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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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OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK: Tuesday 9.30am-12.30pm & Thursday 3pm-5pm

SCHOOLS - St Denis': 982 2873; St Paul's (Closed this week): 685 2285

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SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

11th Feb 2024

Sunday Cycle B Weekday Cycle 2 World Day of the Sick • Day of Prayer for Temperance *Psalter Week 2/4*

On the Wednesday before the first Sunday of Lent, the faithful receive the ashes, thus entering into the time established for the purification of their souls. This sign of penance, a traditionally biblical one, has been preserved among the Church's customs until



the present day. It signifies the human condition of the sinner, who seeks to express his guilt before the Lord in an exterior manner, and by so doing express his interior conversion, led on by the confident hope that the Lord will be merciful. This same sign marks the beginning of the way of conversion, which is developed through the celebration of the sacrament of penance during the days before Easter.

The Parish List of the Dead, deceased benefactors and the recently deceased: Pearl McVeigh; Eileen Wogan; Alec McClean; Veronica Seery; Fr Tommy McNulty.

Mass Intentions This Week

St Michael, Clogherhead

Vigil 7.30pm Kathleen Lewin; Ita Kirwan

Sun 11.30am Mary Teresa Reilly MM

Mon 9am Special Intention for dec^d (AH)

Tue 10-11am Eucharistic Adoration

Ash Wed 9am Maureen & Aidan King &

parents of Jim & Mary King

Ash Wed 7.30pm Pat Connolly, Paddy & Maggie

Connolly [Main St]; Kirwan Family [Crooked St]

Next Vigil 7.30pm Betty Hoey 3av

Patrick & Tina Collier

Next Sun 11.30am Seamus McQuillan 1 av;

John & Margaret Kellett; Michael Edwards

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Sunday 10am The People of the Parish

Next Sunday 10am Intentions of

Brian & Éilish McCourt and family



Ash Wednesday is to be observed as a day of penance in the whole church, one of both abstinence and fasting.

Suggested Forms of Penance for Lent

- Abstaining from meat, or some other food;
- Abstaining from alcoholic drink or smoking;
- Making a special effort at involvement in family prayer;
- Making a special effort to participate in weekday Mass;
- Visiting the Blessed Sacrament;
- Making the Stations of the Cross;
- Fasting from all food for a longer period than usual, and perhaps giving what is saved to the needy (Trócaire);
- Helping the poor, sick, old or lonely.

Mass on Ash Wednesday at 9am and at 7.30pm in St Michael's with the blessing and distribution of ashes during the Masses.

Ashes distributed in St Denis, Callystown during Wed.
(St Paul's closed this week!)

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

Legion of Mary members will lead the **Stations of the Cross** on the Sundays of Lent in St Michael's at **5pm**.

On Sunday 28th January you gave €756.00 (€509.25 in 65 envelopes and €246.75 on the plate) and **On Sunday 4th February** you gave €985.00 (€694.95 in 80 envelopes and €290.05 on the plate).

Grateful thanks for all your support.

New website for Armagh Inter-Diocesan Marriage Tribunal

- a new website to which priests/deacons may direct any persons wishing to seek information about the marriage nullity process. The website can be found at **www.marriagetribunal.org** On the website you will find details and contacts for the various offices, information on the marriage nullity process as well as a frequently asked questions section. The new website also provides the option of submitting an application and supporting documents online.

Regional Synod Meetings

Another round of regional Synodal meetings will take place in Termonfechin on Tuesday, the 27th of February to consider the questions that were sent from Rome in December as a follow up to the first session of the Synod last October and to prepare an Irish response in preparation for the second session next October. Each parish is asked to send at least five representatives selected from their Pastoral Council and Parish Finance committee. There is also an open invitation to whoever else might like to attend. All those wishing to attend as parish representatives or in response to this open invitation are asked to register first at - **milandaoprfr@gmail.com** at least three days before the meeting

Vocation discernment weekend in the Monastery of St. Catherine

of Siena, The Twenties, Drogheda, Co. Louth. **A92 KR84** from the 16th to 18th of February. For young, single women between the ages of 18 - 35 years old. Please contact: Sr. Mairéad O.P. at :

sienavoc@gmail.com

Pioneer Total Abstinence

Association of the Sacred Heart

Mass for Temperance Sunday and World Day of Prayer for the Sick will be broadcast today at 11am on RTÉ TV & Radio.

Friday next 16th February is a **Day of Prayer for Victims of Abuse**
Lord, forgive us our many sins. We grieve and repent with all our hearts for having offended you, for our great failings and neglect of the young and vulnerable. We place all of those who have been hurt by the Church in any way into your loving hands and under the protection of Our Blessed Mother. Lord, bring peace to their broken lives and show us all the way out of darkness and into the light of your Word. May we as the people of God be more fully human, more fully Christ-like and more fully your people, that we may see the errors of the past and go forward with renewed hope and faith in Christ and in our Church. Amen.

Would you be willing to provide companionship or make calls to Older People once a week? **ALONE** are seeking volunteers in your area. Full training and support provided. If interested please sign up here: **https://alone.ie/volunteers/** for more information, contact Fiona on - **fiona.boyle@alone.ie** or on - **086 136 6539**

Verbum Domini—The Gospel of the Lord Mark 1: 40 - 45

1. Jesus' compassion for people suffering was an outstanding characteristic of his ministry. We see the healing power of God at work through him. Recall times when the compassion of others has had a healing effect on you. Remember also when your compassion towards someone in trouble brought them hope, healing or strength.

2. *'If you choose, you can make me clean'*. Our choice is a key factor in how we affect others. We cannot choose to have no impact on the people in our lives. Even a choice to do nothing has an effect. When have you been particularly aware of the importance of your choice to be a

positive influence on another?

3. Lepers were forced to live away from others. The leper's cure meant that he was also readmitted to contact with the community. Perhaps you recall people who were once ostracized being brought back into family or community. Who was the Jesus person who helped this healing to take place?

4. The joy of the leper on being healed was such that he could not keep the good news to himself. Bring to mind occasions when you were so filled with good news that you could not keep it to yourself.

John Byrne OSA

Pilgrimage to Assisi and San Giovanni departing 16th October for 7 nights. Visit Sts. Francis, Clare and Pio and Bl. Carlo Acutis with local Spiritual Director. Cost of €1199 includes full board, flights to Rome and Naples, local guides and all transfers. Contact Paul Johnstone (086- 828 1889) or Marian Pilgrimages (01-878 8159).

Alpha Course

Alpha Course starts this Thursday 15th February at 7.30 pm in the Parish Pastoral Hall, Jonesborough, facilitated by Deacon George Kingsnorth. *Curious about faith?* Join a series of group conversations that freely explore the basics of the Christian faith in an open, friendly environment. At each Alpha session, you'll be hosted in a

small group and watch an episode on a different question of faith – then you have a chance to share your thoughts and hear what others think. You can say anything you like, or nothing at all. Everyone's welcome. You're invited, no matter your background or beliefs. It's free and there's no pressure to come back. Further info contact Deacon George at - george_kingsnorth@yahoo.co.uk

Trócaire Boxes will be available from Ash Wednesday.

Alive! Monthly newspaper for February—pick up in churches.