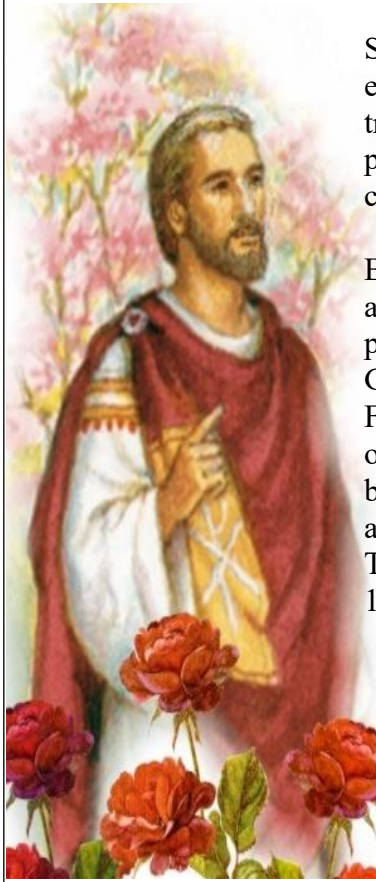


FEAST OF ST VALENTINE



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!

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Palmerstown

14 – 15 February 2026



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Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

I came not
to Abolish
the LAW

but to
Fulfill
the LAW
Matthew 5:17

Sunday Mass Readings

First Reading: Ecclesiasticus 15:16-21
Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:6-10
Gospel: Matthew 5:17-37



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CHURCH NOTICES

FAMILY GIVING

Sunday, 08-Feb-26 €1,126

COMMON FUND

Sunday, 08-Feb-26 €930

SHARE

Sunday, 08-Feb-26 €632

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.

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

Mass Intentions

Saturday, 14 Feb 10am

6pm (Vigil) Andrew Kelly (Anniversary)

Sunday, 15 Feb 9.30am Hannah Byrne (RIP)

12 Noon Dolores Whyte (Month's Mind)

Monday, 16 Feb 10am Eileen Leonard (Birthday Remembrance)

Hannah Byrne (RIP)

Tuesday 17 Feb 10am Eucharistic Prayer Service

Wed, 18 Feb 10am Oliver Byrne (Anniversary)

Thurs, 19 Feb 10am

Friday, 20 Feb 10am

Saturday, 21 Feb 10am Joseph Farley (Anniversary)

6pm (Vigil) Maureen Hanan (Anniversary)

Leo McCormack (Anniversary)

Sunday, 22 Feb 9.30am

12 Noon Micheal Greville (Ann)

Theresa Greville (Recently deceased)

Ash Wednesday

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.

Wednesday
18-Feb-2026
Mass @ 10am



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.

ANNUAL COLLECTION for Relationship Care Accord Dublin, The Diocesan Agency for Marriage and the Family, will be made at all Masses this weekend. Relationship Care throughout the Diocese continues to offer:

- 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.

Relationship Care needs your support this year more than ever. Please give generously.



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Sat 14th & Sun 15th February 2026

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