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February 17th/18th 2018 – First Sunday of Lent

❖ **Mass for the coming week:**
 Monday to Friday at 10.00a.m.

❖ **First Sunday of Lent**

Lent gives us an opportunity to renew our Christian commitment of prayer, fasting and works of charity. We can use these tools in our constant struggle against temptation. Christ himself was tempted and we can always approach him with confidence.

First Reading: (Gen. 9:8-15)

This tells us of the covenant which God established with Noah and his descendants after the Flood.

Second Reading: (1Peter 3:18-22)

The waters of the Flood of Noah's time were a type of the waters of baptism by which we are saved.

Gospel: (Mark 1:12-15)

After his baptism Jesus spent forty days in the desert, during which time he was tempted by Satan.

❖ **1st Sunday of Lent** – In this season of Lent, we pray that our family relationships may be a mirror of God's faithful loving kindness and a witness to our world.

❖ As part of our 25th Anniversary Celebrations, anyone baptised in our church 25 years ago (i.e. during 1993) is invited to a special celebration at 6.30p.m. Mass on Saturday, 10th March. We are trying to contact everyone from our records, but if you know anyone baptised around that time we would appreciate if you could tell them please. It will be a chance to renew links with the Parish and revisit old friendships.

The 3rd World Meeting of Families 2018 National Collection will take place next weekend. Your support will be greatly appreciated.

❖ Thanks to all who supported last weekend's outdoor collection in aid of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul which amounted to **€2,724.00.**

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

Castleknock I.C.A. Guild will host a talk on Local History & 5 Canal Walks by Peter Clarke in the Parish Centre, Beechpark Lawn on Monday next 19th February at 8.15p.m. All welcome. Admission €5.

The 6.30p.m. Mass next Saturday (24th Feb) will be a **Month's Mind Mass** for people whose funerals took place from this parish since January this year. A candle will be lit in their remembrance.

❖ **MASS INTENTIONS:**

Saturday:	6.30pm	John Leonard Anniversary
Sunday:	10.00am	Mary Tymon 25th Anniversary
	11.00am	Catherine Byrne 1st Anniversary
	12.15pm	Ronnie Miller and Paddy McCluskey Anniversaries

❖ **REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

We extend our sympathy to the families of Fintan Lawlor, Les Keogh and Kathleen Styles, all recently deceased.

Pray also for Bro. Martin Fahy, John and Julia Byrne, Bro. John and Bro. Willie Judge, Joseph Curran, Nellie Keenan, Matt Ryan, Mary Drohan, Kathleen and John Foley and William Ryan whose anniversaries occur at this time and all those whose names are on the Altar List of the Dead.