

**Glounthaune Tidy Towns General Clean-Up on Saturday March 12<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers welcome. Assemble at the Church car park at 10am. Thank you.**

**The World's Shortest St Patrick's Day Parade?** At a distance of 142M from the Church to the Rising Tide, do we have the shortest St. Patrick's Day Parade in Ireland? Our parade, however short, is packed with participants who will set off from the church at 10:10am lead by local piper, Jerry O'Donohue. Local groups participating will provide traditional and popular music, Irish dancing, singing, refreshments and a children's fun tent. A world class parade of vintage tractors, motor cycles and cars - the oldest car being close to 100 years old. Local groups will have displays and sign up for our Text Alert system and Alarm FOB system for the elderly. Our St Patrick's Day parade is always a popular event and you are encouraged to arrive early and park safely. Traffic arrangements will start at 9:15am and will include restricted parking around the church centre and access to the village centre except for residents. There will be traffic diversions for traffic coming down the hill from the Dry Bridge.

**Beginning Experience** is a specially designed Support Programme for men and women who have suffered the loss of a spouse by death, separation or divorce to work through the grief process in a safe and confidential environment.

The next weekend is being held in the Ennismore Retreat Centre, Cork from Friday 8th April to Sunday 10th April 2016 .For Application Forms and further details please contact 087 9886480 or email [beginningexperience@gmail.com](mailto:beginningexperience@gmail.com)

**Sincerest thanks** and appreciation to all for your very generous support to St John Ambulance Glanmire Division last weekend. €634.12 was raised.

Thanks to everyone who supported **Knockraha Macra Clubs Fundraiser** "Games & Darts Night" in the Sars GAA pavilion on Friday 26th February. A special word of thanks to all the local businesses who sponsored prizes for our raffle. We hold a weekly sports night in Carrigtwohill community hall every Monday from 9-10.30pm. A wide variety of sports including circuits. For more info contact Aoife 089-4775015 or Seamus 086-3485477 or <http://www.facebook.com/knockraha.macra>

**Erins Own Lotto Results** – 2<sup>nd</sup> March. Numbers drawn: 10,18,20,25. No winner. €30: F Healy, P McCarthy, C Hyde. Next week's jackpot: €2,170.

**Little Island Indoor Bowls Club** – New members always welcome. Wednesday nights @ 8pm in the Sports Complex.

**Little Island Bingo** – More support needed to ensure this event keeps going. Thursday nights at 8.30pm in Little Island Sports Complex.

## **Glounthaune Parish Newsletter – Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> March Third 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.

### **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is held in our Parish on**

Tuesday 7pm – 9pm in the Church Centre

Wednesday 10am – 6pm in the 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.

## **St Vincent de Paul Helpline 021 4270444 or 087 1520360**

### **Year of Mercy**

Each Church in the Parish has on display the Logo for the Year of Mercy which was inaugurated by Pope Francis on 8<sup>th</sup> December 2015 and will run until 20<sup>th</sup> November 2016.

This Jubilee Year is a fresh opportunity for everyone to experience the great Mercy of God.

It is an invitation to start again, to walk through the doorway of God's love and forgiveness in the Sacrament of Confession. As Christians we are called to confess our sins at least once per year in preparation for the celebration of Easter, but many of the faithful avail of the Sacrament of Confession with more frequency.

We are called this year to invite others to avail of God's mercy. It is especially made to parents to make sure that their children understand the importance of Confession and help them to celebrate this Sacrament of Gods infinite love.

Pope Francis wrote "Mercy: the fundamental law that dwells in the heart of every person who looks sincerely into the eyes of his brothers and sisters on the path of life.

Mercy: the bridge that connects God and man, opening our hearts to the hope of being loved despite our sinfulness" (Misericordiae Vultus 2)

The Logo represents the Son of God taking on His shoulders the lost and the strayed. Jesus carries us, in our weakness, to the home of His Father, the fulfilment for which we have been created.

In this image the eyes of Jesus merge with the eyes of our fallen nature. Christ sees with the eyes of Adam and Adam can now see with the eyes of Christ.

Thus we can glimpse, in Christ, our new and true humanity and the future which lies ahead: to gaze on the Father, and to be held in His love. The colour of the background, the 'mandorla' go from dark to light, from the night of sin to the light of God's forgiveness.

 **Paddy Gough** whose funeral took place on Tuesday. We extend our sympathy to Kathleen, Elizabeth, John, Denis, Brian & Noel, extended family, relatives, neighbours & friends.  
May he rest in peace.

**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.

**There will be a second collection taken up at all Masses next weekend for Irish Bishops Commissions.** This collection helps fund the work of the Irish Bishops' Conference and its agencies and commissions.

**Two Day Pilgrimage/Retreat May 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> 2016 to Knock Shrine & Lough Derg**  
Coach to Knock shrine on Sunday May 22<sup>nd</sup> with stop in Knock for 4-5 hours before travelling onto Bundoran for dinner B&B. On Day 2 travel to Pettigo for the 10am ferry crossing to Lough Derg and back to the mainland for 4pm. Transport home with evening meal on route. Price is €195 pps or €215 Single Supplement with everything included. For booking details contact Cormac on 087-6167835. Office 023-8849196 or Denise 087-7688561.

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### **Please give what you can to Trocaire this Lent.**

Syrian Antoine Audo SJ, Chaldean Bishop of Aleppo and President of Caritas Syria, has led the Church in Aleppo for 25 years. Since the beginning of the war, Aleppo has been a battle ground and remains a city of enormous strategic importance. According to reports, more than 3,000 people have been killed in Aleppo province over the past year. In April, water to those remaining in the city was cut off. Aid is sporadic and inadequate and the fighting continues. In Syria, Caritas is operating in six regions: Damascus, Aleppo, Homs, the coastal region, Djézireh and Horan. The main aim of the mission is to offer food aid and rental assistance, as the war has deprived most Syrians of all sources of income. Another vital aspect of the Caritas mission is provision of medical support and distribution of non-food aid, such as blankets, clothing and other items as required. "It's a dramatic situation," Bishop Audo acknowledges. "When I walk the streets in Aleppo, I see around me a different kind of poverty. It's a completely new vision of the city compared to the past. "Everybody has become poor as a result of the war, even the middle classes. The middle class have become poor. The poor have become miserable," he said. To help combat such a crisis, Bishop Audo said Caritas was working "closely" with Trócaire, to implement different projects in Syria. "Trócaire is supporting us with the food and shelter programmes because we have huge needs now. He articulates a sombre message too about the crippling fear Syrians are forced to battle with on a daily basis. "For the past three years the people of Aleppo have been living in fear and in danger. We don't have any security. We live in

constant threat of attack. "There have been so many victims and Caritas is working to support them," he said. Aside from tangible support through aid provided by agencies such as Trócaire and Caritas, Bishop Audo also acknowledged the need for emotional support for the suffering people of Syria, particularly through prayer. Please support Trocaire this Lent by putting what you can afford in your Trocaire box.

**The Matt Talbot Mass and Novena** will continue this Friday, 11th March at 7.30pm in Togher Church. The Celebrant and preacher will be **Fr Tomas Walsh, C.C from the North Cathedral Parish.** Everybody is welcome as we pray for all who are carrying the cross of suffering at this time. There will be a cup of tea afterwards in the Parish Office.

### **Masses for the week ahead**

**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> Glounthaune @ 10am:** Charlie McCarthy

**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> Little Island @ 7pm:** -----

**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> Glounthaune @ 10am:** Deceased members of McCarthy & Sheehan family

**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> Little Island @ 7pm:** -----

**Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> Glounthaune @ 10am:** Joan Sharples

**Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> Little Island @ 7pm:** ----

**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> Glounthaune @ 10am:** ----

**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> Little Island @ 7pm:** -----

**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> Glounthaune @ 10am:** -----

**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> Little Island @ 7pm:** -----

### **Mass Intentions 12<sup>th</sup>/13<sup>th</sup> March**

**Saturday, Glounthaune @ 6pm:** Joseph & Christina Wilson & Eily Donovan and Catherine Murphy

**Sunday, Glounthaune @ 9.30am:** Michael & Tom McCarthy

**Sunday, Knockraha @ 10am:** Nellie Graham

**Sunday, Little Island @ 11am:** Mass for the people of the parish  
**Sunday, Glounthaune @ 12 noon:** Jerry Dempsey

### **Spring Station Masses**

**St Lappan's Place** in the home of Andrew & Hilda Keohane on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> March @8pm.

**Windsor Hill, Corryfield & Sunville** in the home of Cora & Owen Cashman on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March @ 8pm

**Blossomgrove, Ballyvisteale & Ballinagoul** in the home of Tom & Martina Murphy on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April.

**Killahora South & Killacloyne** in the home of Eleanor & Eddie Tanner.

**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, 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 & Carbertytown, Glyntown, Corbally & Chestnut Meadows, Island Cross, Ballyverry & Castlevew, 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.**

**Items for the newsletter should be submitted by Wednesday at 5pm.** Email [glounthauneparish@eircom.net](mailto:glounthauneparish@eircom.net) or phone 021 4353366.