

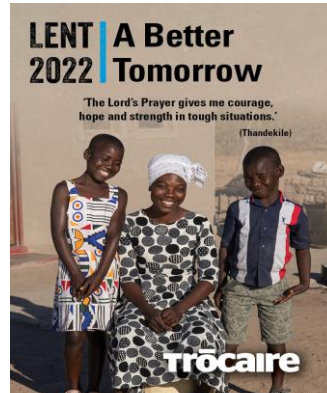
## Ash Wednesday

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March is Ash Wednesday. The distribution of Ashes will take place at the 10.00 a.m. Mass on Wednesday. There will also be Mass at 7.00 p.m. in St Mary's. **There will be only one Mass during Lent daily at 10.00 a.m.**

## Trocaire Boxes

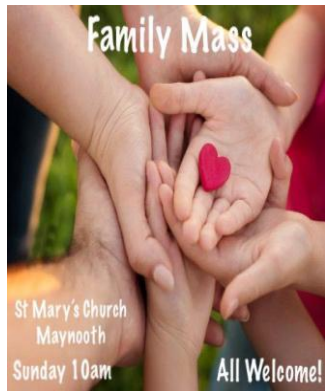
Trocaire Boxes are available in the porches. Please take one home and when Lent is over you can return it to the Sacristy or the Parish Office.

There are also donations envelopes which can be posted directly to Trocaire.



## Family Mass

Our Family Mass takes place every Sunday at 10.00 a.m. All are welcome to attend. We would also like to welcome families to take part in the readings at our Family Mass. If your family would like to take part please contact the Parish Office 016293018 for further information



## St Patrick's Day Masses

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March**  
**7pm (St Mary's) 8 p.m. (Ladychapel)**  
**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> – 10.00 am (St Mary's)**



## An Invitation

You are warmly invited to two Synodal gatherings in March, in the parish of **MAYNOOTH**. The word "synodal" means journeying together and these gatherings will be an opportunity to share and listen to each other's experience of Church, in an organised, gentle and prayerful environment.

### Why are you being invited?

Pope Francis has asked all of us to take part in sharing and listening to each other and to the Spirit. In this way we are beginning to lay foundations for our future together.

The invitation is to all the baptised. Eventually, all the responses will be collected in time for the 2023 Synod in Rome.

### What will happen at the gatherings?

Parish Animators have been trained to lead the gatherings in a reflective, prayerful atmosphere. Questions will be presented each evening and people will gather in small groups to share on each question and listen to each other.

Each small group will have a leader who will help everyone to have the opportunity to share and will collect the feedback from the group.

### Questions

#### First gathering:

*When you think of your experience of Church, what brings joy?  
When you think of your experience of Church, what brings sorrow?*

#### Second gathering:

*When you think of your experience of Church, what brings hope?  
When you think of your experience of Church, what brings fear or anxiety?*

*Please remember we are being asked to listen with understanding, to respect each other's experiences, and to try to walk in the other person's shoes.*

### What will happen to the feedback?

The Animators, will sort the feedback into similar themes. This will form the basis for a Report to the Diocese. The feedback will be used by the Parish Team and Parish Pastoral Council to help in pastoral planning.

### When and where will these gatherings happen?

**Time:** 8.00 p.m. **Date:** Wed. 9th March, 2022

**Venue:** Parish Pastoral Centre

**Time:** 8.00 p.m. **Date:** Wed. 23rd March, 2022

**Venue:** Parish Pastoral Centre

### How can you prepare for this?

Please go to the Dublin Diocesan website [www.dublindiocese.ie/synod](http://www.dublindiocese.ie/synod) where you will find information and Videos to help you.

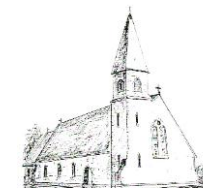
**Safeguarding and confidentiality guidelines will be in place. Gatherings will be Covid compliant.**

## Mass Intentions – Monday 28<sup>th</sup> Feb. - Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> March

<b>Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February</b>	10.00 a.m.	1. Agnes & Michael Murphy      Annivs. 2. Liam Kenny                              Rec. Dec'd
<b>Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> March</b>	10.00 a.m.	1. Patrick Ward                              Anniv. 2. Terry Gallagher                        Rec. Dec'd 3. William Davis                              Rec. Dec'd
<b>Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	10.00 a.m.	Delia Murphy                              Rec. Dec'd
<b>ASH WEDNESDAY</b>	7.00 p.m.	Molly Heslin                              Rec. Dec'd
<b>Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	10.00 a.m.	Mary, John, Martin & Linda Smyth                              Annivs.
<b>Friday 4<sup>th</sup> First Friday</b>	10.00 a.m.	Mass offered for all those names on the Altar List of the Dead
<b>Saturday 5<sup>th</sup></b>	10.00 a.m.	1. Get Well Intention 2. Molly Heslin                              Rec. Dec'd
	7.00 p.m.	1. George Mullally                              Anniv. 2. Sean Fay                                      Anniv. 3. Margaret Faherty                        Anniv.
<b>Sunday 6<sup>h</sup> St Mary's</b>	8.45 a.m.	Leo Blennerhassett                        Rec. Dec'd
	10.00 a.m.	1. Kitty O'Hara                              Rec. Dec'd 2. Rosaleen O'Mahoney                    Rec. Dec'd
	11.30 a.m.	Niall & Nicholas Farrell                    Annivs.
	1.00 p.m.	1. Kathleen O'Reilly                              Anniv. 2. Michael Murphy                              Anniv.
<b>Ladychapel</b>	<b>10.00 a.m.</b>	1. Patricia Kinsella                              Rec. Dec'd 2. Molly Heslin                              Rec. Dec'd



## Parish Newsletter St Mary's & Ladychapel, Maynooth



27<sup>th</sup> February, 2022

### Lent 2022



*Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.*

Mercy. That's what it's all about. As we begin Lent, a great place to start is with a better understanding of mercy.

Often when we think about Lent, we think of it with a sort of dread. "I have to give something up," we often think. But if that is our thought, then we are missing the point. Do I "have to" give something up? Well, yes and no. It's true that God wills this and has spoken this practice of self-denial and self-discipline to us through His Church. That is true. But it's much more of an invitation to grace than the imposition of a burden.

Giving something up is really all about entering into God's abundant mercy on a deeper level. It's about being freed from all that binds us, and it helps us experience the new life we so deeply seek. Giving something up could refer to something as simple as fasting from a food or drink. Or, it can be any intentional act that requires a certain self-denial. But this is good! Why? Because it strengthens us in our spirit and our will. It strengthens us to be more resolved to say "Yes" to God on that complete level.

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#### Parish Office Hours

**Mon, Tues & Thurs.**

9.00 a.m. – 4.00 p.m.

Lunch 12.00 – 1.00

**Wed.**

9.00 a.m. – 12.00

#### Mass Times

**St Mary's Church**

**Weekday Mass:** 10.00am

#### Saturday (Vigil)

7.00 pm

**Sunday**

08.45, 10.00 11.30, & 1.00

**Ladychapel**

Sunday 10.00

**Lives streaming available**

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