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March 17th/18th 2018 - Fifth Sunday of Lent

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

❖ **Fifth Sunday of Lent**

The Old Testament talks about a covenant between God and his people. Then there is a new covenant brought about by the death of Jesus. "This cup is the new covenant in my blood."

First Reading: (Jer. 31:31-34)

The prophet Jeremiah tells a very disappointed people that God has not forsaken them, but will soon make a new and more intimate covenant with them.

Second Reading: (Heb. 5:7-9)

Through his obedience and suffering Christ became the source of eternal life for us.

Gospel: (John 12:20-33)

In his death Christ will be glorified and this will bring life to those who follow him.

❖ **5th Sunday of Lent** – In this season of Lent, we pray that all families will grow in the understanding of God's great love for every person, as the source of how we care for one another.

❖ **Easter Pastoral Offering Envelopes** containing the Easter Schedule have now been distributed to parishioners' homes. Spare envelopes are available from the tables at the back of the church. Thank you.

The annual **CROSSCARE Youth Services** collection will take place **this** weekend. It will replace the normal Share collection.
 Thank you for your continued support.

The annual **Advocate** collection for **Sunshine House** will take place after all Masses **next** weekend. The Sunshine Fund, a special works conference of the St. Vincent de Paul, provides summer holidays for children all over Dublin who need a holiday. This is their only source of funds. Your generosity is very much appreciated.

World Meeting of Families – Parish Conversation

The first in a series of Parish Conversations on Pope Francis' letter *The Joy of Love (Amoris Laetitia)* will be held in the **Community Centre** on **Tuesday next** (20th March) at **8.30p.m.** This is part of the preparation for the World Meeting of Families. The format is a number of video clips on themes related to family life followed by group discussion on the issues raised. All welcome.

Thanks to all who supported last weekend's outdoor collection for St. Francis Hospice which amounted to **€4,007.77**. Your continued support for St. Francis Hospice is greatly appreciated.

❖ **INTENTIONS:**

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| Saturday: | 6.30pm | Joan Jordan Anniversary |
| Sunday: | 10.00am | Nora and Christopher Rogers Anniversaries |
| | 11.00am | Tom and Carmel O'Sullivan Anniversaries |
| | 12.15pm | Jimmy and Flo Harrison Anniversaries |

❖ **REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

We extend our sympathy to the families of Geraldine Garland, Bill Britton, John O'Callaghan, all recently deceased.

Pray also for Mary Holton, Philomena Henry, Paddy O'Sullivan, Marian Donnelly, Mary Agnes McCallion, Gretta McLaughlin, Christina Byrne, William Ryan, Patrick Bergin and Nora Flynn whose anniversaries occur at this time and all those whose names are on the Altar List of the Dead.