



# Darver & Dromiskin Parish

**February 11th - Sixth Sunday in Ordinary time 2018**

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## **BAPTISMS**

**First weekend of each month.**

St. Peter's Dromiskin, Sat. evening at 6.00pm.

St Michael's Darver Sun. morn at 11.15am.

One month's notice must be given at Darver prior to Baptism. Parents to avail of Parish Baptismal Programme.

**Parish Collection: Weekend of Feb. 4th**

St. Michael's Env. €312.00 Cash €73.00 St.

Peter's Env. €358.00 Cash €154.55

## **St. Michael's Darver**

Sun.	Feb.	11th	10.30am	Av. John Hanratty & parents Elizabeth & John Av. Frankie & Mary Ann & Frank & Kathleen Kieran. Av. Joseph. Catherine McCormack & Elizabeth Watters
Sun.		11th	10.30am	Av. Jack McGuinness Av. Margaret & Peter Halpenny Av. Brendan McDonnell.

## **St. Peter's Dromiskin**

Sat.	Feb.	10th	7.00pm	Av. Sharon Murtagh-Solan Av. Michael Maguire Av. Arthur & Ita Murtagh
Sun.		11th	9.00am	Av. Nena McGuinness.
Mon.		12th	7.00pm	People of the Parish.
Sat.		17th	7.00pm	Av. Jemmy Neary Av, Margaret McKnight

**Recently Deceased** Josephine Dowling, Sr. Josephine Dowling , Phyllis McQuillan , Rosaleen Hanneffy.

## **Mar Iosa Prayer Hour**

St Peter's Tues. @ 7.30-8.30p.m. Time of Prayer - Reflection - Adoration.

## **Gospel Matters**

It's a time for Christians **to pray, repent, reflect, fast and give to the poor.** What is Lent? Lent represents the 40 days Jesus lived in the desert praying and fasting after He was Baptized, Lent as a "time of rejuvenation and refocusing your life on your relationship with the Lord Jesus." **How long is it?** Despite Jesus' 40 days in the desert, Lent lasts 46 days. But Sundays during Lent are not "prescribed days" of fasting and abstinence. If you don't count the Sundays, you're left with 40 days of Lenten fasting.

**When is Lent? When does it end?** Lent begins on Feb. 14th and ends on Holy Thursday, which is March 29 with Mass of Jesus' Last Supper. On Good Friday, commemorates Jesus

crucifixion on Calvary. Easter Day (Sunday) Jesus rose from the dead. **Why fasting?** Fasting, abstinence and giving up attachments are forms of self-denial, which enables us to desire temporal things less and desire God more **People should fast and abstain on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.** That means followers should have one only full meal, no meat and two collation on those days. No other food should be eaten between meals, but all liquids are good but **NO ALCOHOL.** On Fridays during Lent, Catholics 14 years and older are encouraged not to eat meat, Fish is allowed. **Why the ashes on Ash Wednesday?** The ashes represent two Biblical themes, First: "remember you are dust and to dust you shall return," flagging our life as temporary and should be lived accordingly Second: the call to turn to God in a renewed and committed manner. We all have a choice to Christianise Lent or ignore Lent. But I want you to remember. Everything that has ever happened to you is the most perfect thing that can be arranged coming from the hands of the all-knowing, all-loving God. Every moment of your existence God is aware of you, watching over you, caring for you, knowing how you are feeling, knowing your pains and sufferings, knows you by name and is holding you in the ocean of His love. Faith has all the evidence, miracles and facts and welcomes mystery as her sister. So remember it is giving that we receive, in fasting we are filled, in praying we find true meaning to life. The world claims you but you belong to God.

## **PARISH €OTTO RESULTS**

**Monday February 5th 2018**

**Numbers drawn: (05) (13) (20) (25)**

**Jackpot €2,000 not won**

**No winner with 3 numbers**

**next week 3 numbers win/share €400**

# **JACKPOT NOW**

# **€2,200**

**Thanks for your support!**

**Minister of the Word: St. Michael's**

**Feb. 18th 10.30am Ciaran McGuinness**

**Signed Mass cards available** in both Churches/sacristies before and or after Masses. —both "sympathy" & "Mass Bouquet" It is imperative that we do everything necessary to protect the integrity Holy Mass.

**27th DIVINE MERCY CONFERENCE** in **THE RDS DUBLIN** on Sat 17th and Sun 18th Feb.— Moley's Bus leaves from Friary Church on Sat 17<sup>th</sup> Details - Phil @ 086 0638452 or 042 - 93200787.

**Special Collection: Flowers for Sanctuary at St Peter's Church at both Masses this w/end**

## **PAIN OF ABORTION**

Many years ago a woman came to me for Confession. Through choking tears and great pain she confessed she had an abortion. She was sorry beyond words. I could feel her sorrow and grief. I prayed the prayer of absolution with her and I knew God forgave her. As she was leaving she thanked me profusely. As I listened to her sense of relief I spontaneously said *"I too forgive you."* She was moved to renewed tears and in that moment I realised that those who have had an abortion are so in need compassion and healing. This weekend is World Healing Day with Our Lady of Lourdes Feast day on Sunday 11th. February  
**OUR LADY OF LOURDES ...PRAY FOR US**

# *Lent*

40 DAYS OF RENEWAL



Lent begins **this week** with Ash Wednesday

Mass and distribution of Ashes:

St. Peter's Church. Dromiskin @ 9.30am

St. Michael's, Darver @7.30pm

Day of Fast and abstinence

(no meat or alcohol)

One full meal and two collations only.

Season primarily Prayer-Fasting-Alms-giving &

Repentance.

*All Christians worth their salt will commit to additional prayer, fasting/penance, to help the poor, and repentance for the forgiveness of sin during this Season of Lent*