



ARCHDIOCESE OF ARMAGH  
*Clogherhead &  
Walshestown Parish*



SS Peter & Paul, Walshestown

***To build bridges, bring together and renew the parish community in a spirit of faith,  
trust and hope through loving service of God and of our neighbour***

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**FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT**  
*Laetare Sunday*

**10<sup>th</sup> Mar 2024**  
*Psalter Week 4*

**Mother's Day prayer**

Let us pray,  
Loving God of all creation,  
Be near our mothers  
on this day,  
Keep our precious nurturers  
in your tender care,  
just as they hold us close  
to their hearts no matter  
what age we are.

Grant light and peace to mothers who have died and who  
continue to watch over us. Give all people the grace of  
your healing, bless us with patience and open our hearts  
to reach out to those most in need today.

We ask this in the Spirit, through Christ your selfless Son.

**Amen**



The Parish List of the Dead, deceased benefactors and the recently deceased: Veronica Seery; Fr John Corbett CSsR; Peggy Swinburne; Brendan McParland; Tom Matthews & Madeline Byrne.

### **Mass Intentions This Week**

**St Michael, Clogherhead**

**Ss Peter & Paul, Walshestown**

**Vigil 7.30pm** Anthony & Errol Dunne

**Sunday 10am**

**Sun 11.30am** Gabrielle Diamond

Paddy Murphy (1<sup>st</sup> Av)

**Next Vigil 7.30pm** John & Bridie Smith

**Next Sunday** Jimmy Corry

**Next Sun 11.30am** Paddy Hodgins (1<sup>st</sup> Av)



### **Eucharistic Adoration—Time of Quiet for Praise and Blessings**

Praying with Blessed Carlo Acutis for Vocations, tomorrow (Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March) for 12 hours from 9am to 9pm in the Adoration Chapel at St Michael's church. You are invited to sign up for an **hour of Adoration** during Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March so that there is always someone in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament See *document at back of church to sign up for 1 hour of adoration*.

Blessed Carlo was an Italian Catholic teenager. His love of the Eucharist was his life, he said "The Eucharist is my Highway to Heaven". He was beatified by Pope Francis on 10<sup>th</sup> October 2020, 2 days before the 14th Anniversary of his death.

Tuesday **Holy Hour**: Adoration from 10-11am St Michael's

**St Patrick's Day** Please note normal Sunday Mass times apply for St. Patrick's Day next week. Church of Ss Peter & Paul @ 10am Church of St Michael @ 11.30am

**Troaire Boxes** can be dropped off at the school before the Easter Holidays (March 22<sup>nd</sup>)

**Troaire Lent Campaign** 'Whoever lives the truth, comes to the light.' (John 3:21) Happy Mother's Day from all in Trócaire. In the Machinga district of Malawi, Malita is a strong and resilient woman, despite the challenges she faces. She works tirelessly in her community to improve the life of all its members. Like all

mothers, she prays for the best for her children.

She wants them to have an education and opportunities for a better life. Trócaire and its local partners are working with women like Malita to build a more just world. To learn more, go to: [www.trocaire.org/our-work/workinginireland/parishes/](http://www.trocaire.org/our-work/workinginireland/parishes/)



**Walshestown N.S.** is hiring a part time school caretaker that includes the managing of the Hot Meals Programme- starting at 3 hours per day 9:30-12:30 (Monday- Friday)  
Please drop in a C.V. if interested.

Date for applications closes Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March at 12pm.

### **Accord Catholic Marriage Care Service CLG**

is currently recruiting volunteers to train as marriage preparation programme facilitators. If you have a positive attitude towards marriage in the Catholic Church & have the enthusiasm to be part of the Accord team in supporting couples who are preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage, Accord wants to hear from you! Successful applicants will receive professional training and will be part of a team delivering marriage preparation programmes locally. Contact Aisling on 01 505 3112 or by email to [marriagepreparation@accord.ie](mailto:marriagepreparation@accord.ie)

**Peace in the Holy Land** In this Season of Lent, we Christians prepare for the celebration of the Paschal Mystery of Christ's Death and Resurrection, as Muslims prepare for the Season of Ramadan and Jews prepare for the celebration of Passover. We urge people to continue praying and fasting for the intention of peace. In praying for peace in the land of Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace, we remember in a special way the small but vibrant Christian communities in Palestine. An ideal way of showing solidarity at this time is to support Trócaire's Gaza appeal on <https://www.trocaire.org>

**Lenten Journey with the Holy Spirit** Armagh Parish Holy Spirit Prayer Group invite you to St Malachy's Church on Tuesday evenings at 7:30pm for a Lenten Journey with the Holy Spirit. All welcome! 12<sup>th</sup> March – "Baptism in the Holy Spirit" with Fr Gerry Campbell 19<sup>th</sup>

## Verbum Domini—The Gospel of the Lord    John: 3: 14 - 21

1 Jesus speaks of himself being *lifted up*, a term that can mean a physical lifting, or also exaltation. By this play on words the evangelist explains to us that Jesus' gift of himself in the passion was a glorious revelation of love, despite all its injustice and brutality. It is God's wish that everyone who believes in Jesus will have 'eternal life', that is a relationship with God that begins now and survives death.

2 We receive life from God when our faith enables us to trust in God's love for us. We give life to one another when the love between us is trustworthy. Recall memories of that kind to trustworthy love. For whom have you been able to be a 'Jesus person' and give a love that another could trust? Who has shown that kind of love to you and been for you a sacrament of God's love?

3 It would be cushy for us if we could be a source of life to others without cost to ourselves. True life-givers know that they need the generosity of being *lifted up* by giving their lives so that others may have life. Recall when you have had that generosity and give for others who have been like that for you.    *John Byrne OSA*

March – “Growth” with Teresa Lappin 26<sup>th</sup> March –  
“Transformation in Christ” with Deacon Pat Butterly

**Retreat for Young Adults at Lough Derg - 27<sup>th</sup> April 2024** Calling all 18 - 30 year olds! Do you want to explore your faith with other like-minded young people in a beautiful and reflective location? Join us for a Retreat for Young Adults at Lough Derg , Pettigo County Donegal on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2024 from 10am to 5pm. Refreshments and Lunch provided. This Retreat is organised by The Knights of St Columbanus, Omagh, and is free of charge. To Register please visit [tiny.cc/loughderg](https://tiny.cc/loughderg) or email [info@knightsofstcolumbanusomagh.co.uk](mailto:info@knightsofstcolumbanusomagh.co.uk)