



Newsletter

25th February 2018



2nd SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus took Peter, James, and John and led them up a high mountain apart by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no fuller on earth could bleach them. - Mk 9:2-3

Prayer
Fasting
Abstinence
Works of Love

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Lent

Let light shine out of darkness ...

2 Corinthians 4:6



PUBLIC MEETING

**RE: REINSTATING OUR
PRIMARY CARE CENTRE**

**WED FEB 28TH @ 8:00 PM
OUR LADY'S HALL**

Your Questions

What is the Eighth Amendment?

The wording of the Eighth Amendment reads as follows:

"The State acknowledges the right to life of the unborn and, with due regard to the equal right to life of the mother, guarantees in its laws to respect, and, as far as practicable, by its laws to defend and vindicate that right".

This is a declaration to respect, defend and vindicate the equal right to life of a mother and her unborn child. It enshrines in Irish law a deep conviction that every human life is precious, equal and worth cherishing.

What will happen if the Eighth Amendment is repealed?

If the Eighth Amendment is repealed the right to life for unborn children in Ireland will be without legal constitutional protection. This would radically change the principle, for all unborn children and indeed for all of us, that the right to life is a fundamental human right.



**From heaven You came, helpless babe
Entered our world, Your glory veiled
Not to be served but to serve,
And give Your life that we might live
This Is our God, the Servant King
He calls us now to follow Him
To bring our lives as a daily offering
Of worship to the Servant King**

**There In the garden of tears
My heavy load He chose to bear
His heart with sorrow was torn
'Yet not my will but yours,' He said**

**Come, see His hands and His feet
The scars that speak of sacrifice
Hands that flung stars into space
To cruel nails surrendered.**

**Hail Redeemer, King divine!
Priest and Lamb, the throne is thine;
King, whose reign shall never cease,
Prince of everlasting peace.**

**Angels, saints and nations sing :
"Praise be Jesus Christ our King;
Lord of life, earth, sky and sea,
King of love on Calvary!"
Eucharistic King, what love
Draws thee daily from above,
Clad in signs of bread and wine :
Feed us, lead us, keep us thine!
King, whose name creation thrills,
Rule our hearts, our minds, our wills;
Till in peace, each nation rings
With Thy praises, King of kings**



MASSSES: SUNDAY: Vigil, 6.30p.m., 9.00a.m., 10.30a.m. (Family Mass), 12 noon. **PASTORAL AREA SUNDAY EVENING MASS 7pm IN CRUMLIN. MONDAY – SATURDAY 10.00a.m. Confessions** after 10.00a.m. Mass Saturdays or on request. **Parish Office** Monday to Friday 9.15am—1.00pm, Monday to Wednesday 2.00pm—5.00pm. Closed Thursday and Friday afternoons.



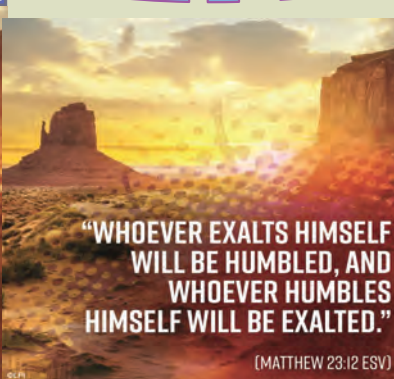
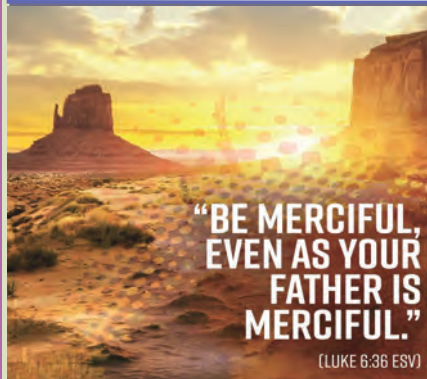
**We remember
Thomas (Tom)
Bruce
&
John Purcell
who died recently
MAY THEY REST
IN PEACE**

**Extra Mass during
Lent 7.30am
Monday to Friday in
the Oratory.**

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**PRAYER
FASTING
ALMSGIVING**



**National Collection for the World
Meeting of Families 2018**

**Please support the third National
Collection for WMOF2018 which
will be taken up in our parish this
weekend (24 & 25 February).**

Parish Secretary Mountview-Blakestown Parish is currently recruiting a Parish Secretary. This role is offered initially on a one year fixed term and part-time basis, 15 hours per week. Applications should be made by email to Ms. Ashling Keane, Diocesan HR Officer at ashling.keane@dublindiocese.ie attaching an up-to-date Curriculum Vitae and cover letter no later than 5pm on 1st March 2018. A full job advert is available online at www.dublindiocese.ie/job-vacancies

Life to the Full (Jn 10: 10) Book Club Join other 20 & 30 year olds to meditate, share and discuss life, faith, purpose and how to live life to the full. We read a chosen spiritual book over a few weeks and come to reflect and discuss our thoughts - we are currently reading the C.S. Lewis book "The Great Divorce". From 7.00-8.30pm every Thursday in St. Paul's Church, Arran Quay, Dublin 7. Contact st.pauls@dublindiocese.ie and www.facebook.com/lifetothefullbookclub

Readings of Lent for prayer and preaching For six Wednesdays of Lent, starting on Ash Wednesday in St Mary's Pro-Cathedral from 11.15am to 12.30pm. Mass will be available at 10.30am and 12.45pm. Presenter: Kieran O'Mahony, OSA.

The Old Dublin Society
On Wednesday February 28th Dr. Brendan Kelly will present 'He Lost Himself Completely: Shell shock and its treatment at Dublin's Richmond War Hospital, 1916-1919' at 6pm in the Conference Room of Dublin City Library & Archive, 138-144 Pearse Street, Dublin 2. All welcome - admission free.

Church Collections
17th/18th February
1st Priests: €942
Accord Collection €1393
Envelopes: €1175.00

PARISH LOTTO
Development Fund
There was no winner of last week's Jackpot. The winning numbers were 2, 6, 7, 29. Congratulations to last week's winners of the three €20 Prizes.
Next week's Jackpot will be €7,200.00
The Draw takes place on Tuesday morning after 10 a.m. Mass.
Entries for the Lotto draw each week must be put into the safe in the church

WHATS ON!

Monday 26th Feb

Parents Preparation Group for Do This In Memory and Confirmation Mass 7pm Pastoral Space. **Choir practice** at 7.45pm in the Choir Gallery

Tuesday 27th Feb

Legion of Mary meeting at 2.30pm in the Pastoral Space

First Friday - 2nd March

All those on the Altar List of the Dead will be remembered at the 10.00a.m. Mass

Eucharistic Prayer Group in the Oratory from 2.30p.m.—3.30p.m. All welcome.

First Saturday—3rd March

Devotions to Our Lady of Fatima after the 10.00a.m. Mass

Eucharistic Adoration

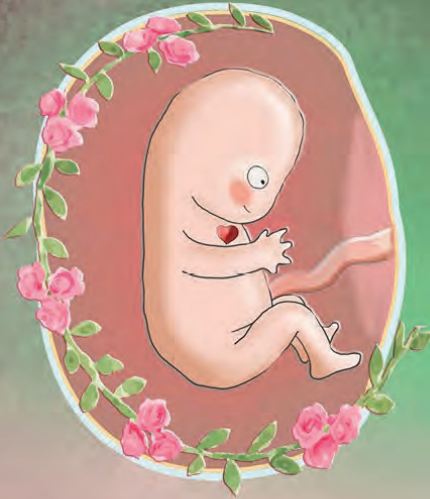
Monday to Friday 10.30a.m. to 5.00p.m in the Oratory.



Calling All Those travelling on the Parish 75th Anniversary Pilgrimage to Assisi, Rome and Genazzano. The balance of your fare is due by the end of February. You can pay through the Parish Office or direct to Joe Walsh Tours, Baginbun Street c/o Louise Cronin.

Week 7

Hi Mammy!
I've doubled in size since last week! I'm now the size of a prune and every part of my body is developing. My fingers and toes are webbed but they will soon separate. Most people don't know that I already have eyelids. My skin is so thin they appear to be transparent. You can't feel it yet but this week I started moving around! I've been waving my arms, kicking my feet, and even rolling over. It won't be long until I get your attention!



Over the coming weeks we will be following the development of Baby Bump based on pregnancy milestones up to 12 weeks.

Church teaching

Life is sacred, Catechism of the Catholic Church n.2258

"Human life is sacred because, from its beginning, it involves the creative action of God and it remains forever in a special relationship with the Creator, who is its sole end. God alone is the Lord of life from its beginning until its end. No one can under any circumstance claim for himself the right directly to destroy an innocent human being."

Reasons to retain the Eighth Amendment

Lives saved by the Eighth Amendment

It's easy to overlook the positive effect of the Eighth Amendment.

An independent report in 2016, *The 8th Amendment: Ireland's Life-Saving Provision* by actuary Brendan Lynch, estimates that at least 100,000 people are alive in Ireland today thanks to this constitutional provision. It gives people time to think the decision through and choose life for their daughter or son.

Ireland's safety record for pregnant women

A report published by World Health Organisation, *Trends in Maternal Mortality: 1990 to 2015*, ranks Ireland as a world leader when it comes to safety for pregnant women. Globally, we have one of the lowest maternal mortality rates. Ireland's culture of life has served us well and is an inspiration to many other countries.

We have shown it is possible to uphold the equal right to life of pregnant women and unborn babies and still be a world leader in maternal healthcare.



"I was worried Cura would judge me and not understand my point of view because I'm a man but the counsellor was great. I would say get in contact. It makes sense to talk about stuff that's stressing you out. It definitely helped me" Jack, 26.

Cura is an agency of the Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference which supports women experiencing unplanned pregnancies. If you need Cura's help call 1850 622 626 or visit Cura.ie

"I APPRECIATE THAT ENGAGING IN any conversation around the upcoming referendum is not easy for people. While I too find it difficult to talk about, the Gospel and my conscience convince me that I am obliged to speak. It really is important for us to affirm that what is in the womb are babies that are just not born yet. They are not potential persons but persons with potential. They are developing humans. I invite you to be missionaries for the cause of life. It is a noble cause to uphold the sacredness of human life."



Excerpt from the Pastoral Message of Bishop Brendan Leahy of Limerick

Family Prayer

Guide the work of doctors, nurses and midwives.

May the life of a mother and her baby in the womb be equally cherished and respected.

Help those who make our laws to uphold the uniqueness of every human life from conception to natural death. Amen.

Choose Life: Prayer for the Child in the Womb, Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference

To access videos, testimonies and frequently asked questions visit www.chooselife2018.ie

Your Questions

Is a view on abortion solely a question of religious belief?

The right to life is not just a question of religious belief. As the first and fundamental human right, it affects people of all faiths, and none. You do not have to be from any particular faith tradition to agree that human life should be protected and that intentionally ending the life of another human is never justified. Supporting and sustaining a culture of life is in the interest of every citizen, Catholics and all people of goodwill because it defines us as a society.

What is the view of the Church?

The Church teaches that life is sacred from conception to natural death and there is no such thing as a life without value. This belief is based on reason as well as faith. Our Church rejects the suggestion that any person can decide when it is time for another person to die.

Does life begin at conception?

Yes. But this is not just a question of belief – it's a scientific fact. At the moment of conception a new, unique human being with his or her own DNA comes into existence. In recent years, amazing advances in ultrasound technology provide us with a window into the womb and reveal the truth that the unborn child is undeniably one of us – a human being and much more than 'a clump of cells'. In the past, some people may have pleaded ignorance to the humanity of life in the womb but today we no longer have this excuse.

When does a baby's heart start to beat?

The first few weeks are the most rapid time of development of a new human life. The baby's beating heart has been recorded as early as 21 days after conception – this is sometimes before mum discovers she is pregnant!

What can I do?

A national pro-life rally to save the Eighth Amendment takes place in Dublin on Saturday, 10 March. Why not consider attending with your family?



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