February 3<sup>rd</sup>

Feast of St Blaise

There will be a Priest on duty from 8am-6pm for the Blessing of the Throats.

February 10th

Ash Wednesday.

There will be a Priest on duty from 8am - 6pm

to distribute Blessed Ashes.

Masses & Confessions times as usual.

February 11th

Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes.

Masses with Anointing of the Sick

at 11:30am & 3pm Masses.

Feast of St Valentine

This year we will be celebrating the Blessing of the Rings

on Saturday 13th February

Blessings will be at

11:30am & 3pm Masses.

Novena of Grace

4th-12th March inclusive

Mass, Novena Prayer every day at 11:30am & 3pm

Homily at 3.00 p.m. Preacher Fr. Kevin O' Rourke, S.J.

Sunday 6th March

11:30am & 4pm





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O my mother, in your heart I placed all my anguish of my heart and it is there that I gain strength and courage." Saint Bernadette

It was at Lourdes that Saint Bernadette got to know the special place of Our Lady in the Church. Mary, the Mother of God, stood by the Cross as Jesus suffered and died. She stands beside all who suffer and all who care for the suffering.

On the World Day of the Sick, the memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes, we celebrate Mass and Anointing of the Sick.

The YOUCAT catechism reminds us:-

'The Anointing of the Sick imparts consolation, peace, and strength and unites the sick person, in his precarious situation and his sufferings, with Christ in a profound way. For the Lord experienced our fears and bore our pains in his body'.

February 11th, 2016

Our Lady of Lourdes, World Day of the Sick.

.For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother and shall cleave to his wife; and they shall be two in one flesh. This is a great mystery, but I speak in Christ and in the Church. — St. Paul

Saint Valentine's Day is a special day. The deepest hunger of the human heart is for love. God created us to love and to be loved. Christ, in the Sacrament of Marriage, raised the union of man and woman to the dignity of life in God.

The shrine of Saint Valentine is famous throughout Ireland and indeed abroad as a place in which to ask God's grace and blessing. On Saturday, February 13th, we ask God to bless engaged and married couples.

God, my Father, may I love you in all things and above all things. May I reach the joy which you have prepared for me in Heaven. Nothing is good that is against your will, and all that is good comes from your hand. Place in my heart a desire to please you and fill my mind with thoughts of your love, so that I may grow in your wisdom and enjoy your peace.