



Staff of the Pro-Cathedral - Fr Kieran McDermott, Adm., Sr. Patricia Somers, RSC (Parish Sister)
Fr Brendan Staunton, SJ, (Parish Chaplain)

Mass Times

Monday to Friday: 10.30 a.m. and 12.45 p.m.

Saturday: 10.30 a.m. and 6.00 p.m. (*Vigil Mass*)

Sunday: 9.30 a.m., 11.00 a.m. and 6.00 p.m.

Confessions

Monday to Saturday after the 10.30 a.m. Mass

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Monday to Friday after the 10.30 a.m. Mass to 12.30 p.m.



Word of God Sunday - 26th January 2020

Pope Francis has established a special Sunday at which Catholics are to celebrate and focus on the Word of God in the Sacred Scriptures.

This year the Sunday falls on the 26th of January.

Saint Jerome, who translated the Bible into Latin, and who famously said:
"Not to know the Scriptures is not to know Christ".

Inviting words...

"I love my old Bible, which has accompanied me half my life. It has been with me in my times of joy and times of tears. It is my most precious treasure," said Pope Francis. "I live out of it, and I wouldn't give anything in the world for it." (Pope Francis to young people)

"The Bible is not meant to be placed on a shelf, but to be in your hands, to read often – every day, both on your own and together with others."

"Why not read the Bible together as well – two, three, or four of you? In nature, in the woods, on the beach, at night in the glow of a few candles ... you will have a great experience!"

Anyone struggling to keep their eyes open while praying can also take heart, as the Pope says he sometimes dozes off while saying his prayers. "But it does not matter," he said. "I'm like a son with the father, and that is what is important."

Hands-on

The Bible is a hands-on kind of book and the best thing to do is to open it for yourself. There is no need to start at the front of the book. Instead, you could choose to read a Gospel (perhaps Matthew) or one of Paul's letters, such as Philippians...whatever is attractive to you. It might help to take shorter passages, such as the Sunday gospels, and use those for your prayer.

More resources www.tarsus.ie and www.dublindiocese.ie

Celebration for Consecrated Life

Archbishop Martin will celebrate Mass for Consecrated Life on the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, in the **Church of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour, Foxrock, Dublin 18** on **Sunday, 2nd February at 3.30pm**. Music will be provided by the Dublin Diocesan Music Group.

The World Day of the Sick Mass will take place on Sunday 9th February at 3.00 p.m.

in Church of the Guardian Angels, Newtownpark Avenue, Blackrock.

On Fridays from 5.00 to 5.30 p.m. there will be Sung Vespers

Vespers is also called Evening Prayer, it takes place as dusk begins to fall. Evening Prayer gives thanks for the day just past and makes an evening sacrifice of praise to God. (Psalm 141:1).



The local **Conferences of the St. Vincent de Paul Society** will take up their monthly collection after all the Masses this weekend.

Thank You

18th/19th January
1st Collection €1,240
2nd Collection €820