



Darver & Dromiskin Parish

February 18th - First Sunday in Lent 2018

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BAPTISMS

First weekend of each month.

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

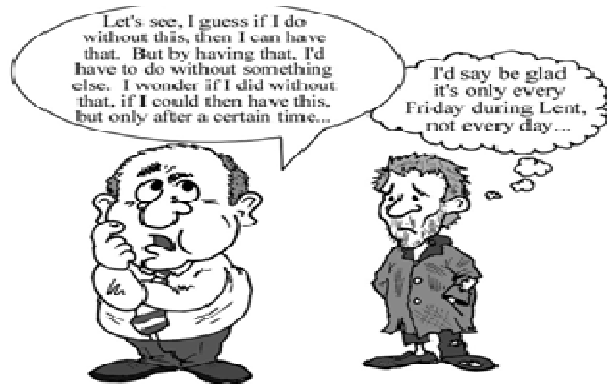
St Michael's Darver Sun. morn at 11.15am.

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. €305.50 Cash €231.09.



WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES 2018

21st—26th August 2018 - Dublin - Ireland. All Parishes are invited to engage with, a six weeks programme, associated with special year for FAMILY. It begins this coming Thurs. 22nd at 7.30 in the Meeting Room at St Michael's Church, Darver. I urge you as family or as family member to attend, whether you are Parent, sister, brother, spouse, grandparent etc. I hope you see the invite as "new" and not as "strange" in our culture-driven time and place. **Let's talk Family - Let's be Family.** Life today in our postmodern seems to be defined by change. In such a society, security is easily lost and loneliness can go hand in hand with a frenetic lifestyle. I hope to meet you there!

Special Collection will be taken up next Sun., at all Masses for

World Meeting of Families 2018.

This is a national Collection.

St. Michael's Darver

Sun. Feb. 18th 10.30am Av. Jack McGuinness Av. Margaret & Peter Halpenny
Av. Brendan Mc Donnell

Tues. Feb. 20th 9.30am Av. Boyle Family, Walterstown

Thurs. Feb. 22nd 9.30am Av. Thomas Kieran.

Sun. Feb. 25th 10.30am Av. Rose, Owen & Thomas Hamill

St. Peter's Dromiskin

Sat. Feb. 17th 7.00pm Av. Jemmy Neary Av, Margaret McKnight

Sun. Feb. 18th 9.00am Av. Parish List of the Dead

Sat. Feb. 24th 7.00pm Shared Mass Internations

Sat. 25th 7.00pm Av. Jem & Mardi Corrigan

Recently Deceased Frederick Carpenter Josephine Dowling, Sr. Josephine Dowling & Phyllis McQuillan. Malachy McKavanagh, Belfast - burial Dromiskin Mon 19th 21.30ish

Mar Iosa Prayer Hour

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

Gospel Matters

Lent 2018: God spoke to Noah and his sons - Saying "I wish to establish a Covenant with you and everybody that lives and will live on the earth, and every living creature." Have you taken time to be still, quiet and listen to God. Lent, invites all of us to spend personal time with God, praying, speaking, listening, confessing, renewing promises to be more faithful to Him, inviting Him more and more into every aspect of my life, never ever say "I am not worthy" Jesus said and continues to say "I have come to call sinners" - "to love you" - "to heal you" - "to forgive you" - "to be with us always" - "to be your light" - "to be your truth" - "to be your way" "to shepherd you" is that not totally inclusive of you: so be not afraid or be not arrogant - be not indifferent - be not smug-be not lukewarm. Instead be courageous, wise, true to yourself, faith-filled and full of life. Be a better person- be closer to God, a more committed family person- be closer to family, a better God person - living more by faith, a better community person- be more involved in community. Bring joy to your life: pray more and be much more attentive to prayers you say, remember, you are a God-Creation. On your own you can do nothing that is life-giving; but with God you can do all things. **Think about that** - with God you can do all things. If you doubt that, pray that you may believe. Responsorial Psalm pleads "Lord make me know Your ways, teach me Your paths. Make me walk in Your truth and teach me, for You are God my Saviour." that is clear and simple teaching. So you, like all of us need the help, the presence and empowerment of God, Christ be beside me, Christ be before me, Christ be behind me, Christ all around me, Christ within me. Only you can make Him welcome and only you can listen for you to the God who died to save you. "I have come to call sinners." and "I have come that you may have life and have it to the full." Be happy, life-filled and hope-filled - God is with/for you. It is your choice/your move. And it is Lent.

Prayer supported by Fasting (for the poor) leading to Repentance.

PARISH LOTTO RESULTS

Monday February 12th 2018

Numbers drawn: (11) (13) (18) (22)

Jackpot €3,600

4 with 3 numbers share €400

Lorcan/Adam Kirk: Martina O'Rourke:
Amy Galligan & Maureen Reilly

JACKPOT NOW €2,400

Thanks for your support!

**Minister of the Word: St. Michael's
Feb. 18th 10.30am Ciarán McGuinness.**

Does Life begin at conception?

At the foot of the cross
There is healing
At the foot of the cross
There is mercy
At the foot of the cross
Power flows from sinless blood
Love pours into broken hearts
From the perfect One
At the foot of the cross
Covered by his sacrifice
The Son of God sets me free.

Yes. And this is not just a belief - **it is a scientific fact.** At the moment of conception a new, unique human child with his/her own DNA comes into existence. In recent years, amazing advances in ultrasound technology provide us with a window the womb and reveals the truth. The truth is that the unborn child is undeniably one of us - a human child - a human being and much more than the lie which states "a clump of cells." In the past, some people may have pleaded ignorance to the humanity of life in the womb. Today we have no excuse/doubt/confusion. **The baby's beating heart has been recorded as early as 21 days after conception** - sometimes that is before Mum knows she is pregnant! Imagine the miracle of that!