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The season of **Lent** will very soon be upon us. Let us remember that the word Lent means spring, and just as the season of spring brings renewal to nature, so the season of Lent comes to bring renewal to our souls. We are to do penance, we are to give more time to prayer, and we are to practice almsgiving. Make clear and realistic resolutions for Lent, and put them into force from Ash Wednesday. More than anything, however, ask the Lord that through these Lenten practices He may renew your soul in His grace.

The series of **sermons** on the seven capital vices and their opposite virtues continues this month, as follows:

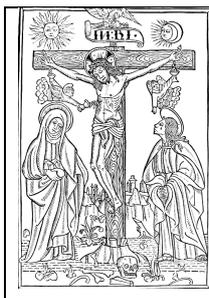
Sunday 3rd: Wrath/Meekness

Sunday 10th: Sloth/Diligence

Sunday 24th: Avarice/Generosity

Sunday 31st: Gluttony/Temperance

On the Fridays of Lent a **plenary indulgence** may be gained after receiving Holy Communion by reciting the following prayer (“En ego”) before an image of the Crucifixion (the image here provided is sufficient). The usual conditions for a plenary indulgence apply (confession and prayers for the Holy Father).



Behold, O good and most sweet Jesus, I cast myself upon my knees in Thy sight, and with the most fervent desire of my soul I pray and beseech Thee that Thou wouldst impress upon my heart lively sentiments of faith, hope and charity, with true repentance for my sins and a firm desire of amendment; whilst with deep affection and grief of soul I ponder within myself and mentally contemplate Thy five most precious wounds, having before my eyes that which Thy prophet David spoke of Thee, O good Jesus: “They have pierced my hands and feet, they have numbered all my bones.” Amen.

It was on **Quinquagesima Sunday 1989** (thirty years ago) that the traditional Latin Mass returned to regular Sunday celebration in Dublin city, thanks to the kind permission of the late Archbishop Desmond Connell. The church was Sts Michael and John’s — subsequently deconsecrated, alas — and the celebrant was the late Monsignor John Moloney. I well remember the day, as will many of those who read this. One newspaper had the memorable headline: “Youth Flocking to the Latin Mass” (Irish Press, 15.2.1989)! We give thanks to God for the graces of the past thirty years, asking his continued blessing for the years ahead.

Parents with a child for First Holy Communion this year who have not already provided me with a copy of their child’s **baptismal certificate** should do so as soon as possible. As in previous years, First Holy Communion will be on Low Sunday (this year, 28th April).

The **book of the month** is *The Story of a Soul* by St Thérèse of Lisieux. This is the autobiography of one of the most remarkable of all the saints. It is a classic of Catholic literature, and would make excellent Lenten reading. Soft cover, 175pp. On sale after Mass in the rear right-hand porch for €10.

Acknowledgements for all donations during 2018 will be posted out in the first week of this month. Please let me know of any inaccuracies. Some donations I cannot acknowledge because they were given anonymously, or I do not have contact details for the donors. May the Lord reward the generosity of all!

Liturgical calendar and Mass times overleaf.

The V. Rev. Gerard Deighan, Adm., Chaplain