

Parish Notices

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time 14 2 2021

- 1. We continue with the Online Schedule for the week ahead with the addition of Evening Prayer of the Church on the Saturdays of Lent at 6 pm.**
- 2. Thanks to all who contribute to the 3 Collections using the Donate Button on the Parish Website or the Postbox at the Parish Office at St Kevin's. Your Donations, in these times especially, are much appreciated.**
- 3. The Annual Collection for ACCORD Dublin, the Diocesan Agency for Marriage and the Family, is scheduled for this weekend. The Collection for ACCORD replaces the usual SHARE Collection.**
- 4. Lent begins this Wednesday, Ash Wednesday, 17th February 2021. Lent is a period of 40 days given to us each year to help us prepare for Easter. At Easter we celebrate the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus from the dead, the same Jesus whose Birth we commemorated at Christmas. We call the events of Easter the Paschal Mystery. Through the Paschal Mystery we are redeemed, saved, and given the Gift of Eternal Life.**

Because of the Restrictions in place due to the Covid-19 Pandemic, Ashes cannot be distributed on Ash Wednesday in the normal way. Gathering for worship at this time is prohibited.

What we the Parish propose to Parishioners this Lent is as follows:

Ashes will be blessed at 10 am Mass on Ash Wednesday in St Kevin's. Because of Regulations Mass is not open to the public at this time. Mass will be broadcast on the Parish Webcam.

Our 2 churches will be open on Ash Wednesday from 11 am to 1 pm for private prayer.

A little sachet of Ashes will be available in our 2 churches for you to take home along with a Prayer Card.

One person could collect the Ashes for other people not able to come to the church.

At home, at a suitable time, perhaps within your 'bubble', someone could lead a Prayer Service and Distribute the Ashes, following the Prayer Card.

Ashes will also be available on Thursday, 18th February, through the Parish Office. Just phone 4515570 to make the arrangement to collect between 10.30 am and 2.30 pm.

During Lent our 2 churches will be open for private prayer each Friday from 11 am to 1 pm.

You can find Ideas for Lent on the Parish Website under Lent Resources. I recommend to you *Acts Of Love For Lent* – one suggestion for each day of Lent. It resembles the idea we had before the Pandemic: *Ways To Care For Our Common Home*.

- 5. Trócaire Boxes will be available in our 2 churches. The focus of this year's Trócaire Lenten Campaign is South Sudan, and 2 widows, Awut and Ajak, whose families have been destroyed by war. Their stories feature on the Trócaire Boxes. Trócaire helps us see beyond our own predicaments and to consider the plight of others.**
- 6. Our Broadband service to the Parish is very poor and frequently fails. We have been requesting Vodafone to improve the service since last June. So far our request has not succeeded. Unfortunately there is nothing we the Parish can do to improve the service.**
- 7. Please keep in touch with the Parish using the Parish Website, Facebook Page and Twitter.**

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