



# Saint MacCullin's Parish, Lusk

The mission of St MacCullin's Parish is to serve our community through communicating the love of Christ.

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## Pastor's Desk

Welcome, everyone. It is hard to believe that the Ten Commandments were written some 3,500 years ago. Moses received from God the two tablets of stone which bore the Commandments, and they have been the foundation of civilised society for Jews and Christians ever since. The beauty of the Commandments is their simplicity. In a clear way they emphasise the centrality of God in the lives of all who follow them, and then they tell us to think of others and their needs rather than to suit ourselves.

Secular society today denies that there is a supreme being such as God at all, and therefore people focus not on God but on themselves. What is good or bad is no longer decided externally by a moral code shared by all but by how "I" feel about it. Likewise, how I treat others is no longer determined by morals agreed by all but by me and my happiness. The name given to this kind of thinking is "relativism" and it is something that Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI has spoken about at length. Good and bad, right and wrong, are decided by how they are experienced relative to each individual, not by a moral code external to the individual.

The Ten Commandments are still the best moral code for Christian living and, as we examine our conscience this Lent, we should use them as a ruler to see how we measure up.



## Fr Eoin

### Parish Calendar of Services, Mass Intentions and Feast Days

Saturday 3rd	<i>St Katharine Drexel (1858–1955), American nun and educator</i>
7:30pm Mass	
Rosary after 9:00am Mass & at 5:30pm	Confession 6:50pm to 7:20pm or by appointment
Sunday 4th	<i>Third Sunday of Lent</i>
8:30am Mass	
10:00am Mass	
11:30am Mass	
Rosary at 5:30pm	
Monday 5th	<i>St Kieran (6th century), bishop of Saighir</i>
9:00am Mass	
Rosary & Miraculous Medal Novena & Exposition after 9:00am Mass & Rosary at 5:30pm	
Tuesday 6th	<i>St Colette (1381–1447), reformer of the Poor Clares</i>
9:00am Mass	
Rosary after 9:00am Mass & at 5:30pm	
Wednesday 7th	<i>SS Perpetua and Felicity (d. 203), martyrs</i>
9:00am Mass	
Rosary after 9:00am Mass & at 5:30pm	
Thursday 8th	<i>St John of God (1495–1550), devoted his life to the care of the poor and sick</i>
9:00am Mass	
Rosary after 9:00am Mass & at 5:30pm	
Friday 9th	<i>St Frances of Rome (1384–1440), foundress of a Benedictine community for women</i>
9:00am Mass	
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9:30am–12:00pm	Rosary after 9:00am Mass & at 5:30pm
Saturday 10th	<i>St John Ogilvie (1579–1615), Jesuit martyr</i>
9:00am Mass	
Rosary after 9:00am Mass & at 5:30pm	Confession 6:50pm to 7:20pm or by appointment

### Readings for Sunday 11 March

2 Chronicles 36: 14–16, 19–23. Ephesians 2: 4–10. John 3: 14–21.

### Parish Conversations

Let's talk Family! Let's be Family!

Tuesday 6 March at 7.30pm in the Pastoral Centre. All adults who'd like to participate and share guided discussions on family life and our Church, with a reflection, are welcome to attend. Approx. 90-minute session.

### St MacCullin's Parish

**Pastoral Council** will meet on 13 March at 8pm as the parish conversations continue on Tuesdays.

Lusk Tidy Town Association's annual **St Patrick's Day Card** selling in the local shops @ €1 each. A lovely reminder to those who are away from home.



The parish webcam is live and can be accessed through the parish website:

<http://www.mcnmedia.tv/camera/st-maccullins-church/>

**Choose Life 2018** promotes the Church's position on unborn human life and encourages family discussion on this important subject. The newsletter is published each week on the diocesan website at [www.dublindiocese.ie/choose-life-2018](http://www.dublindiocese.ie/choose-life-2018)

"The Eighth Amendment has preserved and fostered a culture of life that we can be proud of. The resources of modern medicine have been used very successfully to care for the lives of women and unborn children. We know that thousands of children's lives have been saved in Ireland by the Eighth Amendment over the past 30 years. The older I get, the more I appreciate the most precious gift of all, the gift of life, and the more I realise it is a gift. I didn't give it to myself. I received it from my parents and ultimately from God."

*Excerpt from the Pastoral Message of Bishop Leo O'Reilly of Kilmore*

This year's **All-Ireland Rally for Life** is taking place in Dublin on 10 March at 2pm in Parnell Square, Dublin 1. Please be there as Ireland unites around the common cause of protecting all of our children equally.

**Fingal for Life**, a local pro-life group, are holding two information evenings on why it is essential to save the 8th Amendment. The first one will be in St Brigid's Parish Centre, Rolestown, at 8:00pm on Tuesday 13 March. Speakers include Caroline Simons, Pro Life Campaign, and Fr William R. Dailey, Notre Dame lecturer in law. The second will be in the Carnegie Court Hotel, Swords, at 7:45pm on Tuesday 20 March. Speakers include David Quinn, journalist and Director of the Iona Institute, and Niamh Uí Bhriain, Director of the Life Institute.



## Lusk Athletic Club

### Important notice:

The 'Lusk 4 Mile' road race & children's races are taking place this Sunday, 4 March. The Start/Finish area is located on Chapel Green and Chapel Road adjacent to St MacCullin's Church. Please be advised: Chapel Green and Chapel Road will be closed for parking to allow for race set-up. Further road closures will be in place as the race commences.

### Saturday 3 March:

Parkrun. Ardgillan, Donabate and Malahide at 9:30am sharp.

### Sunday 4 March:

Lusk 4 Mile at 3pm. Please come along and support this great event. Thomas Ashe Dash: The Green, Lusk, 2pm sharp. €5 entry. U8 400m, U12 800m, U16 1 Mile.

Junior parkrun for 4-14yrs: 9.30am, Rush and Balbriggan.

### Tuesday 6 March:

Training for all juveniles and adults on Rathmore Rd at 7pm. Little Athletics Training, Lusk NS at 7pm.

## TO KNIT AN EASTER CHICKEN

You will need:

Wool: oddments of yellow wool/thread

Size: 8/9 or 3.5/4.00 needles

Beak: felt or ribbon for beak

Eyes: black wool for eyes

Neck: ribbon for neck

Work throughout in garter stitch.

Cast on 24 stitches. Knit 4 rows.

Increase at the beginning of every row until you have 34 stitches (i.e. 10 rows).

Next 2 rows: cast off 9 stitches (you now have 16 stitches).

Knit 8 rows straight.

Break wool and with a darning needle draw through the 16 stitches and stitch together, leaving the bottom open. Decorate with beak, black eyes and ribbon around its neck.

Please leave in parish office or in sacristy after Mass, for distribution on Easter Sunday.



Sunday 11 March is **Mothering Sunday**. This is a Christian celebration that has now become a worldwide event whereby we show mums how much we appreciate them. Mother's Day is traditionally an occasion to celebrate mummies, grandmothers and step-mums with flowers, breakfast in bed, gifts and cards. Bring your card or gift to the 11:30am Mass and get it blessed and help us pray for all mothers.

World Meeting Host a Family: Thousands of people will be travelling from very distant places to participate in the World Meeting of Families 2018 (Dublin, 21-26 Aug. 2018). Many would be unable to come if they also had to cover the cost of accommodation. Do you have a spare room? Would you be willing to host a person, a couple or a family next August? Help us to welcome visiting families to Ireland with a home-from-home experience. Learn more at [www.worldmeeting2018.ie/hostafamily](http://www.worldmeeting2018.ie/hostafamily). Email us at [hostingteam@worldmeeting2018.ie](mailto:hostingteam@worldmeeting2018.ie) or call us on 01 567 6800.

### Parish Contacts:

The Parish Office is open Monday, Wednesday & Friday 9:30am-12:30pm.

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It is requested that visitors do not arrive at the priests' houses unannounced. Please make an appointment through the Parish Office, tel. 8438421, or in an emergency please phone the priest to advise that you are on your way.

Your co-operation in this matter is greatly appreciated.

— Lusk Parish Pastoral Council