



Dominican Newsletter

St. Catherine's Church, Dominic Street, Newry.



15th February 2026 Tel: Tel: 028 3026 2178 6th Sunday Year A.

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

Weekdays: 7.30am, 11.00 am, 7.30 pm (incl. Vigil Sat.)

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

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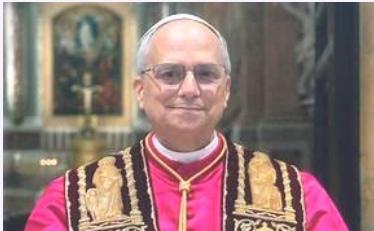
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Pope Leo XIV

...to begin Lent at the Dominican
Basilica of Santa Sabina.



On Feb. 18, Ash Wednesday, Pope Leo XIV will preside over a procession in Rome to the Dominican Basilica of Santa Sabina on the Aventine Hill, marking the beginning of the Lenten season, where he will celebrate Ash Wednesday Mass with the blessing and imposition of ashes.

Santa Sabina is the world headquarters of the Dominican Order with Fr. Carlsyle Fortune O.P. (a member of the Irish Dominican Province) as rector of the Basilica.



ASH WEDNESDAY

(Day of Fast and Abstinence)

18th February

Masses, 7.30am, 11.00am & 7.30pm

Ashes distributed at Masses

Today we begin the season of Lent – 40 days of prayer and fasting, a time when we look at our own lives and make an effort to return to the Lord. Ashes will be distributed at all Masses. Ashes remind us that when we die we will return to the earth from which we came. We are reminded that the first man Adam was created from the dust of the earth.

Shrove Tuesday

It was traditional to use up excess food before the beginning of Lent by using up eggs and flour etc. Thus began the process of making pancakes and the day was called 'Pancake Tuesday' or Shrove Tuesday' before the lenten fast.

It is also called Carnival Tuesday where people celebrated it as a day of excess before the fasting and penance of Lent.

Lent 2026

5 Week Lenten Bible Study

'Why did Christ have to die?'

Beginning Thursday 19th Feb.
7.00pm in the Dominican hall.

All welcome, tea and biscuits afterwards. Bring your Bible.



**Fridays of Lent
after 11.00am Mass**

Courage International

Pope Leo XIV met at the Vatican with members of Courage International, a Catholic apostolate supporting people with same-sex attraction who seek to live chastely according to the teachings of the Catholic Church.

During the private audience, they spoke about the healing power of chastity, true freedom as mastery of one's passions, and surrender to God's will.

Fr. Brian Gannon, Executive Director, said the Pope was very supportive and emphasized that no one is alone and Christ walks with the wounded. The meeting was described as a historic first papal audience for the ministry, active worldwide since 1980.

The Collection at last weekend's Masses came to £3,362 . Thank you!

Church Restoration Fund

Country Music

Cabaret Night

Sunday 26th March

8.00pm

Gavin Gribben Band

Hugo Duncan

Leon, Ennis Brothers

Kevin Kearney

Canal Court Hotel

Tickets £25 (available at Lectio Centre & Canal Court Hotel)

MC: Kevin McAllister

Lectio Divina for Newcomers

Looking for a simple way to grow closer to Jesus this Lent?

Join our Lectio Series for Newcomers.

Lectio Divina is a gentle, prayerful way of journeying with Scripture. No prior knowledge of Scripture is required.

If you would like to refresh your faith or try something new, you are warmly invited – just an hour each week and an open heart.

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Dromore Diocese 2026 Lourdes Pilgrimage

15th to 20th May

Contact: Sean Gorman at
028 3026 3739 Cost £890