

Ash Wednesday-1st March 2017

Ashes will be distributed at all Masses on Ash Wednesday

St Mary's Church: 8.00 a.m., 10.00 a.m. and 7.30 p.m.

Ladychapel: Evening Mass at 8.00 p.m.

Evening weekday Masses for Lent

There will be an evening weekday Mass in St Mary's Church during Lent at **7.30 p.m.**

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

On all weekday afternoons, there is adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in **St Mary's Church** from 3.00 to 5.00 p.m.

Trocaire

The theme for *Trocaire Lenten Campaign* this year concerns climate change. **Trocaire Family Boxes** are normally available through the school. However, if you wish to collect for *Trocaire* and do not have a box you can take one from the Church porch.

Boxes can be returned to the sacristy at Easter.

Parish Bible Study Group

Studying Sunday readings of Lent 2017. Beginning Thursday 2nd March 8.00-9.30 pm in the Parochial House and running for six consecutive Thursdays. All are welcome.

Parish Diary

Monday 27th February 7.30 pm Ceremony of Light in St Mary's Church for the Confirmation candidates of Presentation Girls' School, Educate Together and St Mary's Boys' National School

Tuesday 28th February at 11.30 am First Confessions in St Mary's Church for Gaelscoil Uí Fhiach

Wednesday 8th March at 11.00 am Confirmations for St Mary's Boys' National School and Educate Together in St Mary's Church by Monsignor Paul Callan.

Friday 10th March at 11.00 am Confirmations for Presentation Girls' School in St Mary's Church by Monsignor Paul Callan.



Parish Novena of Grace

The Parish Novena of Grace will take place in St Mary's Church from **Saturday 4th - Sunday 12th March**. The theme of our Novena of Grace for 2017 is '*Care for our Common Home*' (Pope Francis, *Laudato Si*). There will be a speaker from Trocaire giving a short address at the vigil Mass at 7.00 pm on Saturday 4th March and at all the Masses on Sunday 5th March.

There will be a speaker at the 7.30 evening Mass, Monday 6th – Friday 10th March, and the 10.00 a.m. Mass on Saturday 11th March.

The Novena of Grace Prayers will be prayed at all the Masses. You are invited to place a Novena Petition into the Novena Petition Box. All these petitions will be read out at Mass during the Novena (personal names will not be read out)

Parish Pastoral Centre Fundraiser

A Casino Night, 1920's style, will be held in the Roost at 9pm, Friday 7th April, in aid of the Parish Pastoral Centre build. More details in the next bulletin

Collections.	Thank you.	12 th February	20 th February
For our Diocesan priests		€1,671	€1,626
Second collection for Share		€1,422	Accord €2,436
Parish collections		€2,269	€2,300

Women's World Day of Prayer 2017

This year's Women's World Day of Prayer takes place on Saturday 4th March in the Church of Ireland. Refreshments at 10.30am and Service at 11.00am. The theme is: "Am I being unfair to you?", written by the Christian women of the Philippines. Please join us as we join together with people from all around the world.

Parish Environment Group

In our last newsletter, we drew your attention to Pope Francis' letter *Laudato Si'*: on Care for our Common Home. We are inviting parishioners who are concerned about the environment and who would like to form a Parish Environment group to contact us through the Parish Pastoral Council or the parish secretary.



Parish Newsletter St Mary's & Ladychapel, Maynooth



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Mass Times St Mary's Church Saturday Evening

7.00 pm
(Folk Group every 2nd
week)

Sunday
08.45, 10.00 (Family
Mass Group), 11.30
(Choir), 1.00 6.00
(Maynooth Gospel
Choir 2nd Sunday of the
month)

Ladychapel
Sunday 10.00 (Adult
Choir)

Lives streaming
available @
www.maynooth.parishoffice.org

Dear Reader,

For us, as Christians, Lent is a journey in faith - and for some a return journey to God.



The word '**Lent**' is an old English word which means '*Spring*'. This is a season of grace which gives us the opportunity of '*spring-cleaning*' and '*spring-growing*'- of turning away from sin and believing in the Gospel of Christ.

We pray that we will use this season to prepare to celebrate the paschal mystery at Easter.

Prayer for Lent

Each year you give us this joyful season when we prepare to celebrate the paschal mystery with mind and heart renewed.

You give us a spirit of loving reverence for you, Our Father, and of willing service to our neighbour.

As we recall the great events that gave us a new life in Christ, you bring the image of your Son to perfection within us.

Preface 1 of Lent