



-This Wednesday, is Ash Wednesday and there will be Mass in the Ruah Centre at 7.30 am as well as the 10.00 Mass.

-Friday is 1st Friday. Could members of the Padua Society meet at 10.00 Mass before going to the housebound.

-The Novena of Grace begins on 4th March and ends on 12th March.

Saturday: Opening Prayers

Sunday: 10.00 and 12.00 Eamonn Walsh on "Job's Cry (Book of Job)

Monday 10.00 and 8.00 pm: Sr.

Kathleen McGarvey OLA on "Dialogue with Islam".

Tuesday 10.00 and 8.00 pm, Margaret Chambers, Chairperson of Bethany, "A Journey through Grief"

Wednesday 10.00 and 8.00 pm Jesse Rogers, lecturer in Scripture, Maynooth.

Thursday 10.00 and 8.00 pm: Professor Eamonn Conway on "Digital distraction, how the Internet is re-wiring our brains.

Friday 10.00 and 8.00 pm: Tony Shepherd on "The Architecture of Ballyroan Church, leading us towards the divine.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE NOVENA AND MAKE IT A TIME OF GRACE FOR OUR PARISH
-The Woman's Day of Prayer takes place on Friday, 3rd March in Rathfarnham Pastoral Centre at 8 pm

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WHO IS SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER?

Saint Francis Xavier, S.J. (7 April 1506–3 December 1552), was born in [Javier](#) (Xavier in [Navarro-Aragonese](#), Kingdom of Navarre (present day Spain), and a co-founder of the [Society of Jesus](#). He was a companion of [St. Ignatius of Loyola](#) and one of the first seven [Jesuits](#) who took vows of poverty and chastity at [Montmartre, Paris](#) in 1534.^[a] He led an extensive mission into Asia, and was influential in [evangelization](#) work, most notably in India. He also was the first [Christian missionary](#) to venture into Japan, [Borneo](#), the [Maluku Islands](#), and other areas. In those areas, struggling to learn the local languages and in the face of opposition, he had less success than he had enjoyed in India. Xavier was about to extend his missionary preaching to China but died in [Shangchuan Island](#) shortly before he could do so. Known as the "Apostle of the Indies," and the "Apostle of Japan", he is considered to be one of the greatest missionaries since St. Paul.

Readers NEXT week:

Saturday 7.00: Tessa Dagg
Therese Rice
Sunday 10.00: Joan Moore
Rosemary Magnier
Pauline Ryan
Sunday 12.00: Grainne Hagan
Cathy O'Leary
John Daly

Readers THIS week:

Saturday 7.00 John Whelan
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Geraldine Perkins
Sunday 10.00: Eileen Goodwin
Aine Vaughan
Sunday 12.00: Grainne Hagan
Sarah Byrnes
Pauline Ryan

What is the Novena of Grace?
The Novena of Grace originated in Naples in 1643. A Jesuit was cured through the intercession of St Francis Xavier who promised that those who made the nine days of prayer in preparation of the canonisation of the saint would receive many graces and favours. It was first held in Dublin in 1712 in the now Halston St. Parish. It started in Gardiner Street in 1832. An often-quoted memory of city-centre Dublin people is the time when the novena of grace stopped the traffic. People would arrive early for the devotions and soon the church which seats 900 people would be full. The overflow would block traffic on Gardiner Street. Now the Novena of Grace is held in many Dublin parishes. People say, "St Francis Xavier never lets me down". They come to hear good sermons, to take part in the prayer before Mass, to pray for their intentions as sort of a Lenten retreat and to join in a community of faith for nine days. It is a time to open ourselves to moments of grace in our lives and to trust that God is interested in our lives and our needs.

Mass Intentions for the Week: Saturday Vigil 7pm: Johnny Doyle and family (A) and Eddie Brennan(A); **Sunday 10:** Gerald Whelan (A), his grandparents and his uncle Mil; John and William Aherne (A)); **Sunday 12:** Grainne Fitzsimmons (Month's Mind); **Monday 10:** ; **Tuesday 10:** John O'Keeffe (A) **Wednesday 10:** John Madden (1stA) ; **Thursday 10:** Mass Association ; **Friday 10 (First Friday);** Altar List for the dead .

Anniversaries: Eibhlis Kennedy (1st A)