

Our Parish Newsletter
20 March 2022 – 3rd Sunday in Lent

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Mass Times

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

We Pray For The Deceased: Eugene McKiernan, Delganey/Ballyconnell whose funeral was last Saturday; Pat Clinton Lisduff, whose funeral was on Sunday last

St. Joseph's

Saturday 19th	7.30 pm	Kathleen Cahill, Cashel, 1st AM
Wednesday 23rd	10.00 am	Mary Tully & Deceased of family, Aughnahague
Saturday 26th	7.30 pm	Martina Gaffney, Corlislea

St. Mary's:

Sunday 20th	10.00 am	Fr. Jimmy Early, England/ Drumbee 1st AM
Friday 25th	7.30 pm	Philip O'Reilly & Deceased Derrylea
Sunday 27th	10.00 am	Phylis Kane (2AM), Mattie & Marguiete, Cullow

St. Patrick's:

Sunday 20th	11.15 am	Michael, Ursula Kelly also daughter Ursula
Sunday 27th	11.15 am	Pat and May Reynold's, Kill

Eucharistic Adoration:

St. Mary's - Thursday's 5.30 - 7.30 pm.
St. Joseph's - Tuesday's — 6 - 8 pm.

Special Collection for Ukraine: A special collection for the people in Ukraine will be held on the week-end 26th - 27th March 2022. Proceeds will be directed to Caritas Internationalis which is the Helping Hand of the Church on the Ground in the Ukraine and Surrounding Areas.

"In the name of God I ask you: stop this massacre!" - Pope Francis



The significance of the Dove in our understanding of Confirmation

When we read about the creation of the world in the book of Genesis we see that at the end of each day of creation God looks at what he has created and he says "This is Good". Most of our lives we spend trying to remember this reality that because God has made us we are good. Religion is trying to help us deal with the forces of evil that rob us of this sense of security. As we are at the top of all creation we have access to the world of symbolism that nothing else in creation has. The word symbolism is a Greek word which means "that which draws together" (the opposite of diabolism" that which draws apart"). When we reach 12 or 13 our mind has access to a whole world of symbolism. And so in the symbolism of Confirmation preparation we are introduced to the Dove, Fire, Wind and Breath. The unlimited possibilities of happiness conferred on Adam and Eve came to a tragic end when Cain murdered his brother Abel, and things got worse. The flood that overcame Noah was perceived to be a punishment from God but there was still hope. As it rained for 40 days and 40 nights and all land disappeared the "end" was staring Noah in the face. However he got a brain wave and took a raven and allowed him to go free, but he returned because the Ark was the only solid thing he could land on. Then he decided he would release a dove, but the same happened she returned to the security of the Ark. After some time he released the dove and this time she returned with a leaf in her beak, indicating that some land had re-emerged from the flood. This return was of great significance but of greater significance, was what was in her beak – the branch was that of an olive tree and of course "olive branch" has become a universal symbol for peace making. For the writer of this part of the book of Genesis this was God telling the people that He had forgiven them for drifting away from him

Give me Joy in my Heart

Give me joy in my heart, keep me praising.
Give me joy in my heart, I pray.
Give me joy in my heart, keep me praising.
Keep me praising till the break of day.

Refrain:

Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,
sing hosanna to the King of

1. **Morning has broken**, like the first morning. Blackbird has spoken like the first bird. Praise for the singing, praise for the morning. Praise for them springing fresh from the world.
2. Sweet the rains new fall, sunlit from Heaven. Like the first dewfall on the first grass. Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden. Sprung in completeness where his feet pass.

Crosserlough ICA: Outing 13th - 16th June to West Cork 3 nights/ 4 days. Dinner B&B staying at Clonakilty Park Hotel. €415 for person sharing €66 supplement . Deposit €75 per person or registration by 22/3/2022. Contact Ann 4336332 or 087 9608760; Winifred 086 0484881. Visiting - Sherkin Islands, Michael Collins Centre, Muckcross