

Our Lady

Help of Christians



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MASSES THIS WEEKEND

Saturday	6.30pm	Gilgannon Family
Sunday	9.00am	People of the Parish
	10.30am	David V. G. Smerdon
Monday	7.30pm	Mary Florence Davies
Tuesday	9.00am	Margaret Henley
Wednesday	7.30pm	Holy Souls
Thursday	1.15pm	Angela Mary Conroy (Requiem)
Friday	9.00am	John Doyle

MASSES NEXT WEEKEND

Saturday	6.30pm	Betty McGuire
Sunday	9.00am	Michael Delahunty
	10.30am	John Roscoe

Novena No novena this week

Confessions Saturday 8.11.00 to 11.30 & 5.30 to 6.00pm

Meditation Monday after Mass & Saturday 10.15am

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the cross will be prayed in church at 8.30am every Friday in Lent. If anyone, male or female, would like to lead any Friday please have a word

Counters team next Sunday - Team A

Sue & John Murray Paul Toole Martin Kernick

SECURITY

I have been reviewing security in the church and the house. I think that the most vulnerable point in the house is the door in the front of the house facing the garden. It has a Yale lock and a Chubb lock. However I never lock the Chubb lock because if I did it would be very hard to get in if something happened to me in the night. So, I'm giving a key to each of the deacons and to Teresa Cash. I will now lock the chub lock but know there are keys to open from the outside and know who has the keys.

PARISH ACCOUNTS

If you did not receive a copy of the parish accounts sheet last weekend there are some additional copies available in the porch for collection after masses this weekend.

GIFT AID AND STANDING ORDER FORMS

Thank you to those additional parishioners who agreed to sign up to gift aiding or standing order payments following last week's appeal. Please place your completed Gift Aid forms in the envelope provided with the forms last weekend in the basket in the church porch. If you would like the parish finance team to forward your standing order form to your bank please include that in the envelope too – otherwise you can contact your bank direct. If you missed last week's appeal and wish to sign up to either scheme there are some further forms available for collection in the porch as you leave church. Please take an envelope and return the Gift Aid (and standing order) form next weekend – please date both forms on or after 1 April 2019.

NON-GIFT AID ENVELOPES

If you are making weekly envelope payments but are not signed up to the Gift Aid scheme (your envelope will have a number in the range 151 to 200 on the front) if you have not already done so would you please write your name and envelope number on the list in the church porch. This is to help us reduce the number of boxes of envelopes we print now that so many parishioners are paying by standing order.

CATHOLIC NEWSPAPERS

For some time now we have been selling very few Catholic newspapers each weekend and we are concerned about the waste of paper this involves when we are left with so many unsold copies (the parish receives credits for these so this is not a financial issue). We have therefore entered into an arrangement with the publisher to reduce the supply of the Catholic Universe and Catholic Times papers to 3 and 2 per week respectively, and we will be talking to the publishers of both the Catholic Herald and the Tablet (we rarely sell any of these two titles) along similar lines. If you have any concerns about this approach, or find that you cannot obtain a copy of the paper you usually buy, please let me know so that we can review the ordering policy. (The supply of Catholic Pictorials is not affected by these changes.)

JUSTICE & PEACE GROUP

The J&P Group's next meeting will be on Thurs 14th March at 7.30pm in St Luke's Presbytery. New members are always welcome.

50 PLUS GROUP

The next meeting of the 50 Plus Group will be next Wednesday 13 March at 2:00pm in the Church Hall.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

TUESDAYS: 12th, 19th, 26th March and 2nd, 9th, and 23rd April. The Ireneus Team, led by Fr.Chris Thomas, will support our Lenten journeys using the series **BROKEN** as a vehicle for prayer, reflection, and discussion.