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MASSES THIS WEEK

Wed. 9.00am Thurs. 9.00am. Fri. 9.00am.

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEKEND

Vigil: Lou Tormey. 10.30am. Anthony & Mary McGowan / Paddy & Bridie McGowan and their son Fr Pdraig.

ANNIVERSARIES NEXT WEEKEND

Vigil: Ben Hughes / Deceased members of the Nolan family.
10.30am: No special intention.

Last weekend Collection: €1320. Thank you.

Next Weekend

Readers—Vigil: Eugene O'Brien	10.30am: Cathal Sorohan
E.Ms. Vigil: James Quinn	10.30am: Patricia Donegan

Feast Days

Feb. 11th

Our Lady of Lourdes

Today is **World Day of Prayer for the Sick**. On this day in 1858 Our Lady appeared to the fourteen-year-old **Bernadette Soubirous** in Lourdes, France.

Feb.14th

SS Cyril & Methodius

Cyril and Methodius were brothers who lived in Thessalonica, Greece in the ninth century. In 1980 Pope John Paul II declared them **Patrons of Europe**.

Baptism

We welcomed into the Christian Community **Lachlann Richard Stein**, Mahon Ave on Saturday last. We pray God's blessing on the newly baptized and his parents.

Do This in Memory

The next **Do This in Memory** Mass is next Saturday.

You are salt of the of the earth

Jesus says that we are called to be the **salt of the earth and light of the world**. If these words are to mean anything at all, he is saying that by our faith we are to supposed to have an impact on our world.

How do we do that? The first reading today from **Isaiah** is direct. It says we are to share our bread with the hungry and to shelter the homeless. Then you are the salt of the earth.

However, it gets a little more complicated when we talk about being the light of the world. **Jesus** says our light must shine before men and women so that they see what we stand for and may be inspired to follow our example. We're supposed to stick out like a light on a hill that no one could miss. But isn't religion a matter of privacy. Most of us are not comfortable talking religion with those who do not share our beliefs. If we stay silent, are we not putting our light under a bushel? This is not an easy question.

There is a lot of darkness all around us, in the minds and hearts of people who are confused and being led astray by false values and destructive ideologies, who don't know any better. As followers of **Jesus Christ** we have something better to offer. Without being tactless or offensive, maybe we could speak up for the truth, and stand up for what we believe. Then you would be the salt of the earth and spread a little light.

James DiGiacommo, SJ

Scoil Mhuire -Enrolment

Children intending to start school next September should be enrolled at this time. Parents/guardians should contact **Scoil Mhuire**.

Festival of Faith

This Festival of Faith is on each Thursday in St Mel's Cathedral at 7.30pm for the next five weeks. This Thursday the speaker at the Mass is **Criostiona Ni Laimhin** from **Youth 2000** and the title of her talk is "*Personal testimony of living my faith*"

CASA (Caring and Sharing Association)

Their church gate collection is on next weekend, Feb. 15/16. Please support.

Lourdes Church Gate Collection

This collection is on this weekend. The money collected helps to fund the invalids on the diocesan pilgrimage to **Lourdes**.

