

#### PARISH NEWSLETTER 13/14 March 2021

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4th Sunday in Lent

## Mother's Day - Sunday 14th March 2021

Today we celebrate Mother's Day. We pray God's blessing on all our mothers and thank them for what they do and continue to do for us, also remembering those who are no longer with us.



<u>Trócaire</u> are appealing to you to continue your support this Lent. Donations can be made to the Lent campaign in the following ways: Through your Annual Trócaire Envelope or Collect a Trócaire box from the back of the church; Online at <a href="https://www.trocaire.org">www.trocaire.org</a> The poverty and conflict in South Sudan,

stacked against the cruel injustices of Covid and climate change, threatens loving, hardworking families like Ajak's. The promising potential of her children is threatened too, and it's just not the way the future should be.

## **Virtual Discernment Evening**

For men who wish to explore the **Diocesan Priesthood takes place Tuesday 23rd March 7.30-9pm**. Join on zoom with priests, seminarians and young men who will share their experiences. For more information or to register, please email <a href="mailto:info@vocations.ie">info@vocations.ie</a> Website <a href="www.vocations.ie">www.vocations.ie</a>

Please join our **Week of Prayer from 13 – 19 March** leading to the Feast of St. Joseph and the Opening of the Amoris Laetitia Family Year.

Week of Prayer Resource from the Council for Marriage and the Family, Click <a href="https://www.catholicbishops.ie/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/WEEK-OF-PRAYER-RESOURCE-2021.pdf">https://www.catholicbishops.ie/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/WEEK-OF-PRAYER-RESOURCE-2021.pdf</a> This resource comprises a page for each day of the Week of Prayer which can be easily followed in parish, school and at home. Each day has a theme reflecting on family life through the lens of Saint Joseph whose feast day is on the last day of the Week of Prayer. The resource has at its centre the prayer from Pope Francis which he wrote for the Year of St Joseph<a href="https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2020-12/pope-francis-proclaims-year-of-st-joseph.html">https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2020-12/pope-francis-proclaims-year-of-st-joseph.html</a> (and some inspiring reflections from The Joy of Love (Amoris Laetitia).

#### **Accounts 2020**

The Financial Statement giving income and expenditure for 2020 is now posted on the notice boards in both churches. Sincere thanks for your continued generosity to all our collections and for your support to the parish. Fr Mike.

# Prayer of St Patrick, Patron Saint of Ireland

I arise today Through the strength of heaven; Light of the sun, Splendour of fire, Speed of lightning, Swiftness of the wind, Depth of the sea, Stability of the earth, Firmness of the rock. I arise today Through God's strength to pilot me; God's might to uphold me, God's wisdom to guide me, God's eye to look before me, God's ear to hear me, God's

word to speak for me, God's hand to guard me, God's way



to lie before me, God's shield to protect me, God's hosts to save me Afar and near, Alone or in a multitude. Christ shield me today Against wounding.

Christ with me, Christ before me, Christ behind me, Christ in me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ on my right, Christ on my left,

Christ when I lie down, Christ when I sit, Christ when I stand,

Christ in the heart of everyone who thinks of me, Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me, Christ in every eye that sees me, Christ in every ear that hears me. Amen.

<u>LOUGH DERG Sunday 21st March RTE Studio Broadcast Mass at 11am</u> will be celebrated by Msgr La Flynn, Prior of Lough Derg along with the Lough Derg Pastoral and Music teams. The Mass will be offered for the Lough Derg pilgrim family near and far. Tune into RTE 1 Television or RTE Radio 1.

### Weekly Masses Online.

Patrickswell: Weekdays at 9.30am unless there is a funeral scheduled.

Saturday at 6.30pm & Sunday at 11.30am.

Tuesday 16th - Mass at 6.30pm.

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> - St. Patricks Day - Mass at 11.30am.

Church open for quiet prayer from 11am to 5.30pm.

Adoration: Saturdays 8.30am - 11.30am.

**Additional Adoration** for Sundays of Lent from 4 – 7pm.

<u>Ballybrown</u>: Weekdays at 10.30am unless there is a funeral scheduled.

Saturday at 8.00pm & Sunday at 10.00am.

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> – Mass at 8.00pm.

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> - St. Patricks Day – Mass at 10.00am.

Church open for quiet prayer from 11am to 5.30pm.

Weekly Offertory Collection Week ending 12th March: €1095.00

"Lá Fhéile Pádraig sona duit"

