

EIGHT SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 27th February
Day of Prayer for Temperance
What do we have to show for all the love God has shown us?
Are our words full of bitterness or sweetness?

MASSES

Vigil Saturdays 6p.m. Sundays: 9a.m. & 11a.m.
Weekdays: Monday to Saturday 10 a.m.

CONFESSIONS

Saturdays 10.30am and 5.30pm

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Deaths

We remember in our prayers Gerard P (Gerry) Fleming, Hettyfield, Mary Butler, Lake Lawn and John (Jack) Healy, South Lodge.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.



Feast days of the week in March

Tuesday 1st March St. David is the patron saint of Wales, where he was an abbot and bishop in the sixth century. Several Irish saints were his pupils and he influenced monastic development in Ireland. He died around 601.

Wednesday 2nd Ash Wednesday Day of Fast and Abstinence.

In the readings today there is a sense that the time to repent and turn back is now. The Gospel tells us how to approach that renewal of our lives. It puts before us the remedy in prayer, fasting and almsgiving. These three strands of Lenten observance are as ancient as Christianity itself. There is no substitute for them. 'Fasting is the soul of prayer'.

Friday 4th St. Casimir, 1458-84, strove to promote peace and the unity of Western Europe. Though a young prince, he chose a life of prayer and penance. Patron saint of Poland.

Saturday 5th St. Kieran. Kieran of Saigir was born in Cape Clear, Co. Cork. He is numbered among the pre-Patrician saints of Ireland. He went to the Continent, where he was baptised and later ordained priest and bishop. He returned to his father's territory, Ossory, where he lived as a hermit. Disciples soon joined him and Saigir became a well-known monastery.

ASH WEDNESDAY

DAY OF FASTING AND ABSTINENCE

MASSES WITH DISTRIBUTION OF ASHES
MASS TIMES 10A.M. AND 6P.M.



Ballinlough Summer Festival.

A fun Table Quiz will be held on Friday 4th March in the Orchard Bar and Squash Club at 8.00p.m. This is a fundraiser in aid of the Ballinlough Summer Festival. Table of 4 is €40. Raffle during the night. Please support us.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Wishes to thank you for your continued support.

February Collection: €1,265

Need help or wish to volunteer: Contact SVP 021 4270444

Church Gate Collection next week-end 5th & 6th March



Prayer to St. Joseph

God, our heavenly Father, grant us the fortitude of Christ your Son to face the Covid-19 crisis with trust, patience and compassion.

Give us the grace of the Holy Spirit to free us from fear and look forward together to the future with healing and hope.

Through the intercession of Saint Joseph, the guardian of Jesus, and Mary his mother and Mother of the Church, may we be guided through this time of peril.

Preserve us in peace; heal the sick, protect the vulnerable; keep safe our health care workers and all who serve society, at home and abroad. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen



The Computer Swallowed Grandma

The computer swallowed grandma
Yes, honestly its true
She pressed 'control' and 'enter'
And disappeared from view.

It devoured her completely
The thought just makes me squirm
She must have caught a 'virus'
Or been eaten by a 'worm.'

I've searched through the 'recycle bin'
And files of every kind
I've even used the 'Internet'
But nothing did I find.

In desperation, I asked Jeeves
My searches to refine
The reply from him was negative
Not a thing was found 'online.'

So if inside your 'Inbox'
My Grandma you should see
Please 'Copy,' 'Scan' and 'Paste' her
And send her back to me!

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