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The Novena of Grace continues this coming week

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.

-The next lunch time concert takes place in the Ruah Centre on Monday 27th March at 12.05. Sandra Oman (Soprano), Simon Morgan (Baritone) and David Wray (Piano) will perform Songs of Yesterday. Tickets 11 euro on sale in Ruah Centre, Tues., Wed., and Thursday 10.30 – 11.15.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY:

-The Bethany Bereavement EVENING OF PRAYER will take place on Tuesday 21st March in the Ruah Centre at 7.30 pm

FIRST WEEK OF LENT

Do we give up anything for Lent anymore? What about the sweets, the sugar, the cigarettes, the glass of wine or beer? Of course, it is always valuable to do penance, to do without things we like and to “offer it up” as we used to say. But Lent is more than just that – it is a journey with Jesus who was tempted in the desert (today’s Gospel), who walked the Way of the Cross, who met and consoled people on that road, who felt betrayed and lonely, who stood up for truth and who always remained in communion with His Father. He reached out to friend and enemy letting them know that all this was for them, for us. He walked our journey and now we are asked to walk his. When we are tempted, help us to say NO, when we feel betrayed or lonely we ask you to hold our hand, when we see injustice, help us to fight for the truth, when we meet the troubled let us be there for them. May we, also, turn to God in prayer all through this Lent.

Readers THIS 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 NEXT week:

Saturday 7.00 David Meade
 : Geraldine Perkins
Sunday 10.00: Irene Whelan
 John Whelan
Sunday 12.00: Children
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Intentions for the week: Saturday 7.00: Mary Toland (1stA); **Sunday 10.00:** John Mahony (A) and Joe Kennedy (A); **Sunday 12.00:** Pat and Jo Moriarty (A) and George Payne (A); **Monday 10.00:** Annie and Joe McGarvey RIP; **Tuesday 10.00:** Maeve Fleming; **Wednesday 10.00:** Frank Delaney RIP **Thursday 10.00:** The Ong Family **Friday 10.00:** Paddy Morrissey (Birthday Mass) and Bernard Shepherd (A).

Anniversary: John Madden (1st A)

Recently Deceased: Iris Walsh and Anne Kirwan and Victor Donovan.

Monday:

-U3A meeting in Ruah Centre at 10.30

- Parish choir practice in Church pm

Tuesday:

-Pilates pm.

-Renew Your Faith Course 10.45

-12.00 Choir practice in the Church

-DTIM Meeting at 7.00

Wednesday:

-Mother and Toddlers Group am

-Mindfulness Course in the Ruah

Centre 7.00 pm

Thursday:

-Pilates am..

-Legion of Mary, Ruah Centre at 10.30 am

-AA meeting in the Church pm

Novena Prayer:

O most kind and loving saint, in union with you I adore the Divine Majesty. The remembrance of the favours with which God blessed you during life, and of your glory after death, fills me with joy; and I unite with you in offering to God my humble tribute of thanksgiving and praise. I implore of you to secure for me, through your powerful intercession the all important blessing of living and dying in the state of grace. I also beseech you to obtain the favour I ask in this novena but if what I ask is not for the glory of God or for the good of my soul, obtain for me what is most conducive to both.