

Our Parish Newsletter
27 February 2022 –Eight Sunday in Ordinary Time
Ash Wednesday - 2nd March

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Mass Times

St. Mary's - Sunday - 10 am; Mon, Tues - 10 am; **Ash Wednesday - 7.30 pm;**
Thursday & 1st Friday - 7.30 pm
St. Joseph's - Saturday - 7.30 pm; **Ash Wednesday - 7.30 pm;**
1st Friday - 6.30 pm
St. Patrick's - Sunday - 11.15 am; **Ash Wednesday 10 am**

We Pray For The Deceased: St. Joseph's:

Saturday 26th 7.30 pm Kathleen (4th AM) & Johnny Conaty Tedehan
Friday 4th 6.30 pm John Collins & Susan Rudden, Kilderry 7th & 8th AM
Saturday 5th 12 noon Maureen Comiskey MMM with burial of ashes
Saturday 5th 7.30 pm James & Margaret Gaffney, Drumhirk

St. Mary's:

Sunday 27th 10.00 am Maureen McGovern, Drumcassidy
Sunday 6th 10.00 am The People of the Parish

St. Patrick's:

Sunday 27th 11.15 am Charlie Boylan, Toneylion and Deceased.
Sunday 6th 11.15 am Adriana Donohoe 2nd AM, Cul Lana
Also Joe & Joan Donohoe, Upper Main St.

Eucharistic Adoration: Will take place in St. Mary's Church each Thursday during lent from 5.30 - 7.30 pm.

Altar Society February

- ♦ St. Mary's - Ann Smith, Kathleen O'Rourke, Mary Callery
- ♦ St. Joseph's - Claire and Mary Comiskey

Readers - February

- ♦ St. Mary's - Charlie Galligan
- ♦ St. Joseph's - David Galligan
- ♦ St. Patrick's - Patricia Rennix

Visitation of the sick 1st Friday
4th March.

- ♦ The reason why Catholics did not read the Bible until the 15th Century with any regularity was because the Bible was not widely available because the printing press did not appear on the scene until 1436. This discovery was to transform the world as it was known at that time. Up to this point in time, each Bible had to be copied by hand and it took years for a monk working behind the walls of a monastery. At that time it took 250 sheep and thousands of hours to make each Bible. Because of the work load involved to prevent these manuscripts from being stolen the Bibles were chained in the churches to prevent people removing these from the church and bringing them home. Even with the printing press, the production of a copy of the Bible was a slow process. In 1455 Johannes Guttenberg produced 180 Bibles and then they were illuminated by hand thus taking a further year to produce a complete copy. Fortunately the availability of the printed Bible became more available before the Reformation hit Northern Europe. As a lot of people wanted to express the feeling that their interpretation was as good as the next inevitably this led to confusion. Even Luther realised that there are as many theologies as there are heads. Soon there would be more than 300 Protestant Denominations each having its own distinct beliefs about the interpretation of Scripture. Many of these interpretations conflicted with each other, yet everyone of them claimed divine inspiration.

- ♦ **Trócaire—Lent is from 2nd March to 17th April.** Please help every day if you can, and return your box/envelope by 17th April. Envelopes /Boxes in Church Porches. You can also donate on line—for more information visit www.trocaire.org

- ♦ **The Backpack for Adults—Night Class in Cavan Institute:** Following on from the success of - The Backpack for Adults in previous years at Cavan Institute the course will run again on Tuesday's from the 1st March and continue for 8 weeks. Participants acquire skills which protect and increase mental health and wellbeing. The course contains topics such as, dealing with strong emotions, boundaries, and contemplative prayer. For more information please email contact@thebackpack.life or phone 083 4877325.

- ♦ **Ash Wednesday:** Day of Fast and Abstinence, Three Meals and No Meat. The word Lent - The word Lent itself means "Lengthening spring days" and it became a spiritual journey of 40 days to help people focus on the upcoming feast of Easter. The 40 days was easily connected with the 40 days Jesus fasted in the desert and of course the 40 years the Jews wandered in the wilderness after they emerged from Egypt. The biggest form of denial was no meat of any kind, not even the lard. This gave rise to the custom of using up all animal fats on the eve of Ash Wednesday and the tradition of pancake making. In Mediterranean countries they call the Tuesday "Mardi Gras" and they celebrated what we now know as a Carnival. The purpose of fasting in the context of Lent is to help us realise how dependent we are on food., alcohol, gossip and having identified this, we ought to free ourselves from this dependency.

