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 **Dominican Newsletter**

 ***St. Catherine’s Church, Dominic Street, Newry.***

 **January 29th 2023 4th Sunday of the (Year A)** Tel: 028 3026 2178

**Masses:**  **Vigil:** Sat 7.30pm, **Sunday**: 8.00am, 9.30am, 11.00am, 12.30pm.

**Weekdays:** Monday to Saurday: 7.30 am, 11.00 am, 7.30 pm *(Vigil on Sat.)*

**Confession:** Saturday: 11.30am - 12.30pm and 4.00pm – 5.00pm

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** ‘BLESSED’**

**Pope asks Fr Timothy Radcliffe**

**to lead bishops' Synod Retreat**

Pope Francis has asked **Fr. Timothy Radcliffe, an English Dominican,** to lead the retreat for bishops and participants taking part in the **Synod**  in October.

The former Master of the Order of Preachers (**Dominicans)** will lead the prayer gathering from **1st to 3rd October 2023** as preparation for those attending the **Synod of Bishops Assembly in the Vatican.**

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 The words ***‘Blessed’*** or ***‘Happy’*** appear in

 today’s Gospel. Being blessed leads us to

 happiness. When we are blessed God’s grace grace is bestowed upon us. Jesus brings

 the disciples to Mt. Tabor and tells them

 how blessed they are as his disciples.

 The blessings God gives us can lead us to

 ‘Happiness in the Lord’.

**FEAST OF ST. BLAISE** (Friday 3rd)

**Feast of the Presentation**

Thursday 2nd February

***‘CANDLEMAS DAY’***

***Bring your candles to the Church on this Day to have them blessed.***

Simeon reveals the Child Jesus

*‘as a light to reveal God*

*to the nations’*

A general Blessing of

Throats is given at the

end of Masses on

Friday.

Because of the risk

of the virus being

 **Monday Morning**

 **Tea/Coffee and Chat**

 In Dominican Hall

after 11.00am Mass. *All Welcome!*

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touching throats we

are unable to have

individual Blessings of

throats.

**Pope Francis’ words last Sunday**

 **‘Word of God Sunday’**

“This is our mission: to become seekers of the lost, oppressed, and discouraged, not to bring them ‘*ourselves’* but the consolation of the ‘**Word’**, the disruptive proclamation of God that transforms life, to bring the joy of knowing that he is our Father and addresses each one of us, to bring the beauty of saying:

***‘Brother, sister, God has come close to you,***

***listen and you will find in his Word an amazing gift!’***

**Journeying with the Word of God in Lent**

The Lenten series of Lectio Divina for Newcomers presented by Fr Joseph Ralph OP begins

(In Person) **Monday 20th February** **at 7pm** or

 (Online**) Thursday 23rd February at 8pm**

and continues for six weeks.

  For further information and to book a place,

please contact the **Lectio Centre, Newry** with preferred option. *(Numbers are limited)*

**T**el: 028 302 62178 (**Mon-Sat** 10-5pm)

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Further resources:- lectio.newrydominican.com

**Feasts during the week**

Monday 30th **St. Aidan**

Tuesday 31st **St. John Bosco** *(Salesians)*

Wednesday 1st Feb. **St. Brigid of Faughart**

Thursday 2nd **The Presentation of the Lord**

Friday 3rd **St. Blaise** *with a general*

 *Blessing of Throats at Masses.*

**FREE CAR PARKING**

 available in the Butte rcrane Centre on Sundays until 1.30pm.

**St. Brigid’s Crosses**

 **on sale outside the Church**

**this weekend after Masses.**

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*Thanks to our great team of volunteers*

*who collected rushes and made*

*the St. Brigid’s Crosses.*

**Receiving Holy Communion**

*The preferred option of receiving Holy Communion in the hand continues in our Church. Our priority is to keep people safe and protect them from getting the virus which is still around but not as dangerous. Anyone who wants to receive on the tongue can go towards the end of Communion to St. Joseph’s altar and the Priest/Eucharistic minister there will give you Communion there while following the normal sanitisation procedures.*

**Last Sunday’s Collection:**

came to £2,482.

for which we thank you.

**Pope Francis** will visit the African countries of ***Congo*** and ***South Sudan*** from Jan. 31– Feb. 5.

*Feel free to take copies of the Newsletter for others, those living alone and the elderly.*