

# Parish Newsletter

SUNDAY 1ST MARCH 2026



## WHAT'S ON

**Monday 2nd March**

**Choir practise at 7.45pm**

**Tuesday 3rd March**

**Lectio Divina for Lent** in the Pastoral Space from 7-8pm.

**Thursday 5th March**

After Mass the Holy Rosary in the Oratory is specifically for vocations to the priesthood. All are welcome.

**1st Friday—6th March**

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.**



**Prepare for Easter this Lent 2026 by joining a Lectio Divina evening for 5 Tuesdays.**

In Western Christianity, **Lectio Divina** (Latin for "Divine Reading") is a traditional monastic practice of reading scripture, meditation and prayer intended to promote communion with God and to increase the knowledge of God's word. In the view of one commentator, it does not treat Scripture as texts to be studied, but as the living out of God's Word. It is not a Bible Study Group but a sharing of how the Gospel of the next Sunday's Mass means something personal right now in my life. The next Lectio Divina date is Tuesday 3rd March 7-8pm in the Pastoral Space. *Please see the posters at the back of the church and the parish website for full details [www.mourneroad.ie](http://www.mourneroad.ie)*



## Daily Lenten Prayer

Today Lord, I choose life,  
I choose your love and the challenge to live it and share it,  
I choose hope, even in moments of darkness,  
I choose faith, accepting you as Lord and God,  
I choose to let go of some part of my burdens,  
day by day handing them over to you,  
I choose to take hold of your strength and power ever more deeply in my life.

May this truly be for me a time of new life, of change, challenge and growth.

May I come to Easter with a heart open to dying with you and rising to your new life, day by day. Amen.

## TROCAIRE BOXES 2026

Trocaire Boxes are available from the tables at the back of the church or from the Parish Office.



We remember **Rosemary Jones** who died recently and whose Funeral Mass takes place on **Thursday 5th March at 10.00am**  
**MAY SHE REST IN PEACE**



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

## PLANNED GIVING BOXES 2026

**A huge thank you to the volunteers who helped to label, assemble & distribute the Planned Giving Boxes. Your help is very much appreciated.**

**Thought** Our Lord forgives us as readily on the 1000<sup>th</sup> time as He does on the first. When the paralytic was lowered through the roof Jesus said 'My child, your sins are forgiven'. That's how He receives us when we sin, as "My child".

## Church Collections

w/e 21st/22nd February 2026

1st Priests: €760

2nd Collection: €542

Envelopes: €912

## PARISH LOTTO

Development Fund

There was no winner of last week's Jackpot.

The winning numbers were

**Lotto Nos 15, 22, 24, 32**

**The Jackpot is €2,900**

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

The Draw takes place on

Tuesday morning before 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.



## First Reading Genesis 12:1-4

The Lord said to Abram, 'Leave your country, your family and your father's house, for the land I will show you. I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name so famous that it will be used as a blessing.

'I will bless those who bless you:

I will curse those who slight you.

All the tribes of the earth

shall bless themselves by you.'

So Abram went as the Lord told him.

**The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.**

## Responsorial Psalm 32(33):4-5,18-20,22

*Response: May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.*

The word of the Lord is faithful  
and all his works to be trusted.

The Lord loves justice and right  
and fills the earth with his love.

*May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.*

The Lord looks on those who revere him,  
on those who hope in his love,  
to rescue their souls from death,  
to keep them alive in famine.

*May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.*

Our soul is waiting for the Lord.

The Lord is our help and our shield.

May your love be upon us, O Lord,  
as we place all our hope in you.

*May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.*

## Second Reading: 2 Timothy 1:8-10

With me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God who has saved us and called us to be holy – not because of anything we ourselves have done but for his own purpose and by his own grace. This grace had already been granted to us, in Christ Jesus, before the beginning of time, but it has only been revealed by the Appearing of our saviour Christ Jesus. He abolished death, and he has proclaimed life and immortality through the Good News.

**The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Acclamation: Mt 17:5

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 Matthew 17:1-9

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. There in their presence he was transfigured: his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Lord,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him.' When they heard this the disciples fell on their faces, overcome with fear. But Jesus came up and touched them. 'Stand up,' he said 'do not be afraid.' And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Jesus.

As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this order, 'Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.'

**The Gospel of the Lord.**

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

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