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February 10th/11th 2018 – Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

❖ **Mass for the coming week:**

Monday to Friday at 10.00a.m.

❖ **Sacrament of Penance Rite 11**

First Saturday of the month after evening Mass.

- ❖ **Lent** begins on Wednesday next, 14th February. There will be an evening Mass at 6.30p.m. on Ash Wednesday. Ashes will be distributed during the 10.00a.m. and 6.30p.m. Masses. Ash Wednesday is a day of Fast and Abstinence.

❖ **Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

World Day of the Sick

In biblical times people with leprosy were treated as outcasts not only socially, but also in the religious sphere; leprosy was the ultimate uncleanness. Jesus broke through all the religious and social taboos when He reached out to lepers.

First Reading: (Lev. 13:1-2,45-46)

Lepers were considered ritually unclean and were forced to live apart from the community.

Second Reading: (1Cor.10:31;11:1)

St. Paul encourages us never to do anything offensive to anyone but to do everything for the glory of God.

Gospel: (Mark 1:40-45)

This is a story of the cure of a leper by Jesus.

- ❖ Mass at 4.00pm Monday to Friday with an extra Mass at 1.00pm during Lent in The Oratory, Blanchardstown Centre.

The annual collection for **ACCORD**, the Diocesan Agency for Marriage and the Family, will be made at all Masses **next weekend**. The collection for ACCORD will replace the usual Share Collection. Thank you for your support.

St. Valentine's Day Gift Tokens – An alternative gift for your loved one this Valentine's Day!

This World Meeting of Families initiative is inspired by the Joy of Love, a letter from Pope Francis emphasising the fundamental importance of time spent together and good communication as foundations for a love that lasts.

Instead of buying a gift for each other, couples commit to time together – a meal, a walk, screen-free time etc.

With St. Valentine's Day falling on Ash Wednesday, this is a chance to think outside the chocolate box!

Monthly outdoor collection in aid of the **Society of St. Vincent de Paul** after all Masses this weekend. Thank you for your continued support.

❖ **Trócaire Boxes**

The focus country this year is Sierra Leone where families are recovering from the terrifying mudslides which devastated Freetown last August. Please support Trócaire in their work by taking a Trócaire box from the tables at the back of the church. Thank you.

❖ **MASS INTENTIONS:**

Saturday:	6.30pm	Jim O'Connor Anniversary
Sunday:	10.00am	Do This in Memory 1 st Holy Communion Preparation
	11.00am	Margaret Fallon Anniversary
	12.15pm	Yvonne O'Callaghan 4 th Anniversary

❖ **REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

We extend our sympathy to the families of Annette O'Gorman and John O'Callaghan, both recently deceased.

Pray also for Ella Henry, Vincent Smith, William Ryan, Maureen and Jimmy Doyle and deceased members of the Hynes family whose anniversaries occur at this time and all those whose names are on the Altar List of the Dead.