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**NOTICE FROM**

**An Garda Síochána**

Recently in the area there have been a number of Distraction Burglaries and Theft's or more commonly known as "Bogus Callers" to the homes of older persons. A distraction Burglary is where a bogus caller calls to the house and gains entry on a pretext/lie or creates a diversion so that an accomplice can sneak in separately to steal. Unfortunately it would appear that the older persons are the main targets for this type of crime.

In all cases people need to be wary of strangers calling to their homes. A number of precautions should be taken including the following:

DO NOT OPEN THE DOOR TO ANYONE BEFORE YOU'VE CHECKED WHO IT IS & WHAT IT IS THEY ARE LOOKING FOR USE YOUR PEEPHOLE/CHAIN/LIMITER.

OFFICIAL CALLERS SHOULD ALWAYS CARRY OFFICIAL ID CARDS ALWAYS ASK TO SEE THE IDENTIFICATION

DO NOT LEAVE STRANGERS UNATTENDED AT THE DOORSTEP

IF YOU THINK ANY CALLER LOOKS SUSPICIOUS, DO NOT LET THEM IN.

IF YOU HAVE ANY SUSPICIONS REGARDING THE ACTIONS OF PEOPLE IN YOUR AREA CALL THE GARDAI IMMEDIATELY

KEEPING AN EYE ON YOUR NEIGHBOURS AND CALLING REGULARLY IS ADVISEABLE



**ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, WESTLAND ROW**

**PARISH NEWSLETTER**

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**MASS TIMES:**

**Weekdays:**

10:00 a.m. & 12:45 p.m.

**Saturday:**

10:00 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.  
Vigil Mass

**Sunday:**

10:00 a.m. & 11:30 a.m.

**Holy Days:**

8:45 am, 10:00 am & 12:45 p.m.

**Confessions:**

Saturdays after 10:00 a.m. Mass, Eve's of first Fridays after 10:00 a.m. Mass

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**CHURCH GATE COLLECTION**

TAKES PLACE THIS WEEKEND THE 30TH-31ST OF JANUARY AFTER ALL MASSES , YOUR GENEROSITY IS GREATLY

APPRECIATED.



**Mass Intentions**

We remember at Masses this weekend:

**SATURDAY 30th 6.30P.M**

MAGARET FOX 2ND ANNIVERSARY

KATHLEEN FITZSIMONS 6TH ANNIVERSARY

**SUNDAY 31st 10.00A.M**

MICHAEL & KATHLEEN BYRNE JAMES & ANNIE DEEGAN & FAMILY ELIZABETH BRAY

**Sunday 31st 11.30 A.M.**

FRANCES MALONE RAFE & JANE KEOGH

**WE ALSO REMEMBER RECENTLY DECEASED :** THOMAS O'CALLAGHAN

**MAY THEIR SOULS AND THE SOULS OF THE FAITHFULLY DEPARTED REST IN PEACE. AMEN.**



# Who was Captain Valentine Blake?

Captain Valentine C. J. Blake, 1st Battalion, Irish Guards  
(Born 17th December, 1885; Died 28th January, 1916)

First and foremost Captain Blake and his family were parishioners of this church. Tragically, he was killed in action in World War 1 (The Great War) 100 years ago this weekend. In the side corridor there are two plaques to his memory one placed there by the men of his company and the other by his family. The Great War would bring yet more personal loss to Captain Blake's widowed mother (died 1919) and family. His younger brother, Harold, was also killed in action in France in November, 1917. He too is remembered on the family plaque in the side corridor. The remains of Captain Blake's parents and a sister, Mary (died 1904, aged 12) are interred in the church vaults.

Captain Blake was born in 1885 in Co. Mayo. He was one of nine children born to Valentine Joseph Blake (died 1912) and Mary French (daughter of Charles, 3rd Baron de Freyne). Initially educated at Stonyhurst College, Lancashire he went on to attend Trinity College, Dublin.

Volunteering in October, 1914, Blake received a captaincy in the Irish Guards. The Irish Guards were first established during the Boer War and included Major McBride in their ranks. Major McBride played a significant role during The Rebellion of 1916. In May, 1915 Blake was sent to France. Sadly, Captain Blake was shot and fatally wounded at Rouge Croix, near Neuve Chapelle while supervising the fixing of wire entanglements. He is buried at Rue de Bacquerot No. 1 Military Cemetery, Laventie, Pas-de-Calais.

In a letter to Captain Blake's mother (Stonyhurst Magazine), a military chaplain wrote: *"Before this reaches you, you will have heard from the War Office the very sad news of the death of your dear son, Captain V. Blake. He was killed early this morning while on duty. I cannot hope to console you in your great grief, but it will be a consolation to you to know that your son was well prepared. He came to Confession and Holy Communion on Christmas Day. I can also assure you that his loss is deeply felt by all, officers and men, as he was greatly liked by all, and you have their sincere sympathy. He will be buried to-day by me in a Military Cemetery, and tomorrow I shall offer up Mass for the repose of his soul."*

In his memory, the men of his company placed on his memorial plaque:  
"He lived for his God and died for his country".

Captain Blake is the first of eight parishioners, killed in action in World War 1, that we will remember over this year. There are memorial plaques to each of the eight located in the side corridor of the Church.



## WHEN THE GOING GETS TOUGH, THE LORD IS WITH US!

Today's Gospel tells us how Jesus' own people rejected His preaching and drove Him away. By this time, Jesus had a high reputation as a preacher and healer - so why were His neighbours so angry?

Because they couldn't accept that one of their own, a 'neighbour's child', could be the fulfilment of scripture, the key to understanding God's plan and being saved by it. Worse, He reminded them that they had no monopoly over God's love for humanity. Prophets had repeatedly been sent to those on the margins or outside the chosen people. Salvation for all and through nobody special - it was too much for them to take.

So we shouldn't be surprised when we too face rejection for witnessing to God's truth in Jesus. Nor should we be afraid. Like Jeremiah in the first reading, we have the guarantee that God is with us to strengthen us when we live our calling and witness to Him.

And how do we witness? By modeling in our lives the attributes of love - doing what love requires and avoiding what extinguishes the spark of love. We usually hear Paul's poem about love read at weddings. Today's readings explain why it's so appropriate then: love is about standing up and standing by the object of our love, in tough times as well as good. Even more compelling is the call to stand by love itself, and the One who loved us first. If we do, God will be standing by us, in turn.

### WE CONGRATULATE ALL WHO WERE BAPTISED IN ST.ANDREW'S CHURCH DURING THE

#### MONTH OF JANUARY

KAYA MULDOWNEY

JESSICA WAFER

ADAM KARINAUSKAS

PERLA STASAITYTE

DOMANTAS BRUZAS

DOMINYKAS KRIVICKAS

CHARLOTTE NUALA AYSHA MC'MORROW

ISOLDE CATHERINE MOIRA MC'MORROW

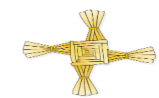
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## ADDITIONAL MASS DURING LENT

THERE WILL BE AN ADDITIONAL MASS AT 8.05A.M. EVERY WEEKDAY MORNING, STARTING ON ASH WEDNESDAY THE 10TH OF FEBRUARY UNTIL THE 29TH OF FEBRUARY THERE WILL ALSO BE A 5.30P.M. MASS ON ASH WEDNESDAY THE 10TH OF FEBRUARY.

MONDAY THE 1ST OF FEBRUARY THE FEAST OF ST. BRIGID



TUESDAY THE 2ND OF FEBRUARY PRESENTATION OF THE LORD. CANDLEMAS WORLD DAY FOR CONCECRATED LIFE



### BLESSING OF THROATS

WEDNESDAY NEXT THE 3RD OF FEBRUARY THE FEAST OF ST.BLAISE THE BLESSING OF THROATS WILL TAKE PLACE DURING ALL MASSES.

SUNDAY THE 7TH OF FEBRUARY

ANOINTING OF THE SICK TAKES PLACE AT THE 11.30A.M. MASS.



YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN US FOR TEA & COFFEE DIRECTLY AFTER THE 10.00A.M. & 11.30A.M. MASS ON SUNDAY'S, ALL ARE WELCOME.

