

Spring Station Masses

Killahora North in the home of Jerome & Joan Kenneally on Wednesday 17th February at 8pm.

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, Anmount, 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 & Carberytown, St Lappan's Place, Glyntown, Corbally & Chestnut Meadows, Island Cross, Ballyverry & Castleview, Johnstown.

Erins Own Lotto Results – 10th February. Numbers drawn: 3,13,19,24. No winner. €30: N. Power, L. Wallace, T. Dennehy. Next week's jackpot: €1,780

Knockraha History Society - Recently the Knockraha History Society had a stand at the 1916 exhibition in Benburd, Co Armagh. We were put up for the weekend by local families who treated us like royalty. Huge crowds turned out for the exhibition in the local GAA hall. We were inundated with enquiries about Sing Sing and the making of hand grenades during the War of Independence in Knockraha. We are now putting together our programme for the centenary of 1916 on Sunday April 24th. Exactly 100 years after Easter Monday 1916 we will have a Mass in Knockraha for the local women in Cuman na mBan and the 91 Knockraha Volunteers. On Sunday May 22nd we will be unveiling a plaque on Liberty Hall in recognition of the contribution made by the Knockraha Volunteers. We are honoured that James Connolly, grandson of the patriot James Connolly, will be coming down for Dublin to unveil the plaque. After our recent trip to Armagh, a bus load will be coming down to Liberty Hall from Armagh for the event.

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

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

Glounthaune Parish Newsletter – Sunday 14th February First 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

Masses for the week ahead

Monday 15th Glounthaune @ 10am:
Denis Field

Monday 15th Little Island @ 7pm: -----

Tuesday 16th Glounthaune @ 10am:
Denis Quinlan

Tuesday 16th Little Island @ 7pm: -----

Wednesday 17th Glounthaune @ 10am:
O'Donovan Family deceased and Peg Dwyer

Wednesday 17th Little Island @ 7pm: ---

Thursday 18th Glounthaune @ 10am:
Gerard O'Byrne

Thursday 18th Little Island @ 7pm: -----

Friday 19th Glounthaune @ 10am: -----
Friday 19th Little Island @ 7pm: -----

Mass Intentions 20th/21st February

Saturday, Glounthaune @ 6pm: Liam Brett First Anniversary, Marie McGrath Months Mind, Jarlath McGrath, Josephine Murray & Murray family deceased

Sunday, Glounthaune @ 9.30am: Pat Foley

Sunday, Knockraha @ 10am: Michael & Aidan O'Connor

Sunday, Little Island @ 11am: Kevin Cashman First Anniversary and deceased members of the Higgins family.

Sunday, Glounthaune @ 12 noon: Pierce Nagle First Anniversary and Alice & Donal O'Shea.

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

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

Trocaire boxes are at the back of the church. We encourage families to put what they can afford in the Trocaire Box during the season of lent. Please help those less fortunate than ourselves.

There will be a second collection taken up at all Masses this weekend for the Lourdes Invalid Fund. This collection subsidises the Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes for individuals whose health and/or means would otherwise prevent them from travelling to Lourdes.

The Government has stated that, very likely, after the next election there will be a referendum. Removing the constitutional protection of the unborn will inevitably result in pressure for wider abortion legislation.

In the debate there will be frequent references to “fatal foetal” abnormalities. Indeed, the word “fatal” is misleading since there is no medical evidence, none whatsoever, where a doctor can predict, with certainty, the lifespan of babies before or after birth. Parents often say that the time they have with the baby, however short, is very precious.

The term “incompatible with life” which is also used, is a hurtful phrase since it implies that a baby’s life is worthless. It is sad that a child’s life limiting condition is being used to promote the agenda of those who seek to legalise abortion on much wider grounds. Candidates in the election should be questioned politely but firmly, not just on their future intentions but on their past record. *The Protection of Life during Pregnancy Act (2013)* directly targeted the life of the unborn child and did so in the full knowledge that abortion is not a treatment for suicidal feelings.

In the context of abortion, the Church teaches that it is wrong to confuse the necessary medical treatment to save the life of a mother, and which does not intend to harm the baby, with abortion, which deliberately takes the life of a child.

Bishop John Buckley

CURA – Crisis Pregnancy Support Services. 1850 622 626. www.cura.ie. An unplanned pregnancy can happen at any age or at any time in your life. CURA will support you if you are concerned by an unplanned pregnancy or a pregnancy that has become a crisis for you, for as long as you feel you need support. It is **Free** – there is no cost to you. It is **Non-Judgemental** – the counsellors are there to help and not to judge. It is **Non-Directive** – counselling is designed to support you and give you truthful information to help you make a decision without influence or direction. It is **Confidential** – what is said in counselling is confidential within professional working limits on confidentiality. If someone is at risk or in danger we cannot guarantee confidentiality. It is **Specialised** – counsellors are trained to help their clients and have experience and knowledge in providing the range of CURA services.

CURA does not provide contact details for abortion services.

Samaritans – Talk to us any time you like, in your own way, and off the record – about whatever’s getting to you. **FreeCall 116123**.

The first of a series of **Tuesday Lenten Talks**, will take place on **Tuesday, 16th February at 8.00pm** in the Crypt, Church of the Descent of the Holy Spirit, Dennehy’s Cross, Cork. **Justin Kilcullen**, former Director of Trocaire, will look at developments in political and economic affairs in recent years and their impact on global poverty and justice.

Lent is always a special time in the Church’s life, a time for us to experience and celebrate God’s mercy. This is even more immediate in this Year of Mercy when we are invited to contemplate and meditate on the merciful and compassionate face of Christ.

The celebration of Ash Wednesday opened the door into the season of Lent with the invitation to “Repent and Believe the Gospel”. We are also reminded of our mortality and human frailty for we are dust and unto dust we shall return. The essence of Lent is the call to Conversion. We are called to respond to this call by examining our conscience and humbly asking the Holy Spirit to lead us to repentance through our celebration of the Sacrament of Forgiveness (the Sacrament of Confession).

The Greek word for conversion is “metanoia” which literally means turning around 180°. Turning away from selfishness and sin to live according to God’s word.

In Sacred Scripture we are told that **God is rich in mercy, slow to anger and His forgiveness is wider than the ocean and deeper than the sea.**

God’s mercy and forgiveness are made available to us in the Sacrament of Confession. The desire to celebrate this Sacrament is the work of the Holy Spirit drawing us closer to God’s love and mercy.

Confessions are available before Mass each day on request (except Sunday).

A very easy examination of conscience prior to confession is to examine our lives in the light of the 10

commandments and to identify our sinfulness in name and in nature.

God’s grace flows abundantly through His Word and His Sacraments.

Why not take a short term pledge and abstain from alcohol for the duration of Lent. You can join online: www.pioneerassociation or contact (01) 8749464 or here in Cork contact 0863642619. Take this opportunity to help someone you know/love with an alcohol or drug problem by offering up your Lenten sacrifice as a prayer for their freedom and well-being. Go for it and make a difference to someone’s life!

Talk for “Jubilee Year of Mercy” The Pastoral Development Office have invited **Cardinal Cormac Murphy-O’Connor** to speak on “Pope Francis and the Gospel of Mercy” in Christ the King Church, Turner’s Cross, Cork city on Sunday 21st Feb. at 3pm. Donation only. At this gathering Bishop Buckley will launch “The Year of Mercy Pilgrimage in Cork City”. Contact the office 021 4537601

Rediscovering Mercy: Four sessions to explore Mercy in a personal, local, global and prayerful context on Mondays 22nd, 29th February and Mondays 7th and 14th March beginning with coffee 10:30am and session from 10:45am to 12:15pm at the Pastoral Development Office, Ballyphehane, Cork – located in the grounds of Ballyphehane Church, access from Friars Walk where free parking is available. Contact: Sr Karen 021 4537601

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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