

**THE FIRST SUNDAY OF
LENT
14TH FEBRUARY 2016**

In Lent we recall Jesus' forty days in the desert. The desert represents a stripping away of our attachments, so as to make the fundamental things appear. In the desert, there are no distractions or diversions or secondary matters. Everything is basic, necessary, and simple. Either one survives or one doesn't. We find in the desert strengths and weaknesses we never knew we had.

So are you ready to visit your desert? Are you prepared to deal with your particular temptations to pleasure, power, money, and honour? Even if, in the past, you have not succeeded in the ways you wanted, remember that our God is a God of second chances. It's never too late to start again.
(Bishop Robert Barron)

PRAYING DURING LENT

There will be an opportunity on each Friday morning during Lent after the 10am Mass to gather to discuss and pray on St Luke's Gospel. During this year of mercy we will concentrate on the Parables of Mercy. Meeting will end at 11.10am All welcome.

6TH feb/7th feb

For the running of our parish

Envelope Collection: €725
Standing Orders: €370

The above are the ONLY collections that stay in the parish to support the running costs of our parish. Please consider contributing if you don't already do so.

Please contact Stephanie in the parish office for details.

Collections for outside the parish

Common Fund: €515
(First collection)

Share €460
(Second Collection)

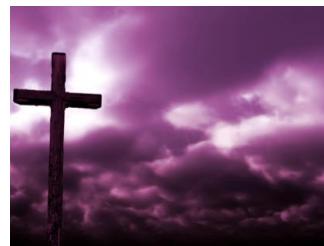


Baptism Dates

Baptisms on the following
Sundays at 12.30pm
Feb 28th and March 13th
April 10th and April 24th

Welcome into our Faith
Community the following who will
be baptised this weekend
Jamie Farrell
Mason Mc Guirk
Eva Walsh
Ciara Murtagh
Éabha Fogarty
Grace Doyle

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS
DURING LENT**



Members of our African Community will be leading the Stations of the Cross for our Community every Friday evening during Lent at 7.30pm. All are welcome!

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

St Finian's parish church invite you to a prayer service on Friday March the 4th at 7.30pm .A warm welcome awaits you.



Trócaire Boxes available in the Church.

please take one home!



**Week commencing
15th February 2016**

Mon 15th
Catherine Sharkey (RD)

Tues 16th
Mary O' Brien (RD)

Wed 17th
Anthony E Brack (RIP)
Eddie Hanley (AN)

Thurs 18th
Breda Polly (RD)
Bernadette Blake (Birthday Rem)

Fri 19th
Kathleen Nevett (1st AN)
Abraham Davis (1st AN)

Sat 20th
11am Mass in Thanksgiving
Monica Kennedy (RD)

Vigil 6.30pm
Pat Flemming (8th AN)
Michael Maxwell (10th AN)

Sun 21st
10am Paddy Doyle (AN)
Martina Junquera Bowler (AN)
11.30am May & Dick Rafferty (AN)



Church gate collection this weekend is
in aid of
St Vincent de Paul