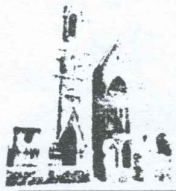


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*Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 15<sup>th</sup> Feb 2026*

This Weekend	February 14 <sup>th</sup> / February 15 <sup>th</sup>
7.00 p.m.	Sean, Lisa and Ellen Cullen.
11.00 a.m.	Rose Coyle (Month's Mind).
<b>Weekday Masses @ 11.00 a.m. - Our Lady's Manor</b>	
Wed 18 <sup>th</sup> Feb	People of the Parish.
<b>Next Weekend: February 21<sup>st</sup> / February 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	
7.00 p.m.	Evelyn Barron (Anniv.)
11.00 a.m.	1. Brigid Victory (2 <sup>nd</sup> Anniv.) 2. Patrick and Kay Quinn (7 <sup>th</sup> Anniv.) 3. Brian Greene (6 <sup>th</sup> Anniv.)

**Offertory Collection:** Sat 7<sup>th</sup> February / Sun 8<sup>th</sup> February - €1,280  
- sincere thanks.

## **Day of Prayer for Survivors and Victims of Abuse - Feb 20<sup>th</sup>**

The Day of Prayer for Survivors and Victims of Abuse is observed annually as part of the Church's commitment to acknowledge the harm caused by abuse, to pray for those who have suffered and to seek healing, justice and renewal. This year the Day of Prayer will take place on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February.

### **Bishop Paul has issued the following message for this day:**

As we begin the season of Lent and prepare to mark the Day of Prayer for Survivors and Victims of Abuse, we as a church, renew our commitment to acknowledge the harm caused by abuse, to pray for those who have suffered and to seek healing, justice and renewal for all survivors.

May I take this opportunity yet again to thank all those who promote safeguarding in our parishes and across the diocese. Your commitment and energy is deeply appreciated.

Lord, forgive us our many sins.

We grieve and repent with all our hearts for having offended you, for our great failings and neglect of the young and vulnerable.

We place all of those who have been hurt by the Church in any way into your loving hands and under the protection of Our Blessed Mother.

Lord, bring peace to their broken lives and show us all the way out of darkness and into the light of your Word.

May we as the people of God be more fully human, more fully Christ-like and more fully your people, that we may see the errors of the past and go forward with renewed hope and faith in Christ and in our Church. Amen.

**SUNDAY REFLECTION** - It is clear already in the Old Testament that it is not our misdeeds which accuse us before God, but our hearts, fractured and divided as they are. Consistent with Israelite teaching, Jesus insists that we go deeper than our external deeds. The important question is what is going on in our hearts, the source of inner thoughts and motivations? The teaching is presented using various examples, presented sometimes with great simplicity, other times with irony and wit.

**Ash Wednesday - Wed 18<sup>th</sup> Feb - Day of Fast and Abstinence**

Masses @ 10.00 a.m. and 7.00 p.m.

Our word "Lent" comes from an old English word *lencten* meaning to lengthen or to grow longer. These days, at least in the Northern Hemisphere, each day there are two minutes more light in the morning and two more minutes light in the evening. So 'Lent' really means springtime. This tells us precisely what is supposed to happen in this springtime of faith: new shoots, spring growth, signs of life and joy. So, whatever I undertake this Lent, may it lead to a new springtime of faith for me and my community.

- St Paul's Sunday Missal.



### **Possible Forms of Friday Penance:**

Abstaining from meat or some other food

Abstaining from alcoholic drink or smoking

Making a special effort at involvement in family prayer

Making a special effort to participate at Mass on Fridays

Visiting the Blessed Sacrament

Making the Stations of the Cross

Fasting from all food for a longer period than usual and perhaps giving what is saved to the needy

Helping the poor, sick, old or lonely.

**Sunday Scriptures - First Reading** - God wants us to do good, not evil. Nevertheless, he leaves us free to choose one or the other. With the help of his grace, however, we can choose the good.

**Second Reading** - Paul says a beautiful thing which should fill us with joyful hope. He says: 'No eye has seen, or ear has heard all that God has prepared for those who live him.'

**Gospel** - The Scribes and Pharisees were considered to be models of virtue. Yet Christ said: 'Unless your virtue goes deeper than that of the Scribes and Pharisees, you will not see the Kingdom of Heaven.'

### **• Thought for the Day •**

Addressing educators, Pope Francis recalled that education has always been one of the highest expressions of Christian charity: 'Yours is a mission full of obstacles as well as joys... A mission of love because you cannot teach without loving.' In this sense, since ancient times, Christians have understood that knowledge liberates, gives dignity, and brings us closer to the truth. For the Church, teaching the poor was an act of justice and faith. Inspired by the example of the Master who taught people divine and human truths, she took on the mission of forming children and young people, especially the poorest, in truth and love.

### **Friendly Phone Call Service**

A simple call can make a real difference. LCRL's Friendly Phone Call Service offers a free confidential service for older people who may be experiencing isolation or loneliness. A personal one to one approach / A listening ear and good conversation help people stay connected to their communities.

Phone: Bryan - 087 1454521 or Verone - 087 - 2915367.

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION** - Parish Holy Hour in Our Lady's Manor on Saturdays from 9.45 a.m. to 10.45 a.m.

**The Way** is a new digital multimedia platform recently set up by the Irish Bishops. Take a look at: [theway.ie](http://theway.ie).

### **READERS OF THE WORD OF GOD - FEBRUARY**

**Saturday 7.00p.m.:** Ijeoma Eze-Ejikeme.

**Sunday 11.00 a.m.:** Kate O'Donohue.

### **MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST - FEBRUARY**

**Saturday 7.00p.m.:** Catherine Tracey, Sandra Durkan.

**Sunday 11.00 a.m.:** Mathew Family.

*Please arrange a substitute if you cannot be present.*

### **WEBCAM**

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- Fr Tom Healy -