

Glounthaune Parish Newsletter – 27th November 2016

Advent Retreat: Saturday 3rd Dec 10am to 4pm Sisters of Bon Secours Convent, College Road, Cork, with Fr Damian Polly OP. Donation only. Booking essential. Contact Anne-Marie Whelan at eavopost@gmail.com or 0872209994

Gaeilge Bheo – Luan 28 Samhain. Cóisir na Nollag 12 Nollaig. Fáilte cach.

Knockraha Macra - To mark 60 years of Knockraha Macra, the club are organizing a Calor Know your neighbour event. Mass in memory of past members on Sunday 4th December @10am in St. Mary's Church. Tea & coffee afterwards in the hall. The club took part in the National semi-finals of public speaking & regional soccer. Both teams did not get through but had fun trying. This week the club is taking part in the Seandun Semi Final of Senior debating and Siobhan Kelleher is taking part in the National semi-final of the Impromptu Public Speaking. Best of luck to those taking part.

What's next after the Leaving Cert? Practical **Careers Workshop** for 5th & 6th year students, Vienna Woods Hotel, Glanmire, Wednesday 30th November, 7.30-9.30pm, €40. Includes update on the CAO, role of interests in career choice, and help to clarify and focus on options. Delivered by Mary-Rose O'Sullivan & Sarah Galvin, Guidance Counsellors. Tel: 086 811 4944 to book.

Little Island History & Heritage Group will host an afternoon's event at Cork Golf Club on Sunday 27th November in the Bruen Room, Cork Golf Club at 3pm. Mr Paddy Twomey will headline with a talk (always entertaining) "Glimpses of Little Island and Cork Golf Club in Troubled Times (1914-1925)" Ceol agus craic.

Table Quiz in the Great O'Neill Pub, Friday 2nd December, 9.00pm sharp. Prizes for winners and runners up. Raffle with hampers and prizes galore. Finger food served. Table of 4 €20. All proceeds in aid of Sr. Mary Dunlea, (Knockraha) Project, Kenya and local projects. Quiz master Dave Reidy. Thanking you for your support.

Anam Cara, supporting bereaved parents, inext monthly Parent Evening Wednesday 7th December, 19:30 to 21:00 in Brú Columbanus, Cardinal Way, Wilton. This event is open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether the death was recent or not.

Erin's Own Lotto; 23rd November. Numbers drawn: 6,10,22,24. No Winner €30: Mary Delaney, Esther & Liam Wall, R Coppinger. Next week's jackpot: **€1,390.**

Glounthaune Tidy Towns Calendar 2017 now available in the Post Office and in Fitzpatrick's Shop, €5 each or 6 for €25. All proceeds assist the work of Tidy Towns

Offertory Collections for last week: Knockraha: €412, Little Island: €755. Glounthaune: €1430

Excerpt from an interview with Fr Jaimie by Sarah Horgan, Evening Echo 22/11/2016

A NEWLY ordained priest is urging people to join him in the fight to protect Ireland's anti-abortion laws. Fr Jaimie Twohig, from Little Island, a member of the Pallottine order, says "there is a great deal of misunderstanding around pro-life. "When a mother is carrying a child, it's not just about one person anymore. We're here to support both the mother and the baby. This baby is human and has human rights, the most basic being the right to life."

He underlined the need for education around the divisive topic. "As a pro-life activist, I don't want to be in conflict with anyone, but I have to stand up for life. Being pro-life means we celebrate life and that's why I feel so strongly about the issue. People have grown fearful, when it comes to speaking out about pro-life issues."

"It's all about making clear what pro-life is, and that's supporting and protecting all people"

The 28-year-old says that foetal abnormalities should not be grounds for an abortion. "The inability to recognise beauty and uniqueness is a real fault in our society. A defect doesn't make a baby any less special.

"It's in the imperfections that so much light shines through. Everyone has a right to life, no matter what way they come into the world. We can't be a judge of who will live or die."

He urged pro-life supporters to make their voices heard. "In reality, there is

but a small group of people who want to see the eighth amendment repealed. In actual fact, this is something that saves lives, and which needs to be protected."

Fr Twohig described every life as "precious", adding: "A baby has a heartbeat from just six weeks old. Every life is precious from the moment of conception to the moment of natural death."

"Even though this is a tiny person, it's still a person, which is something that needs to be acknowledged. We would love if as many people as possible could join us in sticking up for life, by playing a part in protecting the unborn. The eighth amendment has saved so many lives and now needs saving, too."

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We remember in our prayers

Seán Leahy, St Lappan's Place whose funeral took place on Friday. We extend our sympathy to his wife Catherine, sons John, Colin & Eamonn, extended family, neighbours and friends.

Frances O'Sullivan, Riverstown whose funeral took place on Friday. We extend our sympathy to her daughter Sheila Murphy & family Ballytrasna Park and her nephew Fr Ted.

Sandy Dunne whose funeral took place on Friday.

May they rest in peace.

'A Christmas Chorus'

City Hall Wed 7th December at 7.30pm

Enable Ireland present "A Christmas Chorus" in the City Hall on Wed 7th December at 7.30pm. Six Primary School choirs and 1 adult choir will perform in what promises to be a wonderful evening of Christmas Carols and Songs. The Monophonics Children's choir and The Sonatinas adult choir, both local to the Glounthaune/Glanmire area will be 2 of the participating choirs. Tickets available in the Enable Ireland Shops on Oliver Plunkett St. and North Main St. and in the Lavanagh Centre, Ballintemple (021-4294423). Compere on the night is Red FM's KC. **All proceeds go to Enable Ireland Children's Services in Cork.**

Southern Steam 2017 Calendar on sale in the parish office. €10 each. All proceeds to **Pieta House**. A stunning piece, beautifully photographed and for an excellent cause.

Aonach na Nollag - Christmas Market will be held in Gaelscoil Ui Drisceoil, Dunkettle, on **Sunday 4th December** between 10am and 5.30pm. Family fun and games all day including Santa's grotto, gift stalls, arts and crafts, cake stands, tea and coffee, stocking fillers, festive DJ and great prizes on the Wheel of Fortune.

Martin, the Cobbler, is Leo Tolstoy's story about a lonely shoemaker who is promised in a dream that Christ will come to visit his shop. The next day Martin rises early, gets his shop ready, prepares a meal and waits. The only one who showed up in the morning was an old beggar who came by and asked for rest. Martin gave him a room he had prepared for his divine guest. The only one to show up in the afternoon was an old lady with a heavy load of wood. She was hungry and asks for food. He gave her the food he had prepared for his divine guest. As evening came, a lost boy wandered by. Martin took him home, afraid all the while he would miss the Christ. That night in his prayers he asks the Lord, "Where were You? I waited all day for You." The Lord said to Martin: "Three times I came to your friendly door, Three times my shadow was on your floor. I was a beggar with bruised feet. I was the woman you gave to eat. I was the homeless child on the street."

Watch out! Christ may be closer than you can imagine. I once saw a poster which read, "Happiness is an inside job." Advent is, too. What happens on the exterior is cosmetic and delightful but has limitations. What happens on the interior will occur when we choose to allow God

to do something within us. That something has eternal value. *Ennis Parish*

What's on in the Church Centre

- 1st Monday of the month: Tea & scones after morning Mass
- Monday Mornings: Christian Meditation from 10.30am to 11am.
- 1st & 3rd Monday: Preparation for Baptism at 7.30pm.
- 2nd Tuesday: – Seanoirí get together.
- Tuesday mornings @ 10.45am: Seniors Yoga
- Tuesday evenings from 7pm to 9pm – Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.
- Every second Wednesday evening at 8pm – Glounthaune Church Choir practice – new members always welcome.
- Wednesday from 10.30am to 6pm – Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.
- 1st & 3rd Thursday – Active Retirement meet
- Thursday evenings 6.30pm to 7.15pm – Bible Study.
- 2nd Thursday: Gramophone Circle at 8pm.
- St Vincent de Paul, Parish Pastoral Council & Parish Finance Committee also hold their meetings in the centre. Please contact the parish office if you would like to use the church centre for an event, especially one that could benefit others.

St John Ambulance Glanmire Division plan to run a Pre-Hospital Emergency Care Council (PHECC) **Cardiac First**

Response Community Level course on Sunday 4 December 2016 from 9am - 1.30pm. This course covers Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) and Automated External Defibrillator (AED) for Adult, Child and Infant age groups, as well as, treatment for Choking in Adult, Child and Infant. The total cost for this course is €70 per person, which covers the cost of a PHECC Certificate Valid for 2 years, a pocket mask and the PHECC CFR-Community Level Student Book. Course places are limited to a maximum of 20. Contact glanmire@stjohn.ie.

Masses for the week ahead

Monday 28th Glounthaune @ 10am:

Joseph & Ellen Hennessy Anniversary

Tuesday 29th Glounthaune @ 10am:

Arnold family deceased

Wednesday 30th Glounthaune @ 10am:

Kathleen & Timmy Murphy R.I.P.

Thursday 1st Little Island @ 10am:

Jack Harrington Snr R.I.P.

Friday 2nd Little Island @ 10am:

Lilia O'Halloran Anniversary

Mass Intentions 3rd/4th

Saturday, Glounthaune @ 6pm:

William & Kathleen O'Leary R.I.P.

Patrick & Mary Hughes R.I.P.

Aisling Dennehy Anniversary

Sunday, Glounthaune @ 9am:

Mick & Bridget Clifford Anniversary

Jack & Mary Jeffers Anniversary

Sunday, Knockraha @ 10am:

Deceased members of Knockraha Macra na Feirme

Sunday, Little Island @ 11am:

John & Maureen O'Leary Anniversary

Sunday, Glounthaune @ 12 noon:

Martin McPadden Anniversary