

Parish Newsletter

SUNDAY 22ND MARCH 2026



WHAT'S ON

Monday 23rd March

Choir practise at 7.45pm

Tuesday 24th March

Lectio Divina for Lent in the

Oratory from 11am-12noon

Sacramental Team meeting

at 1pm for the next Preparation

Mass for the First Holy

Communion & Confirmation

classes on Saturday at 6.30pm

Thursday 26th March

After Mass the Holy Rosary

in the Oratory is specifically

for vocations to the

priesthood. All are welcome.

Friday 27th 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.



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



We remember
Kathleen Moore
who died recently
**MAY SHE REST
IN PEACE**

Prepare for Easter this Lent 2026 by
joining a Lectio Divina evening/morning 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
24th March 11am-12noon in the Oratory.**

*Please see the posters at the back of the church
and the parish website for full details
www.mourneroad.ie*

DOMINICAN VOCATIONS

Contemplative Dominican
Monastic Vocation Discernment
Weekends in the Monastery of
St Catherine of Siena,
The Twenties, Drogheda, Co.
Louth. A92 KR84 17th – 19th
April. For single women between
the ages of 18 and 35 years old.
Please contact Sister Mairéad OP
at sienavoc@gmail.com
041 9838524.



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.

Church Collections

w/e 14th/15th March 2026

1st Priests: €774

2nd Collection: €496

Envelopes: €1374

St. Patrick's Day

1st Priests: €288

2nd Collection: €306

PARISH LOTTO

Development Fund

There was no winner of last
week's Jackpot.

The winning numbers were

Lotto Nos 3, 19, 22, 32

The Jackpot is €3,200

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.



SHARING GOOD NEWS

Weekly newsletter of the Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference

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Thought God's love for us is like an ocean. Just as an ocean is
vaster than a sea, God's love for us is unfathomably deep and
will never wear out. We can't lose or damage it. Some people
are afraid of the sea, some merely paddle, while others
swim. We can ask Him to show us His Love and note the signs
He sends us. Wade in deep and trust. Be of good cheer; we
were created to love and be loved by God.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

First Reading Ezekiel 37:12-14

The Lord says this: I am now going to open your graves; I mean to raise you from your graves, my people, and lead you back to the soil of Israel. And you will know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves and raise you from your graves, my people. And I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live, and I shall resettle you on your own soil; and you will know that I, the Lord, have said and done this – it is the Lord who speaks.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm 129(130)

Response: *With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.*

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord,
Lord, hear my voice!
O let your ears be attentive
to the voice of my pleading. **R.**

If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt,
Lord, who would survive?
But with you is found forgiveness:
for this we revere you. **R.**

My soul is waiting for the Lord.
I count on his word.
My soul is longing for the Lord
more than watchman for daybreak.
(Let the watchman count on daybreak and Israel on
the Lord.) **R.**

Because with the Lord there is mercy
and fullness of redemption,
Israel indeed he will redeem
from all its iniquity. **R.**

Second Reading: Romans 8:8-11

People who are interested only in unspiritual things can never be pleasing to God. Your interests, however, are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him. Though your body may be dead it is because of sin, but if Christ is in you then your spirit is life itself because you have been justified; and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation Jn11: 25, 26

Glory and praise to you, O Christ!
I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord;
whoever believes in me will never die.
Glory and praise to you, O Christ!

Gospel John 11:1-45

The sisters sent this message to Jesus, 'Lord, the man you love is ill.' On receiving the message, Jesus said, 'This sickness will end not in death but in God's glory, and through it the Son of God will be glorified.' Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, yet when he heard that Lazarus was ill he stayed where he was for two more days before saying to the disciples, 'Let us go to Judaea.'

On arriving, Jesus found that Lazarus had been in the tomb for four days already. When Martha heard that Jesus had come she went to meet him. Mary remained sitting in the house. Martha said to Jesus, 'If you had been here, my brother would not have died, but I know that, even now, whatever you ask of God, he will grant you.' 'Your brother' said Jesus to her 'will rise again.' Martha said, 'I know he will rise again at the resurrection on the last day.' Jesus said:

'I am the resurrection and the life.
If anyone believes in me, even though he dies he will live,
and whoever lives and believes in me will never die.
Do you believe this?'

'Yes, Lord,' she said 'I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who was to come into this world.'

Jesus said in great distress, with a sigh that came straight from the heart, 'Where have you put him?' They said, 'Lord, come and see.' Jesus wept; and the Jews said, 'See how much he loved him!' But there were some who remarked, 'He opened the eyes of the blind man, could he not have prevented this man's death?' Still sighing, Jesus reached the tomb: it was a cave with a stone to close the opening. Jesus said, 'Take the stone away.' Martha said to him, 'Lord, by now he will smell; this is the fourth day.' Jesus replied, 'Have I not told you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. Then Jesus lifted up his eyes and said:

'Father, I thank you for hearing my prayer.
I knew indeed that you always hear me,
but I speak for the sake of all these who stand round me,
so that they may believe it was you who sent me.'

When he had said this, he cried in a loud voice, 'Lazarus, here! Come out!' The dead man came out, his feet and hands bound with bands of stuff and a cloth round his face. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, let him go free. Many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary and had seen what he did believed in him.

**Gospel The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

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