most welcome.

Andy Burke

Seeing Life through the Lens of the Gospel

First Sunday of Lent

9th March 2025

Lent is a time for reconsidering our feelings. For letting our eyes be opened for the frequent injustices which stand in direct opposition to the dream and the plan of God. It is a time to unmask three great temptations that wear down and fracture the image which God wanted to form in us: There are three temptations of Christ Three temptations for the Christian, which seek to destroy which we have been called to be; three temptations which try to corrode us and tear us down.

First, wealth: seizing hold of goods destined for all, and using them only for 'my own people,' That is, taking 'bread' based on the toil of others' or even at the expense of their very lives. That wealth which tastes of pain, bitterness and suffering. That is the bread that a corrupt family or society gives its own children.

The second temptation, vanity: the pursuit of prestige based on continuous , relentless exclusion of those who 'are not like me.' the futile chasing of those five minutes of fame which do not forgive the 'reputation' of others.

'Making firewood from a felled tree' gradually gives way to the third temptation, the worst, it is that of pride, or rather, putting oneself on a higher level than one truly is on, feeling that one does not share the life of 'mere mortals' and yet being one who prays every day: 'I thank you Lord that you have not made me like those others ...'.

The three temptations of Christ ... Three temptations which the Christian is faced with daily. Three temptations which seek to corrode, destroy and extinguish the joy and freshness of the Gospel. Three temptations which lock us into a cycle of destruction and sin.

Pope Francis