

Church of the Holy Name, Beechwood Avenue Upper, Ranelagh, Dublin 6.

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Newsletter 6th March 2016 4th Sunday of Lent

First Reading Jos 5:9-12
Psalm Ps 33: 2-7, R v 9
Second Reading Cor 5:17-21
Gospel Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Mass times

Daily Mass Monday to Saturday at 10.00am
Vigil Mass Saturday at 6.15pm
Sunday 10.00 (Irish) and 11.30am (Family Mass)
Masses on Holy Days :Vigil Mass of the Holy Day at 7.30pm with Masses on the day at 10.00am and 7.30pm
Confessions before and after Saturday Mass.

Baptisms

The parish baptisms are held on the first Saturday and last Sunday of each month at 12.30pm. Prior booking with the Parish Administrator is essential. A copy of the child's civil birth certificate must be provided at the time the booking is made. Please note also that godparents must be at least 16 years of age and must be confirmed.

Wedding bookings strictly by appointment with the Parish Administrator.

Child Protection Representative contactable via childprotection@beechwoodparish.com or through the Parish Office.

Ministers of the Eucharist 6th March

6.15 pm D. McCarthy
10.00am Y. Cooney, S. Clarke
11.30am Rita Lovett, Catherine O'Dwyer,
Molly Corbett

Minister attending Gascoigne Home

Mary Keane

Collections for last weekend

1st collection € 803

2nd collection € 712

Shrines/books/family offering € 310

Mass Intentions for the coming week

Sunday 6th 10.00am
11.30am Ned & Kitty O'Byrne (A)
Monday 7th 10.00am
Tuesday 8th 10.00am Teresa Driver (RD)
Wednesday 9th 10.00am
Thursday 10th 10.00am
Friday 11th 10.00am John Kennedy (A)
Saturday 12th 10.00am Mary Farrell
(Month's Mind)
6.15pm Patrick Dockery (A)
Sunday 13th 10.00am
11.30am Srecko Mihic (RD)

We pray for all our faithful departed. May they rest in peace.

Lenten Choral Service 13th March

There will be a Lenten Choral Service here in the church on Sunday 13th March at 7.30pm. All are most welcome.

Novena of Grace – Harold's Cross

The Novena of Grace continues until 12th March at Our Lady of the Rosary Church, Harold's Cross.

Monday to Friday at 10.00am

Saturday 11.30am

Sunday 12pm.

Preachers will include

Fr Terence Crotty OP (Sat. 5th),

Fr Peter McVerry SJ (Sun. 6th)

Fr Alan Hilliard, Council for Emigrants (Sat. 12th).

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**Bishop Robert Barron's Lent Reflections.
Lent Day 23 – Beasts of the Earth**

During Lent, we may spend time doing battle with what we call our “animal passions.” But this may not be the right way to put it because God’s covenant is made, not just with men and women, but with the animals as well.

I know this sounds strange to us, but that is because we are the heirs of modernity, a philosophical movement that tends to separate human beings radically from other animals and from nature. Modernity sees nature as, at best, something that might serve us or be mastered by us. But God has a much more integrated vision of things. All creatures, coming forth from God, are ontological siblings—brothers and sisters. In finding oneness with God, we find, ipso facto, oneness with the rest of creation.

This idea is reflected in much of the great tradition prior to modernity. St. Thomas Aquinas says that vegetables, plants, and animals are ensouled like us. In fact, the word “animal” just means “thing with an anima, a soul.” Thomas Aquinas saw us as part of a great chain or hierarchy of being. For the modern consciousness, we are, essentially, the masters of nature, and this is part of the problem for us, of course. We have so mastered nature that we are, effectively, alienated from it.

The Bible would have named this as one of the faces of sin. Sin, the caving in on oneself prompted by fear and pride, effectively cuts us off from each other, but it also cuts us off from the non-human

world around us. It cuts us off from our love for it, our curiosity about it, our care for it, and our fascination with it. (This was one of the major themes in Pope Francis' encyclical, Laudato Si'.)

But Jesus, in his own person, joins together the disparate elements of creation, the spiritual and the material, angels and wild beasts.

Notice for Ministers of the Word

A meeting of readers will take place next Tuesday 8th March at 7.30pm and will be repeated on Saturday 12th March at 2.30pm. Irene Gaffney will be present to guide us in reading techniques and use of microphone.

Gonzaga Students Habitat for Humanity Appeal

Students from Gonzaga College will be having a church gate collection here next weekend (12th and 13th March) to raise funds for Habitat for Humanity.