Mass Intentions

Saturday:

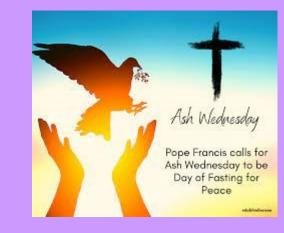
6.00 pm Hugh O'Rourke (Anniv) Also Vincent Joseph McGrath (Anniv) **Sunday:** 10.00 am Harriet Gilly (Rec Dec) 12.00 pm Mai Murray (Anniv) Also Pat Wickham (Anniv) Also Brian Levins (Anniv) Monday: Nuala Baker (Rec Dec) Tuesdav Teresa Rice (Anniv) Wednesday: **Special Intention** Thursday **Special Intention Friday:** Special Intention Saturday: **Special Intention**

Ash Wednesday



Next Wednesday is Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent. There will be two celebrations of the Eucharist on that day, at 10.00 am and 6.00 pm. Ashes will be distributed at both Masses. Ashes will also be available in the porch during the day Ash Wednesday is a day of fast and abstinence.

Pope Francis calls for Ash Wednesday to be Day of Fasting for Peace



During a General Audience address on 23 February last, Pope Francis invited everyone to make Ash Wednesday, next week, a Day of Fasting for Peace in Ukraine.

Appeal

My heart aches greatly at the worsening situation in Ukraine. Despite the diplomatic efforts of the last few weeks, increasingly alarming scenarios are opening up. Like me, many people all over the world are feeling anguish and concern. Once again the peace of all is threatened by partisan interests. I would like to appeal to those with political responsibility to examine their consciences seriously before God, who is the God of peace and not of war; who is the Father of all, not just of some, who wants us to be brothers and not enemies. I pray that all the parties involved refrain from any action that would cause even more suffering to the people, destabilising coexistence between nations and bringing international law into disrepute.

And now I would like to appeal to everyone, believers and non-believers alike. Jesus taught us that the diabolical senselessness of violence is answered with God's weapons, with prayer and fasting. I invite everyone to make the **2 March, Ash Wednesday**, a Day of Fasting for Peace. I encourage believers in a special way to dedicate themselves intensely to prayer and fasting on that day. May the Queen of Peace preserve the world from the madness of war.

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MASSES

St John the Baptist

Mon - Sat :10.00 am, 6.00 pm (V), Sundays: 10.00 am., 12.00 pm **St Gabriel's:** Sat (Vigil) 5.00pm Sunday 10.30 am and 6.00 pm **St Anthony's**: Sat 5.30 pm (Vigil) Sunday 10.00 am, 11.30 am

CONFESSIONS

After the 10 a.m. Mass on Sat and after the 10 a.m. Mass on the Thurs before the First Friday

BAPTISMS

On the 2nd Saturday of each month at 12 noon.

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