



Join Fr. Piaras for the Rosary most weekday mornings at 9.40am

Sacrament of Reconciliation:
Every Saturday 6.00 to 6.30pm

Church Collections

24/25 December

Family Offering Envelopes	€720.00
Shrines	€853.00
Diocesan Common Fund 1st Collection	€890.00
Diocesan Share Fund 2nd Collection	€560.00

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Mass Times St. Matthew's

Saturday: Vigil Mass 6.30pm
Sunday: 10.30am and 12.00
Weekdays: 10.00am

Readings for this Sunday

1st Reading: **Isaiah 62: 1-5**
God's love for His people
2nd Reading: **1 Corinthians 12: 4-11**
There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit
Gospel: **John 2: 1-11**
The wedding feast at Cana.

Mass Intentions for the Week

Ann & Patrick Fallon, Mary Hall, Patrick Finn,
James Higgins, Alan Gore, Margaret Walsh,
Sean Vallely, Bernard & Teresa Roche,
Bridget Roche, Elizabeth Fitzpatrick,
Margaret Dunne, Rose Doyle,
Caroline Gleeson, A Special Intention



Don't forget to visit our website
www.stmatthewsballyfermot.com
Parish Centre Phone 6265695

Sacristy

Call to the Sacristy after weekday Masses
to arrange

Anniversary Masses, Month's Minds
Baptisms (State Birth Cert. Required)

and to obtain:

Baptismal Cert Request Forms
Confirmation Cert. Request Forms
Mass Cards

The Sacristy is open only around Mass times
Phone: 626 56 95 (Parish Centre)



The St. Vincent De Paul Society would like
to thank all those who contributed to the
Special Collection in December.
Amount Collected: €3485

Gospel Readings for the Week

Mon 17/01 **Mt. 19: 16-26**
Tue 18/01 **Mk. 2: 23-28**
Wed 19/01 **Mk 3: 1-6**
Thu 20/01 **Mk 3: 7-12**
Fri 21/01 **Mt. 13: 44-46**
Sat 22/01 **Mk. 3: 20-21**

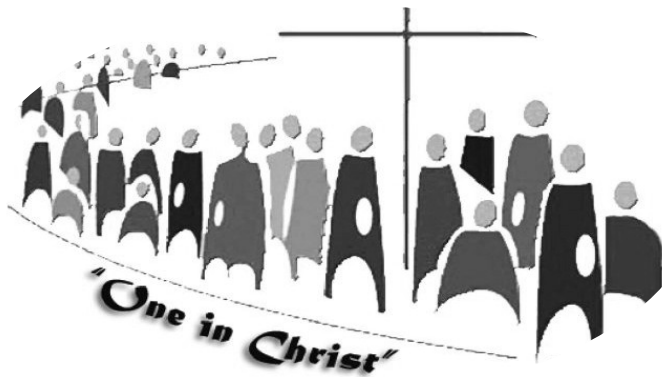
St. Anthony, Abbot

The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath.
Is it against the law on the Sabbath day to save life?
You are the Son of God.

St. Agnes, Virgin

Jesus' relatives were convinced he was out of his mind.





THE WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 18 - 25 JANUARY

The week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Archbishop Farrell writes: The week of Prayer for Christian Unity is traditionally observed from 18th to 25th January – the Octave of St Peter and St Paul. It's inauguration in Dublin will take place at an interdenominational Service in St Anthony's Church, Clontarf on Tuesday 18th January at 8pm. The Very Rev. Thomas Morrow, former Moderator of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland will preach the sermon. "The preparation for this year was undertaken by the Christian Churches of the Middle East, the history of which was and still is, characterised by conflict and strife, tainted with blood and darkened by injustice and oppression. The Christians of the Middle East offer these resources conscious that the world shares many of the travails and much of the difficulties that it experiences, and yearns for alight to lead the way to the Saviour who is the light that overcomes darkness." The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is a privileged moment of prayer, encounter and dialogue. It is an opportunity to recognise and receive the richness and value that are present in the other, the different, and to ask God for the gift of unity.

Synod Prayer:

We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name. With You alone to guide us, make yourself at home in our hearts. Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it. We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder. Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path, nor partiality influence our actions. Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right. All this we ask of You, Holy Spirit, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever. Amen.

The Covid Pandemic.

Sadly, we hear now of more people getting sick and dying due to covid. We are all finding it hard to be patient as we continue to pray for an end to all variations of the virus. In the meantime we must continue to sanitise hands, social distance and wear face masks in church, enter by the front doors and exit by the back doors (The candle shrines are at the back for the time being so that the flow of people would all be in the one direction) and please take missalettes home with you. In order to avoid different people handling the collection baskets we will have collection baskets on the way out.

Fr. Piaras