

Glounthaune Tidy Towns Replaced amended calendars now available at local post office.

The Coeliac Society of Ireland, Cork Branch Group, will hold a meeting on Tuesday 7th March in the SMA Hall, Wilton at 8pm. Come along and meet other coeliac members to chat and share your recipes, tips and experiences plus dietician in attendance for any queries. All Welcome. (€5 entrance fee)

Leeside AFC LOTTO Numbers: 2, 17, 25 & 27 NO WINNER! €30 Winners: Chip, Mary Coughlan & Kate/Sarah Next Week's Jackpot: **€20,000**

Erins Own Lotto Results – 17th February. Numbers drawn: 3,8,19,21. No winner. €30: G Cunningham, R O'Connor, B Murphy. Next week's jackpot: €1,910. **Table Quiz in aid of the Erin's Own schools coaching scheme**, Thursday the 25th of February in The Great O'Neill bar Glounthaune at 8:30pm, spot prizes & finger food on the night. Your support will be greatly appreciated

Knockraha Area Community Association Annual Variety Concert will take place on Fri.4th.March @ 8pm in Knockraha Community Hall. We are presently preparing our programme and are inviting members of our parish community to be part of this event by taking part in the comedy sketches, singing and dancing. Youth talent is especially welcome. If you know of suitable acts please contact any member of above Association or 086/8125284

Knockraha Macra will hold a Club Fundraiser "Games & Darts Night" in the Sars GAA pavilion on Friday 26th February. Fun begins at 8pm. Prizes & Raffle on the night. Entry €5pp.

We hold a weekly sports night in Carrigtwohill community hall every Monday from 9-10pm. A wide variety of sports including circuits. For more info contact Aoife 089-4775015 or Seamus 086-3485477 or www.facebook.com/knockraha.macra

Homecare services for the elderly: Affordable Live-in Homecare provide live in carers for the elderly in your area. If you are looking for a live-in carer for your relative, please call Mary or Tom today on 087 9916791 Our website is www.alhomecare.ie

Family Carers Ireland are providing the QQI Level Healthcare Support modules in Cork in March 2016, one day a week for five weeks per module from 9.30am to 4.30pm. To express an interest and for more info contact 05793 70221.

Dyslexia information evenings: Monday, 29 Feb @ 8pm Rochestown Park Hotel Tuesday, 1 March @ 8pm in Silversprings Hotel. A method that makes learning easier for people with dyslexia. Tel: 086 4077819. www.dyslexia-at-bay.com

Glounthaune Parish

Newsletter – Sunday 21st February Second Sunday of Lent

Fr Ted Sheehan – 087 2033756

Fr John Heinhold – 087 1689292

Emergency – 086 8845055

Parish Office – 021 4353366

Parish Office Opening Hours

Monday – 9am – 1pm & 6pm – 7pm

Tuesday: 9am - 1pm.

Thursday: 9am - 1pm & 5.30pm – 7.30pm

Friday: 9am - 1pm

Weekday Mass Times for Lent

Monday to Friday @ 10am in Glounthaune and at 7pm in Little Island.

Weekend Mass Times

6pm, 9.30am & 12noon in Glounthaune.

10am in Knockraha & 11am in Little Island.

Rosary every weekday morning before 10am Mass. **Eucharistic Service** in Glounthaune Church, Saturdays at 10am.

The Legion of Mary meet on Thursday nights at 7.30pm in the church centre. New members welcome. Contact 086 2524718 for information.

Christian Meditation each Friday from 10.30am to 11am in the prayer room, Church Centre. Everyone welcome. Contact 021 4354479 or 087 6697664.

St Vincent de Paul Helpline 021 4270444 or 087 1520360

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is held in our Parish on

Tuesday 7pm – 9pm Glounthaune Church Centre

Wednesday 10am – 6pm Glounthaune Church Centre

Friday 4pm – 7pm in Little Island

First Friday: Knockraha - Rosary at 7pm, Mass at 7.30pm and exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after Mass.

Lenten Reflection

Lent is a time to recommit ourselves to the importance of the Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy. The Spiritual Works of Mercy are:

- To counsel the doubtful
- To instruct the ignorant
- To admonish sinners
- To comfort the afflicted
- To forgive offences
- To bear patiently with those who offend us
- To pray for the living and the dead

Each of these are based on our love for God, our relationship with Him and our knowledge of all that he teaches us through His Son Jesus and His Church. When we are called to counsel or instruct someone it is done in the light of faith.

When we stand up against sin, it is out of love for God and in keeping with what He wants us to do and to be.

Forgiveness and Patience are fruits of the Holy Spirit and can only be attained through and in our prayer, our interaction with Jesus as our friend and savior.

Reason tells us how to be good.

Faith tells us why we should do it.



Margaret Leahy, Patrickswell, Limerick whose funeral took place on Thursday 11th February. We extend our sympathy to her daughter Margaret Mason and family, Blossomgrove.

Pro Life Rally

A 'Pro Life Rally Cork: Saturday, 27th February. Mass at 1:15pm in St Peter and Pauls', presided over by Bishop John Buckley, and followed by Rally at Grand Parade at 2pm'.

Creation Matters - Paul Healy *Justice - Our Sacrament*

Paul Healy is Trócaire's Country Director in Kenya. Trócaire has been operating in Kenya since independence in 1963, and has a full-time office in Nairobi since 1994. Paul manages a team of 22 full-time staff that works with local partners to deliver various programmes on livelihood security, humanitarian aid, governance and human rights and gender equality work. The office currently supports 463,000 people.

In this second of our series of Tuesday night Lenten talks, Paul will talk about how developing communities are coping with climate change and the extractive relationship the rich and powerful have with the poor and with the environment, all in the context of Pope Francis' encyclical, "Laudato Si".

Tuesday, 23rd February. 8.00pm, The Crypt. All welcome

The **Matt Talbot Mass and Novena** will continue this Friday, 26th February at 7.30pm in Togher Church. The Celebrant and preacher will be **Fr. Shane Crombie C.C.**, who comes from Tullamore Parish. Some people will remember Fr. Shane from the Novena to Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, held in the Sacred Heart Church, Western Road last September.

Lenten Reflection

"Heaven and earth may change, but God's mercy will never be exhausted" Sr. Faustina. In his letter announcing an Extraordinary Jubilee Year dedicated to the mercy of God, Pope Francis repeatedly emphasised his point that mercy is a chief characteristic of God – "The name of God is mercy" (Book by Pope Francis). Mercy is a key aspect in the Ministry of Jesus and a central foundation in the Mission of the Church – "The Lord asks us above all not to judge and not to condemn – and to be instruments of Mercy" The Face of Mercy.

The word "Mercy" can have 2 basic meanings. On the one hand, mercy is a decision to show forgiveness or compassion to someone in need. This form expresses itself through acts of kindness, generosity and love. It's the kind of mercy shown by the Good Samaritan (Luke ch10). Our Catholic tradition has identified fourteen "works of mercy" that illustrate this kind of compassion and solidarity – seven "corporal" and seven "spiritual" works of mercy. We had to learn these for our confirmation!! – Oh happy days!

Jesus displayed these works of mercy throughout his public life and Ministry. In fact Jesus saw these works as very central to what God had called him to do.

At the very beginning of His Ministry, he visited the Synagogue in his home town of Nazareth, where Jesus read from the book of Isaiah. (See St. Luke ch 4). Then He said "Today this passage is fulfilled in your hearing. For the rest of his life in his travels, He put these words into practice.

Masses for the week ahead

Monday 22nd Glounthaune @ 10am:
Margaret Curran

Monday 22nd Little Island @ 7pm:
Eileen Twohig

Tuesday 23rd Glounthaune @ 10am:
Michael Foley

Tuesday 23rd Little Island @ 7pm: -----
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Wednesday 24th Glounthaune @ 10am:
John & Ansty Kelly

Wednesday 24th Little Island @ 7pm: ---
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Thursday 25th Glounthaune @ 10am: --
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Thursday 25th Little Island @ 7pm:
Eileen O'Donoghue

Friday 26th Glounthaune @ 10am:
Timothy (Ted) Browne

Friday 26th Little Island @ 7pm: -----
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Mass Intentions 20th/21st February

Saturday, Glounthaune @ 6pm: Jane Dorgan, Sheila Breen, Finbarr Twohig & deceased members of the Twohig family

Sunday, Glounthaune @ 9.30am: Mass for the people

Sunday, Knockraha @ 10am: James & Kathleen Cotter

Sunday, Little Island @ 11am: Timothy Flynn & Eddie Dornan

Sunday, Glounthaune @ 12 noon: Michael Manley

Spring Station Masses

Brooklodge East & Brookville in the home of Martin & Margaret Ryan on Friday 26th February at 8pm

The Fairways in the home of Mary Dornan on Friday 26th February at 8pm.

Clash Rd in the home of Rachel & Eamon Crowley on Fri 4th March @ 8pm

Blossomgrove, Ballyvisteale & Ballinagoul in the home of Tom & Martina Murphy

Thank you to those who have volunteered to host the station Mass in their homes this spring. We are appealing to families to host the Mass in the following areas:

Killeena, Maryville & Glenmore, Caherlag & Rougrane, Windsor Hill, Corryfield & Sunville, Siobhan Cashman, Annmount, Richmond & Ballinglanna, Dunkettle, Woodville & North Esk, Courtstown, Brooklodge Village, Newline, The Acres & Copperalley, Ballyvinny & Coolnacaha, Highlands North & Cois Chuain, Highlands Central, Rockgrove, Kilcoolishal & Tower Hill, Lackenroe & Carbertown, St Lappan's Place, Glyntown, Corbally & Chestnut Meadows, Island Cross, Ballyverry & Castleview, Johnstown. **If you would like to host a station Mass but have it celebrated in the Church Centre, we would be delighted to hear from you too. Perhaps a few areas could get together and organize this. Contact the**

parish office (021 4353366) if you are interested in hosting the Mass in your home or in the Church centre.

Volunteers needed please to help with the cleaning of St Mary's church, Knockraha. If you are willing and able to lend a hand, please contact Kathleen Dillon on 021 4822325 or Sheila Fitzgerald on 087 1237611. Thank you.

Items for the newsletter should be submitted by Wednesday at 5pm. Email glounthauneparish@eircom.net or phone 021 4353366. The newsletter is available in local shops and post office.

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