

FEAST OF ST VALENTINE



St. Valentine is the Patron Saint of beekeepers, engaged couples, happy marriages, love, epilepsy, travellers, and young people. He is represented in pictures with birds and roses and his feast day is celebrated on February 14.

By some accounts, St. Valentine was a Roman priest and physician who suffered martyrdom during the persecution of Christians by the emperor Claudius II Gothicus about 270. He was buried on the Via Flaminia, and Pope Julius I reportedly built a basilica over his grave. Other narratives identify him as the bishop of Terni, Italy, who was martyred, apparently also in Rome, and whose relics were later taken to Terni. In 496 AD Pope Gelasius marked February 14th as a celebration in honor of his martyrdom.

In 1835 an Irish Carmelite by the name of John Spratt was visiting Rome. Apparently, his fame as a preacher had gone before him, and the elite of Rome flocked to hear him. He received many tokens of esteem. One such token came from Pope Gregory XVI (1831-1846) and were the remains of Saint Valentine.

On November 10, 1836, the remains of St Valentine arrived in Dublin and were brought in solemn procession to Whitefriar Street Church where they were received by Archbishop Murray of Dublin. In the 1950s/60s an altar and shrine being constructed to house them and enable them to be venerated. The statue was carved by Irene Broe and depicts the saint in the red vestments of a martyr and holding a crocus in his hand. <https://www.whitefriarstreetchurch.com/index.php/the-church/shrines/saint-valentine>

Today, the Shrine is visited throughout the year by couples who come to pray to Valentine and to ask him to watch over them in their lives together.

Happy Valentine's Day!



The ANNUAL COLLECTION for ACCORD Dublin, the Diocesan Agency for Marriage and the Family, will be made at all Masses next weekend **17/18 Feb 2024**.

ACCORD Dublin throughout the Diocese offers:-

- ❖ Marriage Preparation courses – online, small groups.
- ❖ Counselling for couples and individuals experiencing difficulties in their relationships, currently online or by phone.
- ❖ A Relationship and Sexuality Programme for schools.

ACCORD Dublin needs your support this year more than ever.

Please give generously on 17 & 18 February 2024

Parish Bulletin

**The Parish of St Philomena,
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THE GOSPEL

MARK

1:40-45



Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

READINGS AT MASS THIS WEEKEND

First Reading: Leviticus 13:1-2,44-46

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1

Gospel: Mark 1:40-45





CHURCH NOTICES

FAMILY GIVING

Sunday, 04-Feb-24 €1,010

COMMON FUND

Sunday, 04-Feb-24 €750

SHARE

Sunday, 04-Feb-24 €480

SUNDAY MASS TIMES

6pm Vigil Mass (Sat)
9.30am and 12 noon

WEEKDAY MASSES

10am on Monday,
Wednesday, Thursday,
Friday and Saturday

Tuesday

10am Eucharistic Service

HOLY DAYS MASSES

7.30pm Vigil Mass
10 am on Working Holy Days
9.30am & 12 noon on
Christmas Day and St
Patrick's Day

SAFEGUARDING

If you have a concern about child abuse, please contact Mr Andrew Fagan, Director, Child Safeguarding & Protection Service, Dublin Archdiocese (Mon-Fri: 09:00-17:00, Tel: 01-8360314 or Deputy Liaison Person Tel: 01-8360304. Tusla Office, Local Garda Station, or HSE (vulnerable adults) 1850 24 1850 or at info@hse.ie

Mass Intentions

Saturday, 10 Feb	10am	Paddy Reilly (RIP)
	6pm (Vigil)	Maura & Frank Corrigan
(Anniversary)		
		Andrew Kelly (Anniversary)
		Stan Higgins (Anniversary)
Sunday, 11 Feb	9.30am	Kathleen Byrne (RIP)
	12 Noon	Special Intention
Monday, 12 Feb	10am	Eileen Hawksey (RIP)
Tuesday, 13 Feb	10am	Eucharistic Prayer Service
Wed, 14 February	10am	Fiona Allen (Anniversary)
		Mary McKeown (Anniversary)
Thursday, 15 Feb	10am	Special Intention
Friday, 16 February	10am	Joe Callaghan (RIP)
Saturday, 17 Feb	10am	Eileen Leonard (Birthday Remembrance)
	6pm (Vigil)	
Sunday, 18 Feb	9.30am	Anne Connolly (Month's Mind)

DAY OF PRAYER FOR SURVIVORS AND VICTIMS OF ABUSE

This year's Worldwide Day of Prayer for Survivors and Victims of Abuse will take place on 16 February, the first Friday of Lent.

The Day of Prayer is an initiative of Pope Francis and was first marked in Irish dioceses in 2017. Blessed candles will be lit in parishes across the country as a reminder of the need for atonement and to symbolise repentance - light in the darkness and hope.

The lighting of the 'Candle of Atonement' and its prayers are based on the very moving Penitential Rite composed and prayed by Pope Francis at the final Mass of the World Meeting of Families on 26 August 2018 at Phoenix Park, Dublin, when the Holy Father implored the Lord's mercy for the crimes of abuse and asked for forgiveness.



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ASH WEDNESDAY

May your Ash Wednesday be a time of reflection and promise.

This Wednesday is the first day of Lent, Ash Wednesday. Lent is a special time when we prepare ourselves for Good Friday and Easter Sunday.



If you go to Mass on Ash Wednesday, the priest will make a little cross on your forehead with ashes. The ashes remind us that people were made from the dust of the ground and that some day we will die and go back into the ground.

It is good for us to remember that we will die one day. It helps us realize that God put us here and that we need Him all the time. If we remember how much we need God then we will think of Him more and love Him more.



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