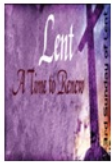


Parish Newsletter

SUNDAY 16TH MARCH 2025



During Lent candles for **“Healing & Renewal”** are available at all Masses and from the Parish Office. Offering €1

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament With Guided Prayer & Reflection

Wednesday evenings during Lent 7.30-8.30pm in the Oratory
All are welcome.

Good Friday Children’s Stations of the Cross

Young and Adult volunteers needed to help to dramatize the Children’s Stations of the Cross on Good Friday at 12.00. Please leave your name and contact details to the parish office. Rehearsal time will be given at a later date. All are welcome.

Thought Jesus often greeted His disciples with Be not afraid. After his Resurrection, when they were in grief and turmoil, it was Peace be with you. Often His response was “Courage”. Basically, He’s telling us; I’m with you, so be at peace and have courage.

MASSES: SUNDAY: Vigil, 6.30p.m., 9.00a.m. & 12 noon. MONDAY – SATURDAY Morning Mass at 10.00a.m.

All Masses can be viewed on the Parish Webcam via the Parish Website www.mourneroad.ie

Confessions after 10.00a.m. Mass Saturdays or on request.

Parish Office: Open Monday to Friday from 9.15am–1.00pm. *Mornings only.*



St. Patrick’s Day

Mass with Blessing of Shamrock at 10.00am in the main Church, with the Parish Choir.

We will also have Irish dancers, bringing a traditional flavour to our Celebrations.

Refreshments afterwards in the Pastoral Space. **All are welcome.**



TROCAIRE LENT 2025

Trocaire Boxes are available at the back of the church.

WHAT’S ON

Monday 17th March

ST. PATRICK’S DAY, MASS

AT 10.00AM.

Tuesday 18th March

Sacramental Team meeting at

7.00pm for the next

Confirmation Preparation Mass

on Saturday at 6.30pm

Friday 21st March

Eucharistic Prayer Group

meets in the Oratory from

2.30pm-3.30pm. All welcome.

Eucharistic Adoration

Monday to Friday

10.30am to 5.00pm.

in the Oratory.



We remember

Jane Geoghegan

who died recently

MAY SHE REST IN PEACE

Church Collections

w/e 8th/9th March 2025

1st Priests: €765

2nd Collection: €536

Envelopes: €663

PARISH LOTTO

Development Fund

There was no winner of last week’s Jackpot.

The winning numbers were

Lotto Nos 9, 11, 24, 27
Jackpot €21,400

Congratulations to last week’s winners of the three €20 Prizes.

Bank Holiday arrangements: The Draw will take place on Wednesday

morning after 10 a.m. Mass.

Entries for the Lotto draw must be put into the safe in the church by

11.00a.m. on Tuesday morning.

All are welcome to attend the draw.

Sunday 16th March 2025

2nd Sunday of Lent

First Reading **Genesis 15:5-12,17-18**

Taking Abram outside, the Lord said, 'Look up to heaven and count the stars if you can.' 'Such will be your descendants,' he told him. Abram put his faith in the Lord, who counted this as making him justified.

'I am the Lord' he said to him 'who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldaeans to make you heir to this land.' 'My Lord,' Abram replied 'how am I to know that I shall inherit it?' He said to him, 'Get me a three-year-old heifer, a three-year-old goat, a three-year-old ram, a turtledove and a young pigeon.' He brought him all these, cut them in half and put half on one side and half facing it on the other; but the birds he did not cut in half. Birds of prey came down on the carcasses but Abram drove them off.

Now as the sun was setting Abram fell into a deep sleep, and terror seized him. When the sun had set and darkness had fallen, there appeared a smoking furnace and a firebrand that went between the halves. That day the Lord made a Covenant with Abram in these terms:

'To your descendants I give this land, from the wadi of Egypt to the Great River.'

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm 26(27):1,7-9,13-14

The Lord is my light and my help.

The Lord is my light and my help;
whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life;
before whom shall I shrink?
The Lord is my light and my help.

O Lord, hear my voice when I call;
have mercy and answer.
Of you my heart has spoken:
'Seek his face.'
The Lord is my light and my help.

It is your face, O Lord, that I seek;
hide not your face.
Dismiss not your servant in anger;
you have been my help.
The Lord is my light and my help.

I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness
in the land of the living.
Hope in him, hold firm and take heart.
Hope in the Lord!
The Lord is my light and my help.

Second Reading **Philippians 3:17-4:1**

My brothers, be united in following my rule of life. Take as your models everybody who is already doing this and study them as you used to study us. I have told you often, and I repeat it today with tears, there are many who are behaving as the enemies of the cross of Christ. They are destined to be lost. They make foods into their god and they are proudest of something they ought to think shameful; the things they think important are earthly things. For us, our homeland is in heaven, and from heaven comes the saviour we are waiting for, the Lord Jesus Christ, and he will transfigure these wretched bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body. He will do that by the same power with which he can subdue the whole universe.

So then, my brothers and dear friends, do not give way but remain faithful in the Lord. I miss you very much, dear friends; you are my joy and my crown.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Mt17:5

Glory and praise to you, O Christ!
From the bright cloud the Father's voice was heard:
'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.'
Glory and praise to you, O Christ!

Gospel **Luke 9:28-36**

Jesus took with him Peter and John and James and went up the mountain to pray. As he prayed, the aspect of his face was changed and his clothing became brilliant as lightning. Suddenly there were two men there talking to him; they were Moses and Elijah appearing in glory, and they were speaking of his passing which he was to accomplish in Jerusalem. Peter and his companions were heavy with sleep, but they kept awake and saw his glory and the two men standing with him. As these were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' – He did not know what he was saying. As he spoke, a cloud came and covered them with shadow; and when they went into the cloud the disciples were afraid. And a voice came from the cloud saying, 'This is my Son, the Chosen One. Listen to him.' And after the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. The disciples kept silence and, at that time, told no one what they had seen.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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