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## Parish Office - Eighth Sunday of the Year. Feb. 26th. 2017.

### Wednesday March 1st. - Ash Wednesday.

**Ash Wednesday** is one of the most popular and important holy days in the liturgical calendar. Ash Wednesday opens Lent, a season of fasting and prayer. Ash Wednesday takes place 46 days before Easter Sunday, and is mainly observed by Catholics, although many other Christians observe it too. Ash Wednesday comes from the ancient Jewish tradition of penance and fasting. The practice includes the wearing of ashes on the head. The ashes symbolize the dust from which God made us. As the priest applies the ashes to a person's forehead, he speaks the words: **"Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return."** Alternatively, the priest may speak the words, **"Repent and believe in the Gospel."**

**Ashes also symbolize grief**, in this case, grief that we have sinned and caused division from God. Writings from the Second-century Church refer to the wearing of ashes as a sign of penance. Priests administer ashes during Mass and all are invited to accept the ashes as a visible symbol of penance. All Christians and non-Christians are welcome to receive the ashes.

The **ASHES** are made from the blessed palms used in the **Palm Sunday** celebration of the previous year. The ashes are blessed with Holy Water and are scented by exposure to incense. While the ashes symbolize penance and contrition, they are also a reminder that God is gracious and merciful to those who call on Him with repentant hearts. His Divine Mercy is of utmost importance during the season of Lent, and the Church calls on us to seek that mercy during the entire Lenten season with reflection, prayer and penance.

### Spiritual Ways of Living Lent.

**Private Prayer** - an addition of extra prayer to our daily lives, especially for those with busy lives

**Attendance at Mass** - Daily Mass is celebrated at 10am. each day - could you attend occasionally ?

**An additional act of penance or charity each day** - to remind us of our hopes to be better people.

**Reading Old or New Testaments** - reading a section of the Bible each day brings us closer to the Lord.

**Visit the Church each day** - light a candle to honour the Lord and say a prayer.

The use of Parish Envelopes, Standing Orders or Yearly Donations greatly help the ongoing financial obligations of the Parish. Many thanks to all who help in this way.

**Last Weekend's Collection.**  
Total €1845.  
€1000 (91 Envelopes returned from 207 allocated).  
Loose collection €845 (€280 in notes & €565 in coin).  
Extra in standing orders €105.

On-Going Parish Loans total approx €1.3 million. Monthly bank repayment €10,692.00.

All donations to this fund are greatly appreciated.

**Map of Finner Cemetery on display**  
in Church Hallway.  
Please inform Parish Office of any  
changes **before end of February.**



Lists for **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** on Fridays during Lent beside Priest's Chair — Please add your name where convenient.

**Saturday (Vigil) 7.00pm** Private Intention.

**Sunday**            **8.30am.** **Private Intention**  
                         **11.00am.** **Andrew Hogan (Dinglei Cough) MM**

Monday            10.00am. Tommy Brown (Dinglei Cough)

Tuesday          10.00am. Private Intention.

**Wednesday**    **10.00am.** **Ash Wednesday.**  
                         **7.00pm.** **Ash Wednesday.**

Thursday.        10.00am. Private Intention

Friday.            10.00am. Private Intention.

Saturday          10.00am. Private Intention

**7.00pm** **Peggy Flood (Church Rd)**

Sunday.           **8.30am.** **Bridie O'Doherty (White House).**

**11.00am.** **Mickey Rooney (St Bridget's Tce) M.M.**

We remember all  
those who  
have died  
Especially



Mabel Carty  
(Dublin)  
Anne Rafferty (late  
of Doran Close),  
Peggy Mannion  
(Ardlongfield).

May they rest in peace.

**Special Ministers of Eucharist for March .**

**7:00pm** Ann McGrath, Lucy Ryan, Ann Davey.

**8:30am** Mary Mulreany, M. Fitzgerald.

**11:00am** B. Fox, B. Connor, Bernie Ward, G. McGloin.

**Ministers of the Word.**

Mairead McGurran.

Mary Mulreany.

Rhya Doherty.

**March Altar Society.**

Celia Warnock.

Mary Carty.

**Church Collectors for March.**

**7:00pm** Cindy O'Beirne, Kathleen McGrath, Mary Doherty.

**8:30am** Nan/Patricia Brennan, Cormac Meehan, Petie Carty.

**11:00am** Pdraig Davey, Danny Breslin, Joe Smyth, Brid Connors.

**Weekly Church Ministers 27/02/2017**

**Minister of the Eucharist** Ray Kerr.

**Ozanam House** Fr Munster.

**Minister of the Word** Ray Kerr.

**Altar Servers for Next Week March 4/5th.**

**Sat. 7:00pm.** Cianna San Pedro, Rhianna Flanagan, Matthew San Pedro,  
Ava Fallon.

**Sun. 11:00am.** Zoe Smyth, Oliwia Galera, Anton Govorov, Lee Smyth.

**If you would like to help with  
collecting, reading or the altar  
society, please contact the  
Parish Office.**

**Community Notices - Where Space Allows.**

**The weekly meeting of the Afternoon Club takes place on Thursdays at 2pm.**

A meeting of **Gamblers Anonymous (G.A.)** will take place in the Pastoral Centre / Clogher Room  
each Monday for the next ten weeks (beginning Mon Aug 29th.) from 8.15 - 9.45pm.

**Childrens Dance, Drama & Singing Classes.** Every Saturday 10am - 12pm. Ages 4years + welcome. Classes restart  
Sat 10th Sept 10am in Pastoral Centre. Please call [0861504455](tel:0861504455) for all details.

**"Mini Me Yoga classes** Thursday's @ 5pm for 4-8yr olds and 6pm for 8-12yr olds. €20 for 4 weeks.

**A cleanup of the Bundoran bypass**, arranged by Bundoran Tidy Towns, will take place on Saturday 4th March  
from 12-2pm. Meeting at Supervalu at 11:45 for a briefing and then driving to the bypass. For more de-  
tails please email [tidytowns@discoverbundoran.com](mailto:tidytowns@discoverbundoran.com).

**Gamblers Anonymous / Gam-Anon** is holding its All - Ireland Convention "Experience; Strength & Hope" on  
3rd - 5th March. Convention details are on the Gamblers Anonymous website [www.gamblersanonymous.ie](http://www.gamblersanonymous.ie)

**Back to Work Three day Scheme / Contact Parish Office for more information.**