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St Finian's Church and Our Lady Queen of Heaven

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THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT 6th March 2016



St. Francis Xavier was one of the very first Jesuits, a group of young men who were very convinced that God was sending them into world to bring to people the Good News that God is Good, that He is with us, that He is Love and Mercy itself. They were full of confidence not in themselves but in Jesus Christ and their faith and goodness and humility moved countless people to love God. Their motto was AD MAJOREM DEI GLORIAM (for the greater glory of God). St. Francis Xavier's mission was to the Far East. Travelling thousands of miles from Europe to India, and onwards to Malacca (in present day Malaysia), the Moluccas Islands (in present day Indonesia), and Japan, he died in 1552 at the age of 46 on a little Chinese Island hoping to get to the mainland to spread the joy of knowing and loving God in Jesus. He was impelled not by seeking riches or power or his own glory, but the glory of God: to see human beings fully alive with the joy of knowing God's Love and Mercy.

He reminds us that, whether we travel far or stay at home, each of us who is baptised has the same mission from God: to lift up the people around us by our service, our encouragement, our compassion and our joy to a better life and to true happiness which comes not from riches or power or passing pleasures, but from seeking the greater glory of God.

AD+MAJOREM+DEI+GLORIAM

Please join us each morning this week at 10am for Mass to celebrate the Novena of Grace in honour of St. Francis Xavier.

From Tuesday to Friday we have a guest preacher, Fr. Peter O'Reilly, who is currently studying Canon Law at Leuven and parish chaplain at Portmarnock.



Baptism **Dates**
Baptisms on the following
Sundays at 12.30pm
March 13th
April 10th and April 24th
May 8th and May 22nd

Loreto College

The parents association invite you to a Pub quiz on March the 10th in Peacocks function room at 8pm. All money raised goes to Loreto Swords.

27TH feb/28th feb

For the running of our parish

Envelope Collection: €890
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: €705
(First collection)
Share €573
(Second Collection)

STATION OF THE CROSS

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

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



**Week commencing
7th March 2016**

Mon 7th

John Fitzsimons (RD)
Christine Kane (MM)

Tues 8th

Health Intention

Wed 9th

Patrick & Kathleen Carey (AN)
Colin Mc Gill (AN)

Thurs 10th

Róisín Mam (RD)

Fri 11th

Breda Polly (RD)

Sat 12th

11am David Fitzgerald (AN)

Vigil 6.30pm

John Sayers (AN)

Jane & Jim Howard (AN)

Sun 13th

10am Kevin O Connor (RD)

11.30am Christine Kane (RIP)

Ministers of the Word and Eucharist

The new rosters for the ministers of the Word and ministers of the Eucharist are now available from the parish website and also from the back of the church.

Happy Mother's Day!

Happy Mother's Day to all the mothers
and grandmothers in the parish.