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**18 Feb 2018 First Sunday of Lent  
 FIGHTING BACK**

'Spiritual warfare' is not a very popular term because it tends to conjure up the image of Christians who are besieged by a hostile world and holed up in some sort of religious system which is a bastion against all progress and development. Sometimes it is the rallying call for off-balance people who want to ban all pleasure and find fault in the most innocent of things. The Church, of course, is not an organisation that is primarily against things. It's in favour of life and goodness in all its forms. It's something wholesome and positive.

Yet in today's scriptures we cannot escape spiritual warfare. We find Noah's ark battling the floodwaters of all that is evil, and we meet Jesus in the wilderness fighting off the temptations of the devil.

There is no doubting that evil exists in our world. There's no need here to give a long catalogue of terrible things that happen day by day. We can all cite the examples. And even more speedily we can recall the various ways in which we ourselves co-operate with evil. For evil is not just something that other people get involved in. We are tempted each day to become part of it. Far from being something terrible, like genocide or war, evil creeps up on us in the simplest and craftiest of disguises. It may be the gossip we chip in with that blackens someone's character, the small act of dishonesty that weakens us for the next time, the festering coldness with which we treat members of our family or the prejudice we house for certain types of people. Evil starts as a small seed and is prepared to bide its time.

But it is never too late to fight back against sin and evil. God told Noah that although the world had turned from goodness and truth he would never allow evil to get the better of humanity. And Jesus himself, although he was really tempted at the roots, gave us the pattern to fight against temptation. God has made a covenant with us that ensures we can never be overcome against our will. Lent is the period for taking stock of how we allow evil to take hold of us. And with God's grace it's the period for fighting back.

**Lenten Scratch Cards** are available at the back of the church. Scratch off the date to reveal your daily challenge. Please take one home.

Congratulations to **Roberta & Gearóid O'Broin** who recently celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary.

**Weekend Intentions**



Along with their families and friends the following people are especially remembered this weekend. This time of the year holds a special significance for all those who knew and who loved them.

**6.30pm** – 1. Helen Burton – R.I.P.  
 2. Nancy Dunne – Months MIND

**10.00am** – 1. Brian Brennan – R.I.P.  
 2. Thomas Brazil Snr  
 & Thomas Brazil Jnr - Anniv

**12.30pm** – 1. Patricia Larkin – 4<sup>th</sup> Anniv  
 2. Hugh & Geraldine Howe - Anniv

**Recently Deceased:** Ursula Deering

**Months Mind:** Nancy Dunne

**Anniversaries:** Patricia Larkin

**ACCORD**



The annual collection for **ACCORD The Catholic Marriage Advisory Agency**

takes place at all masses this weekend, replacing the usual SHARE collection.

**ACCORD** run pre-marriage courses throughout the Archdiocese and also offer a counselling service for couples experiencing difficulties in their marriage.

**ACCORD** Dublin needs your support, please give generously. There is a copy of a letter from Archbishop Diarmuid Martin at the back of the church for those who wish to take one home.

Thank you to all who have contributed to the **Christmas Dues**, which supports the priests of the Parish, and the priests of the Diocese and so far the amount raised is €12,000.

**Bible Reflections** have burned the prayers from both Prayer boxes and following a ceremony on **Thursday last 15<sup>th</sup>** the ashes have been spread on the Garden at the rear of the Church.



## Parish Noticeboard.

### Social Welfare Information

Our Social Welfare Information Service takes place in St Brigid's Parish Centre every Tuesday -10.30 am-12.30 pm.

Just drop in – no appointment needed.  
Not available on Feb 27 or March 6.

### St Brigid's Cross

The next mini cross is being engraved at present and should be in place in the patio outside the Church before the end of the month.

We are taking bookings for the next cross. Four bricks make up a cross – cost €125 per brick.

A great way to remember a special day/date, wedding, birth, baptism, family or a loved one. Contact the parish office for more information.

### Novice Bridge Club

Our **Novice Bridge Club** takes place every Thursday from 7.30 pm - 10.00pm (for those playing bridge up to 5 years - assistance given if required). Partners not required. If you play, come along and join us.

Momentum is Building for the **World Meeting of families (21st-26th August 2018)** Booking essential for free of charge and ticketed events. More information on all events at masses on 24<sup>th</sup>/25<sup>th</sup> Feb. - and we are looking for volunteers! For booking please visit: [www.WorldMeeting2018.ie](http://www.WorldMeeting2018.ie)

### Do you have a spare room?

Thousands of people will be travelling from very distant places to participate in World Meeting of Families 2018 (Dublin, 21-26 August 2018). Many would be unable to come if they have to cover accommodation costs also. Do you have a spare room? Would you be willing to host a person, a couple or a family next August? Help us welcome visiting families to Ireland and have a home-from-home experience.

Ph: WMOF on 01 5676800

**Age action together with eir** are making waves to find Ireland's top Silver Surfers. The awards celebrate & showcase older peoples' use of the internet & technology as well as the volunteers who teach these skills. We would be delighted to receive nominations from you before the closing **Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2018**. Brendan Courtney will present the awards at a ceremony on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March at The Eir Building, 1 Heuston South quarter, St. John's Road, Dublin 8



Alcoholics Anonymous Ireland

Meeting in St. Brigid's Parish Pastoral Centre,  
**Tuesday evenings, 7.00-8.00pm.**  
**All Welcome**

### Dun Laoghaire Choral Society present:

#### Lust for Life & Lunch.

Why not enjoy wonderful food in one of 3 restaurants in partnership with DLCS followed by wonderful music. Tickets €15 Students: €5 Available at: [www.dlcs.ie](http://www.dlcs.ie), or at the door Sunday, March 4<sup>th</sup>, 3.30-4.30pm in Monkstown Parish church.



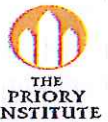
### Luisne Centre for Spirituality

Saturday & Sunday 24<sup>th</sup>/25<sup>th</sup> Feb **T'ai Chi & Dance February Weekend.** 10.30am - 4pm. Cost €80 Contact [office@luisne.ie](mailto:office@luisne.ie) / 086 051 7575

### ONLINE THEOLOGY COURSE

Study theology by distance learning, attend lectures in Tallaght or from your own home – join us this spring. Register by February 27<sup>th</sup>.

**Call (01)4048124 The Priory Institute**



### Trocaire Boxes

There are Trocaire Boxes available at the back of the Church for any families who wish to have one during Lent.

### St Brigid's Parish Cabinteely 18<sup>th</sup> Golf Classic Thurs, 17<sup>th</sup> May 2018 Old Conna Golf Club



Format – Rumble – Four person Team – any combination.

Special Prizes – Nearest the Pin and Longest Drive – Ladies and Men.

Timesheet now open, tee times from 12 noon – 3.30 pm

Entry fee (incl Golf and Meal) €75 pp or €300 per team.

Meal served in Parish Centre from 8 pm. Prizegiving at 9.30 pm. Contact Parish Office for more information on 01-2858835

### Irish Cancer Society

Operates a free transport service for patients attending hospital for chemotherapy treatment. Volunteer Drivers pick the patient up at the door of their home, drop them at the hospital door, then pick them up when their treatment is finished and drop them home. Volunteer expenses are paid. Visit their **website [irishcancer.ie](http://irishcancer.ie)** or contact **Irish Cancer Society** for more info **01 2310 522**