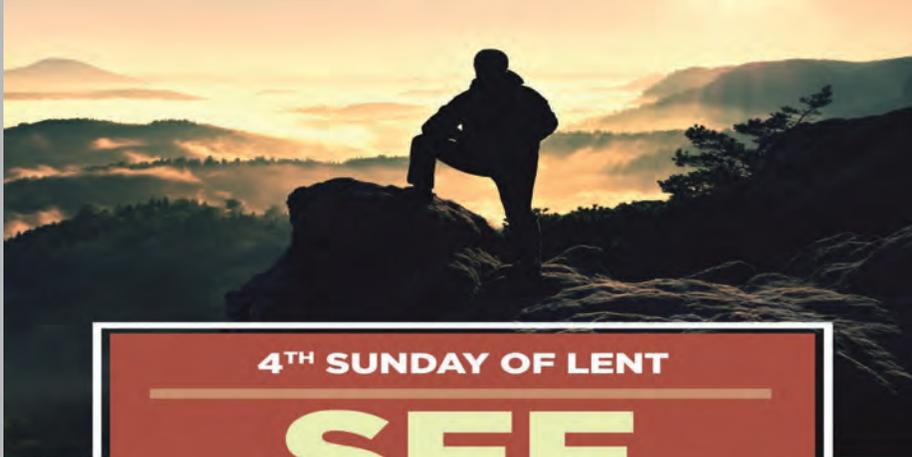




# Parish Newsletter



SUNDAY 26th MARCH 2017



4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

# SEE

So then the Pharisees also asked him how he was able to see. He said to them, "He put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and now I can see." —Jn 9:15

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**MASS TIMES: SUNDAY:**

*Vigil, 6.30p.m, 9.00a.m.,  
10.30a.m. & 12 noon  
7.00p.m. Pastoral Area Mass  
St. Agnes, Crumlin . **WEEKDAYS  
OF LENT 7.30AM  
ORATORY.***

MONDAY – SATURDAY Mass at  
10.00a.m. Confessions after  
10.00a.m. Mass Saturdays or on  
request.



## Laetare Sunday



The Fourth Sunday of Lent is called **Laetare Sunday**, from the first words of the Introit at Mass, "Laetare Jerusalem" ('Rejoice, O Jerusalem').

Like Gaudete Sunday midway through Advent, Laetare reminds us of the event we look forward to at the end of the penitential season and the joy in anticipation of the Resurrection. The vestments for this day will be rose, as they are on Gaudete Sunday in Advent.

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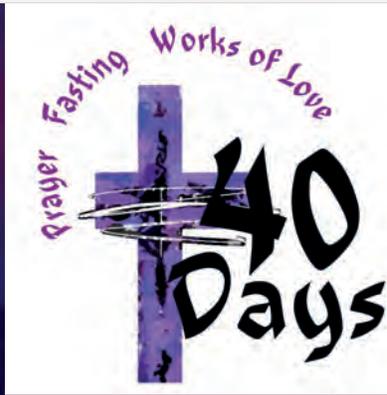
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this Newsletter!**



## What's on this Week?

**Monday 27th: Choir Practise at 7.45pm in the Choir Gallery**

**Friday afternoons : Eucharistic Prayer from 2.30pm-3.30pm. All are Welcome**

**Eucharistic Adoration takes place Monday to Friday 10.30am to 5.00pm in the Oratory.**

Young and Adult volunteers needed to help dramatise the **Children's Stations of the Cross on Good Friday at 12.00.** Please leave your name and contact mobile number to the Parish Office. Rehearsals will take place on Saturdays 1st & 8th April at 3.00pm. All are welcome. **Film Club Night will be showing <<Mamma Mia>>** on Saturday 1st April at 7.30p.m. in Our Lady's Hall. There will also be celebrations to mark the 1st year of the opening of the Film Club. New members always welcome. **Church Gate Collection this weekend** – is in aid of Mellon Educate (formerly known as the Niall Mellon Township Trust). Since the charity started in 2002 it has exceeded all expectations and has housed over 120,000 of the poorest people in South Africa. Since 2012 the charity is now focused on improving the education standards of some of the most impoverished children in Africa by embarking on an ambitious building programme, teacher training and mentoring and upskilling of educational staff. **Mendelssohn's ELIJAH presented by Culwick Choral Society** at the National Concert Hall on Sunday 9th April at 8pm. **Www.nch.ie Tel: 4170000. Next weekend – The World Meeting of Families Collection**— which will replace the Share Collection. A series of lectures on **'The Bible for Grown Ups'** by Sean Goan continues in Rathmines Parish church from 7.30-9.00pm on Wednesday, March, 22<sup>nd</sup> March. Sean Goan is a teacher and Scripture Scholar who has studied the Bible in Rome and Jerusalem. He has also written easily understood commentaries on the Sunday readings All welcome. **Raise the Dough:** Crumlin Parish is inviting other parishes to get involved in the campaign *Raise the Dough* in aid of ISPCC Childline from 27<sup>th</sup> March – 7<sup>th</sup> April. Organise a Bake within your office or group and hold a bake sale – Register today to take part and help raise some “dough” for Ireland's 24 hour listening service for Children. For more information: [RaiseTheDough.ie](http://RaiseTheDough.ie) or email: Susie at [shalpin@ispcc.ie](mailto:shalpin@ispcc.ie)



### Church Collections

**St. Patrick's Day**

1st Priests: €486.00

2nd Collection: €401.00

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**w/e 18th/19th March**

1st Priests: €955.00

2nd Crosscare Youth Services: €1346.00

Envelope Collection: €1706.00

### PARISH LOTTO

Development Fund

There was no winner of last week's Jackpot.

The winning numbers were 8, 26, 29, 32  
Congratulations to last week's winners of the three €20 Prizes. Next week's Jackpot will be €2600.00. 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 by 11.00a.m. on Mondays.

All are welcome to attend the draw.



**Thank you from Our Lady of Mercy Secondary School Immersion Team**  
On behalf of Our Lady of Mercy Secondary School Immersion Team, a big thank you to everyone who supported our programme by contributing to our Church Gate Collection last weekend at all Masses. You contributed an incredible €1616 to our fund. We are most grateful, we are humbled by your generosity. Many thanks. We will return to speak at all Masses in September and give you a flavour of our experiences. We look forward to that. God Bless

**PRAYER  
FASTING  
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## Fourth Sunday of Lent: John 9:1–41

Some Pharisees who were present said to him, 'Surely we are not blind, are we?' (Jn 9:40) The richest 20 per cent of Hondurans receive two thirds of the national income. Inequality is the biggest characteristic of poverty in Central America and Hondurans struggle even more due to environmental and political challenges. Extreme weather events have made the water supply unreliable for farming and the result is that 60 per cent of people suffer from hunger and malnutrition. Its main crops – coffee, maize and beans – account for more than 60 per cent of GDP and these are very dependent on stable climatic conditions. Climate change is causing many extreme weather events that wreak havoc on agricultural production. We are familiar with the lines in today's gospel: 'I am the Light of the world' and 'I was blind but now I see'. We truly need to open our eyes to the realities of climate injustice and the impact that the lifestyles of western countries are having on the world's poorest people. We have seen some effects of rising sea levels in Ireland and remember the battering the west coast of Ireland received in the storms of recent years. These events will become more frequent. We have the resources to cope, but for many countries like Honduras such extreme weather events are catastrophic. Honduras is rich in minerals such as gold but foreign mining companies exploit this and give very little back to local communities. Mining methods used by these companies have also contaminated local water supplies, which



people have no choice but to drink. These minerals are used in many of our products on this side of the world. We can sometimes be blind to the impact of upgrading to the next best thing. Having our eyes opened, seeing life in a new way, can lead to us making a new commitment. The man born blind sees more

clearly as the story goes on, and he also meets more hostility and opposition from those around him who cannot see. It is not an easy path. The more we hear and read the stories of people in Honduras, the more we too can have our eyes opened. We need to see them, to see their struggle, to see the systems that contribute to this crisis. This week can you gather a small group in your parish and tell the stories used in this year's Trócaire resource? This is one small way through which we can have our sight restored and see the people of Honduras.

Jesus tells the people today, 'As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.' We can think of many people who have been lights in the fight for justice. Can we ourselves make the same commitment today? *It is not God's will for some to have everything and others to have nothing.* (Oscar Romero)



### Entrance

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.

### Recessional

Come, be My light  
Be My voice to the nations.  
Be my hands, be My heart for the world.  
Would you go where I go?  
Where I lead will you follow?  
Would you leave everything for my sake?  
By the power of the Spirit, everyone with ears to hear it  
will embrace the call to love within their heart  
**If anyone would come and follow Me  
My disciple you would be  
Leave the past behind  
Seek and you will find  
All you're called to be  
If anyone would come and follow Me  
Know the truth will make you free.  
Give and you receive. Trust me and believe  
Come and follow me.**



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