

Prayer for Novena of Grace

O SAINT Francis Xavier, well beloved and full of charity, in union with thee, I reverently adore the Majesty of God; and since I rejoice with exceeding joy in the singular gifts of grace bestowed upon thee during thy life, and thy gifts of glory after death, I give Him hearty thanks therefore; I beseech thee with all my heart's devotion to be pleased to obtain for me, by thy effectual intercession, above all things, the grace of a holy life and a happy death. Moreover, I beg of thee to obtain for me . . . (here mention the spiritual or temporal favor to be prayed for). But if what I ask of thee so earnestly doth not tend to the glory of God and the greater good of my soul, do thou, I pray, obtain for me what is more profitable to both these ends. Amen.

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- Today, we begin the **second week of Lent** so we ask ourselves, What can we do this week to help us walk that journey, with Jesus, towards Calvary through to Easter?
- The **Novena of Grace**, to St Francis Xavier, begins today 4th March and will continue until 12th. Prayer will be said during the 10.00 Mass each day.
- The **Children's Liturgy** takes place at the 12.00 Mass this weekend.
- Congratulations** to Tadhg Duggan who made his First Holy Communion during the 10.00 Mass on Thursday last. We wish him and his family every blessing in the future.
- The **Boys and Girls** in our parish will receive the **Sacrament of Confirmation** on Friday 9th March at 11.00 am. We remember them, their parents and their teachers in our prayers. There will be no 10.00 am Mass on that day.
- A big **Thank You** to all those who attended the Concert in the Ruah Centre on Monday last. It was enjoyed by all. Special thanks as always to Paul Black, the inspiration behind all these events.
- Third Age Social Circle** have their meeting in the Ruah Centre on Monday at 10.30.
- Ballyroan Community Care Group** would like to invite all Volunteers from Templeogue, Rathfarnham, Knocklyon and Ballyroan i.e. Kitchen staff, Drivers and Helpers to the Annual General Meeting, which will be held on Monday 5th March at 11/15 upstairs in the Community and Youth Centre.
We remember all the couples who attended the **Pre-Marriage Course** in the Ruah Centre on Friday evening and all day Saturday.
- The **Parents' Association of Scoil Naomh Pdraig** are holding a book sale and Coffee morning after all Masses this weekend. This promises to be a good social occasion and your support will be much appreciated.
- The students of **Coldiste Éanna** will present the John B Keane's play **Sive**, in the school from Tuesday 6th March to Thursday 8th March at 8.00 pm each night. Admission is €10.00 per adult and €20.00 for a family of two adults and two children.
- There will be a Spring Clean for Charity Sale in aid of the St Vincent de Paul and the Irish Famine Commemoration Fund on 11th March from 11.00 am until 5.00 pm in the RDS.

ECUMENICAL LENT

SERIES 2012

HOPE IN A TIME OF CRISIS

*Thursday 8th March
Finding a faith compass
in time of Recession
Ven Gordon Linney
Fr Des O'Donnell*

*Thursday 15th March
Confronting Cyberworld
Stress
Fergal O'Neill
Claire Missen*

*Thursday 22nd March
Christian Voices
Together - How
Christians can be part of
the Solution.
Rev Alastair Graham
Fr John Nally*

*Thursday 29th March
Celtic Service of Hope
and Reconciliation
Rev Marcus Losack*

*Rathfarnham Parish
Church,
Rathfarnham village
8.00 pm*

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday 7.00-Patrick and Jo Moriarty (A), Paddy Byrne (A), Sunday 9.00-Mary Keegan A; 10.30-Denis Somers Month's Mind; 12.00-George Payne (A), Mary and Eugene Laken (A); Mon.10.00-Bernard Sheppard (A); Tues-Deceased members of the Hogan and Lynch families; Weds 10.00-Sean Ganley RIP Sat.-Agnes Blair and Aloysius Blair.

Recently deceased: Michael O'Gorman
Anniversaries: Bernard Sheppard and Olive Hade