



ARCHDIOCESE OF ARMAGH

Clogherhead & Walshestown Parish



Our Lady of Lourdes Grotto at SMC

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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Clogherhead and Walshestown parish

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

Parish office will be closed on Tuesday 27th & Thursday 29th February

SCHOOLS - St Denis': 982 2873; St Paul's : 685 2285

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Sunday Cycle B

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

18th Feb 2024

Psalter Week 1

Trócaire Lent Campaign

'I set my bow in the clouds to serve as a sign of the covenant between me and the earth.' (Genesis 9:13)

This year Trócaire's lenten campaign focuses on the country of Malawi, Africa. Malawi is one of the least developed countries in the world and has been badly affected by climate change. In the Machinga district, Malita and her family must make a one-hour trip up to five times a day to collect water. Please support Trócaire in helping communities develop sustainable access to clean, safe and reliable water supplies by taking home a Trócaire box today or going to: www.trocaire.org



Patricia and Patrick at their home.

Photo credit: Muiru Mbuthia, Trócaire

The Parish List of the Dead, deceased benefactors and the recently deceased: Madeline Byrne (*née Corbally, Main St.*) Pearl McVeigh; Eileen Wogan; Alec McClean; Veronica Seery.

Mass Intentions This Week

St Michael, Clogherhead

Vigil 7.30pm Betty Hoey 3av

Patrick & Tina Collier

Sun 11.30am Seamus McQuillan 1st av;
John & Margaret Kellett; Michael Edwards

Mon 9am Bridie & Tony Connor

Tue 10-11am Eucharistic Adoration

Next Vigil 7.30pm *Free Intention*

Next Sun 11.30am The People of the Parish

Ss Peter & Paul, Walshestown

Sunday 10am Intentions of

Brian & Éilish McCourt and family

Next Sunday 10am James,

Seamus, Norah & Paul Campbell;

Sarah & Patrick Crilly + Maggie

Dolan & family dec^d



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

Stations of the Cross this First
Sunday of Lent in St Michael's at **5pm**

In this Year for vocations to the
Diocesan Priesthood, the Diocese
invites parishes to have **1000
hours of Adoration "Praying with
Blessed Carlo for Vocations"**. In
our Parish we will dedicate 12
hours of Adoration & Prayer during
Lent for the intention of Prayer for
Vocations to the Diocesan
Priesthood. Schools and parish
groups are invited to participate.

More details next week.

Parish Office Are you
interested in covering for Ann
(holidays, sick leave etc) in the
Parish office. Please call Ann for
more details on **041 982 2224**

On Sunday 11th February you
gave €1,355.00 (€466.00 in 56
envelopes and €889.00 on the plate)
Grateful thanks for all your support.

Webcam Broadcast Collection
takes place at all Masses this
weekend 17th/18th Feb.

The Drogheda & North East

branch of the **Samaritans** annual
church gate collection after all
Masses next weekend 24th/25th
Feb. **Samaritans** (*supporting
those in emotional distress 24/7*)
Freephone number **116 123**

The Spring regional Synodal meeting

takes place in
Termonfechin on Tues 27th Feb.
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 5 representatives selected
from their PPC & PFC. There is
also an open invitation to
whoever else might like to attend.
All those wishing to attend are
asked to register first at -
milandaoprfr@gmail.com at
least 3 days before the meeting.

CALLING ALL PARISHIONERS

Our Parish depends on
parishioners volunteering time &
talent to the various groups and
needs. **IS THERE ONE OF
THESE AREAS ON PAGE 3
WHERE YOU CAN HELP?** ►

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VOLUNTEERING

CALL TO ONE AND ALL

Your Parish is in great need at this time of
VOLUNTEERS in the following and in other areas
of Parish life -

1. Readers of God's Word
2. Ministers of the Eucharist
3. Altar Servers
4. Choir and Music
5. Altar Society
6. Pastoral Council

7. Collectors, Counters

and in other areas too -
including the keeping of the grounds at
Saint Michael's Church and at
The Parochial House.

Are YOU able to help out at all?

It will not be very demanding of your time but it
will lighten the burden for those who are already
committed - and many for a long number of years
- to serve in the various areas of your Parish life.

Please get in touch!

Call Fr Martin or Ann on
041 982 2224 or **087 707 5760**

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Verbum Domini—The Gospel of the Lord Mark 1: 12 - 15

1. Jesus he is about to start his public ministry. Mark tells us this was preceded by a deep inner struggle when his resolve to take on his God-given mission was tested. Recall important decisions in your own life. Were they accompanied by struggle and doubt? Who were the angels who supported you at that time? Give thanks for them.

2. Such periods of anxiety may seem like wilderness experiences at the time. Later, with hindsight, we may see them as being good for us. Perhaps, like Jesus, you recall a time when the Spirit of God led you into the wilderness to be tested and after the experience you had a clearer sense of your own identity or your purpose in life.

3. *Repent and believe the good news* was the heart of the message of Jesus. It was not a call to penance but to a change of heart, a change of attitude, leading to a change in

behaviour. The kingdom of God is a kingdom of right relationships: with God, with one another, with creation, with ourselves. It is a change that leads to a fuller life. When have you found that a change in your attitude towards God, others, yourself, or the world around you, has led you to a more fulfilled or more fruitful life?

4. There is an immediacy about the call of Jesus: *'the time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near'*. Recall when you had a realisation that NOW was the moment of opportunity – for a change in your life, for a spiritual renewal, or a time to give a wholehearted yes to life. At this moment to what do you believe you are invited to say 'yes'?

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).

Dromantine Summer Camp 2024 Registration for Camp 2024 goes live on Friday 1st March for

players (11-16) and the leadership team (17+). For more information about camp and how to register please visit our website at www.dromantinesummerncamp.co.uk

Parishioners, please give the invitation on page 3 of this Bulletin your kind consideration

Grateful Thanks.