



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

Sacrament of Reconciliation:  
Every Saturday 6.00 to 6.30pm

### Mass Times St. Matthew's

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

### **Parish Staff**

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### Mass Intentions for the Week

Frances Kennedy, Moloney Family,  
Hughes Family, James & Jane Gleeson,  
Philomena O'Reilly, Joseph Hall, Mary Kennedy,  
Christopher Wynne, Chris and Lisa Canning,  
Rose Fitzpatrick, Mary Moloney

### **Readings for this Sunday**

1st Reading: **Jeremiah 1: 4-5, 17-19**  
I have appointed you prophet to the nations.  
2nd Reading: **1 Corinthians 12: 31 to 13: 13**  
There are three things that last, Faith, Hope and Love  
and the greatest of these is Love..  
Gospel: **Luke 4: 21-30**  
No prophet is ever accepted in his own country..

### **Church Collections**

**22/23 January**

Family Offering Envelopes	€380.00
Shrines	€300.00
Diocesan Common Fund 1st Collection	€405.00
Diocesan Share Fund 2nd Collection	€390.00

**RCN: 20016166**

**Don't forget to visit our website**  
[www.stmatthewsballyfermot.com](http://www.stmatthewsballyfermot.com)  
**Parish Centre Phone 6265695**

### **Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life**

Archbishop Dermot Farrell will celebrate Mass at 11.00am on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> February to mark

### **World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life.**

This will be an online event and you can join via webcam at [www.rednuns.com](http://www.rednuns.com).

### Recently Deceased

We remember in our prayers:



**Vera Nicol**

whose funeral took place recently in St. Matthew's.  
We offer our sympathy to her family and friends  
May she rest in peace.

### **Welcome**

We welcome Sr Margaret O'Donovan who will be coming to join the community here in place of Sr Helen who is being transferred to the Daughters of Charity community in Raheny.

### **2022 All Ireland Eucharistic Conference**

will be broadcast by Radio Maria  
on Saturday 5th February from 2pm

### **Gospel Readings for the Week**

Mon 31/01 **Mt. 18: 1-5**  
Tue 01/02 **Lk. 6: 32-38**  
Wed 02/02 **Lk. 2: 22-40**  
Thu 03/02 **Mk. 6: 7-13**  
Fri 04/02 **Mk. 6: 14-29**  
Sat 05/02 **Lk. 9: 23-26**

**St. John Bosco, Priest**  
**St. Brigid, Secondary Patron Saint of Ireland**  
**The Presentation of the Lord**  
'Take nothing with you.'  
The Beheading of John the Baptist  
**St. Agatha, Virgin, Martyr**



**Catholic Schools Week 23<sup>rd</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> January.**

During the week the schools were reflecting on some of the benefits of Catholic schools. There was a different prayer each day.

For Thursday the reflection for Primary Schools was:

**Today we are asked to think about living in wonder and awe. The world around us is a precious place. Creation shows us beauty in nature and moments that take our breath away. We are encouraged to see God's presence in our lives and at work in the world around us. We are called to remember that we are responsible for keeping our environment a safe and beautiful place to live in. In our schools we use our gifts and talents to make the world a better place.**

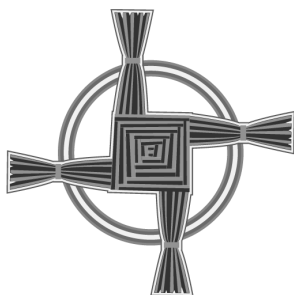
For Secondary Schools it was:

**Sometimes, if we're fortunate, we can see great and amazing wonders outside of ourselves – in nature, in people, in the arts. But we can forget the wonder within ourselves. We may fall into the trap of thinking little of ourselves; we may have low self-esteem. This can happen because we believe, rightly or wrongly, that others think little of us. However, the deep personal love that God has for us surpasses all this. But it can be a struggle to believe such wonderful things about ourselves without getting big-headed or arrogant about it, as some do. So the challenge is to get the balance right. Will we rise to the challenge? Will our Catholic school community encourage us and support us to rise to that challenge?**

**Please Pray for.....**

Please pray for the People of Malawi. Fr Simon tells me that a cyclone struck there during the week causing extensive flooding, roads becoming impassable, and a blackout throughout the whole country and that electricity has so far only been restored in a small part of the country. We all hear of trouble concerning Ukraine and certainly it is important to pray that differences should be resolved in that situation too

**Fr. Piaras**



**Tuesday 1st February  
Feast of St. Brigid  
Secondary Patron Saint of Ireland**

