



Parish Newsletter

SUNDAY 30TH MARCH 2025



Easter Mass Bouquet Cards €6 & Easter Cards €2 available from the Parish Office.

Our Lady of Mercy Secondary School Parents' Council is organising a Bingo night on Tues 8th April in the Primary School Hall. Doors open from 6pm. Game starts at 7pm. Books €10, Jackpot €2. Books can be bought from the OLM school office or on the night. Spot prizes and cash jackpot. For enquiries, contact Claire on 1423368. Please support us.

St. Agnes' Musical Society presents the Irish Amateur Premiere of The Secret Garden, The Musical, Based on the book by Frances Hodgson Burnett Saturday 12th & Sunday 13th April at 7pm, Scoil Úna Naofa, Armagh Road, Crumlin. Tickets €15 (€10 conc) www.gr8events.ie Phone: 01 4562926

Thought In the gospel the father confirms, that when he dies, the elder will inherit everything because the younger has already taken his inheritance. That is justice. The prodigal will be dependent on his brother. The father is asking his older son to have the same acceptance and forgiveness towards his brother. Maybe he is hoping the brother will not only forgive his brother but, in time, might give the prodigal an inheritance. That would be mercy. Is there anyone who have we forgiven who needs a further grace from us?

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.**

TROCAIRE LENT 2025 Trocaire Boxes are available at the back of the church.



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament With Guided Prayer & Reflection Wednesday evenings during Lent 7.30-8.30pm in the Oratory. All are welcome.



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



We remember **Marie Murphy** who died recently **MAY SHE REST IN PEACE**

WHAT'S ON

Monday 31st March

Choir practise at 7.45pm in the Church.

Tuesday 1st April

Sacramental Team meeting at 7pm for the next First Holy Communion Preparation Mass on Saturday at 6.30pm.

Wednesdays during Lent

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with Guided Prayer & Reflection in the Oratory from 7.30-8.30pm.

1st Friday 4th April

All those on the Altar List of the Dead will be remembered at the 10.00am Mass.

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.



Church Collections

St. Patrick's Day

1st Priests: €341

2nd Collection: €235

w/e 22nd/23rd March 2025

1st Priests: €788

2nd Collection: €605

Envelopes: €854

PARISH LOTTO

Development Fund

There was no winner of last week's Jackpot.

The winning numbers were

**Lotto Nos 4, 5, 8, 23
Jackpot €21,600**

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

The Draw takes place on

Tuesday morning before the 10 a.m. Mass. Entries for the Lotto draw each week must be put into the safe in the church by 11.00a.m. on Mondays.

All are welcome to attend the draw.

Sunday 30 March 2025

4th Sunday of Lent (Laetare Sunday)

First Reading Joshua 5:9-12

The Lord said to Joshua, 'Today I have taken the shame of Egypt away from you.'

The Israelites pitched their camp at Gilgal and kept the Passover there on the fourteenth day of the month, at evening in the plain of Jericho. On the morrow of the Passover they tasted the produce of that country, unleavened bread and roasted ears of corn, that same day. From that time, from their first eating of the produce of that country, the manna stopped falling. And having manna no longer, the Israelites fed from that year onwards on what the land of Canaan yielded.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm 33 (34): 2-7

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

I will bless the Lord at all times,
his praise always on my lips;
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.
The humble shall hear and be glad.

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

Glorify the Lord with me.
Together let us praise his name.
I sought the Lord and he answered me;
from all my terrors he set me free.

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

Look towards him and be radiant;
let your faces not be abashed.
This poor man called, the Lord heard him
and rescued him from all his distress.

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

Second Reading 2 Corinthians 5:17-21

For anyone who is in Christ, there is a new creation; the old creation has gone, and now the new one is here. It is all God's work. It was God who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the work of handing on this reconciliation. In other words, God in Christ was reconciling the world to himself, not holding men's faults against them, and he has entrusted to us the news that they are reconciled. So we are ambassadors for Christ; it is as though God were appealing through us, and the appeal that we make in Christ's name is: be reconciled to God. For our sake God made the sinless one into sin, so that in him we might become the goodness of God.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation Lk 15:18

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus!
I will leave this place and go to my father and say:
'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you.'
Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus!

Gospel Luke 15:1-3,11-32

The tax collectors and the sinners were all seeking the company of Jesus to hear what he had to say, and the Pharisees and the scribes complained. 'This man' they said 'welcomes sinners and eats with them.' So he spoke this parable to them:

'A man had two sons. The younger said to his father, "Father, let me have the share of the estate that would come to me." So the father divided the property between them. A few days later, the younger son got together everything he had and left for a distant country where he squandered his money on a life of debauchery.

'When he had spent it all, that country experienced a severe famine, and now he began to feel the pinch, so he hired himself out to one of the local inhabitants who put him on his farm to feed the pigs. And he would willingly have filled his belly with the husks the pigs were eating but no one offered him anything. Then he came to his senses and said, "How many of my father's paid servants have more food than they want, and here am I dying of hunger! I will leave this place and go to my father and say: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as one of your paid servants." So he left the place and went back to his father.

'While he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was moved with pity. He ran to the boy, clasped him in his arms and kissed him tenderly. Then his son said, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son." But the father said to his servants, "Quick! Bring out the best robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the calf we have been fattening, and kill it; we are going to have a feast, a celebration, because this son of mine was dead and has come back to life; he was lost and is found." And they began to celebrate.

'Now the elder son was out in the fields, and on his way back, as he drew near the house, he could hear music and dancing. Calling one of the servants he asked what it was all about. "Your brother has come" replied the servant "and your father has killed the calf we had fattened because he has got him back safe and sound." He was angry then and refused to go in, and his father came out to plead with him; but he answered his father, "Look, all these years I have slaved for you and never once disobeyed your orders, yet you never offered me so much as a kid for me to celebrate with my friends. But, for this son of yours, when he comes back after swallowing up your property – he and his women – you kill the calf we had been fattening."

'The father said, "My son, you are with me always and all I have is yours. But it was only right we should celebrate and rejoice, because your brother here was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found.'"

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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