

# DUBLIN LATIN MASS CHAPLAINCY NEWSLETTER

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During **Lent** we deny ourselves some food or drink for forty days. As we do this, we unite with Our Lord who Himself fasted in the desert for forty days. Like Him, we are tempted to give in to the Devil's enticements. Those things which we have denied ourselves suddenly seem so appealing! It is the age-old story of the forbidden fruit, which always seems much sweeter, but never is. There is something perverse in man which always wants what he is not allowed to have. Our Lenten resolutions force us to confront this sinful instinct — to confront ourselves. When we are tempted to give in, we experience how weak we are, and the correct reaction is simply to acknowledge this fact, with humility. Then, in our humility, we ask the Lord for the grace to be faithful. Adam and Eve were defeated in the garden, but Our Lord was victorious in the desert. With Him, we too will be victorious. The victory we win in our little Lenten struggles will flow over into every aspect of our lives throughout the year.

The life of the **Oratory in Formation** is now well underway. The fathers and brothers meet every day to pray together and to share a common meal. We invite you to join us in the church for prayer at these times: Monday to Friday, morning meditation 7.30 to 7.55 a.m.; Saturdays, morning meditation 8.30 to 8.55 a.m.; Monday evening devotions 7.30 p.m.; Tuesday to Friday, evening Oratory 6.00 to 6.30 p.m.; Sundays, Vespers and Benediction 3.30 p.m.

The Oratorian community recently received a wonderful gift of a first-class **relic of Saint Philip Neri**, enclosed in a bust of the saint. This will now be used to give individual blessings every Sunday after Vespers and Benediction. Those wishing to receive the blessing should kneel at the altar rails after the final hymn.

### Organ Postludes for March

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup>: Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750): Passacaglia in c, BWV582

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup>: J. S. Bach: Fugue in c, BWV582

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup>: J. S. Bach: Prelude in b, BWV544

St Patrick's Day: Charles Villiers Stanford (1852–1924): Allegro Moderato, 'Rheims' (i),  
Sonata 'Eroica', No. 2, Op.151

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup>: J. S. Bach: Fugue in b, BWV544

Sunday 29<sup>th</sup>: J. S. Bach: Fantasia in g, BWV542

Concerning the **corona virus**: If you are experiencing flu-like symptoms, please do not come out to Mass. You are dispensed from your obligation, and indeed your duty is rather to stay home and not to risk spreading the disease.

The **book of the month** is *The Gentle Traditionalist Returns* by Roger Buck. A few years ago the author's *Gentle Traditionalist* was a best-selling book of the month, which many of you will remember. This is the recent sequel. From the back cover: "Roger Buck's delightful narrative — as the title assures us — *gently* leads the reader into a new perspective on the Catholic Mystery. An absolutely refreshing read." On sale after Mass in the rear right-hand porch for €20.

The formal **acknowledgments** of your donations for 2019 have been delayed, partly due to the extra work of recording the very many contributions towards the presbytery roof project. Thank you! They should be with you before the end of the month.

*Liturgical calendar and Mass times overleaf.*

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