

3rd April 2022

Fifth Sunday
of Lent
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The Harbour



Parish Newsletter for Passage West, Monkstown, Shanbally and Ringaskiddy



Prayer Services this week 4th – 10th April 2022

PASSAGE WEST

Mon: Morning Prayer 10.00 a.m.
Tuesday: Mass 10.00 a.m.
Wed: Liturgy of the Word 10.00 a.m.
Thursday: Mass 10.00 a.m.
Friday: Mass 10.00 a.m.
Sunday: 11.30 a.m.

MONKSTOWN

Wednesday: 9.00 a.m.
Friday: 9.00 a.m.
Sunday: 10.00 a.m.

SHANBALLY

Wednesday: 7.00 p.m.
Saturday: 6.00 p.m.

RINGASKIDDY

Thursday: 7.00 p.m.
Sunday: 8.45 a.m.



PARISH OFFICE

Come in we're open!

TUESDAYS

10.00 a.m. – 12.00 noon

THURSDAYS

5.00 p.m. – 7.00 p.m.

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PARISH SECRETARY
Cathy Concannon

Choosing mercy over judgement

This Sunday we break with the gospel of Luke and take a story from the gospel of John. It has been selected because it deals with the theme of forgiveness. As with last Sunday's gospel, so too here we see two different attitudes to the mercy of God. This time, however, it is not in a parable but in a real incident in which those with a narrow view of the mercy of God wish to use the misery of this woman as an opportunity for point scoring against Jesus. For the Pharisees, the scriptures are being read with a view to making them powerful as judges and experts in the Law. For Jesus, the scriptures are to be read as a way to understand the overwhelming mercy of God. In highlighting their hypocrisy, Jesus calls them to repentance. In highlighting God's love for her, Jesus calls the woman to a new life.

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A week of celebrations and interruptions

There is an old saying that says if you want to make God laugh, you should make plans! It recognises just how unpredictable life can be for any of us. Fr Chris and I had been busy preparing for our Confirmation ceremonies with Ringaskiddy LHNS and Star of the Sea NS, Passage West which were scheduled for this past Wednesday and Thursday, when unexpectedly we both tested positive for Covid19 and were forced to isolate. Fortunately for us, Fr Michael Regan, Parish Priest in Clontéad Parish which takes in Riverstick and Belgooly, very kindly agreed to celebrate the Confirmation ceremonies with our young people and the ceremonies went ahead as planned. We congratulate all the young people who celebrated their Confirmation and thank them, their teachers, our school staff and the young people's families for all the work they put into the preparation and celebration of this special moment. Thank you to Fr Michael for filling in at such short notice. Michael grew up in Haulbowline so it was lovely to see him coming back to the Harbour to celebrate with us. A sincere word of appreciation also to Fr Des Campion, Fr Nicky Motherway and Fr Poncianus who made themselves available to celebrate our Sunday morning Masses at such short notice last Saturday night.

We apologise that, because we had to follow the isolation protocols, some of the scheduled Masses this past week could not be celebrated. Sadly, this highlights a reality that is likely to become more and more common over the coming years. With only a single priest serving in most parishes, the simple fact is that often, when a priest in a parish suddenly becomes ill or is called away unexpectedly for personal reasons, it can be difficult and sometimes impossible to find a priest to cover at short notice. When this happens, we ask for your understanding. As I write this, Fr Chris and I hope to be finished with our period of isolation by the weekend and look forward to seeing you and praying with you again. Thank you for your kindness and your support while we were isolating.

Fr Seán

Parish Assembly Meeting

Our Parish Assembly will meet on Tuesday evening, 5th April 2022, at 7.30 p.m. in the Gill Room in Monkstown to discuss preparations for our Holy Week ceremonies. Fr Chris will participate in the meeting where hopefully we can begin to plan for the future and look forward to his ministering with and among us in our community.

Month's Mind

Kayleigh Reddin – Rochestown
John Lynch – Passage West
Maura O' Donovan - Monkstown

Anniversary Remembrance

Joan & Tadhg Roche
Mary Lyons
Jeremiah & Annie O' Callaghan
Michael Murphy
Jack & Seán McGrath
Sr Finbarr Crowley
James O'Byrne
John Joe Murphy

*Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord
May they rest in peace.*

In Sympathy

We offer our sincere sympathy to the extended Murphy family, Carrigaline and Rochestown, on the tragic death of Shane Murphy last Saturday, 26th March 2022. May he rest in peace and may the Lord comfort all those who mourn his sudden loss.

Lead him Lord in the path of life eternal.

Welcomed in Baptism

CHARLOTTE MARKEVICIUTE was baptised in St Mary's Church, Passage West on 25th March 2022. Charlotte is the daughter of Dainius and Donata.

LAOISE ANNE GORMAN was baptised in the Church of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Shanbally on 26th March 2022. Laoise is the daughter of Eymard and Sandra.

VIKTOR RYBAKOVAS was baptised in St Mary's Church, Passage West on 27th March 2022. Viktor is the son of Vytautas and Karolina.

*We warmly welcome them into our
Christian Community.*

Church Community Clean Up

On Wednesday evening members of the Monkstown Tidy Towns worked enthusiastically tidying up and brightening up the grounds of the Sacred Hearts Church, Monkstown with the planting of flower boxes and cleaning around the Grotto. We sincerely thank them for supplying both the plants and their labour.

Acknowledging the contribution of our Parish Assembly

Our current Parish Assembly was nominated by parishioners in February 2020, just before the beginning of the Covid19 pandemic. This has meant that the assembly have had few opportunities to hold in person meetings over the past two years which has severely limited what they could plan and do in our parish. Despite these restrictions however, during that time the assembly have played an important role in safely opening our Churches for worship after lockdown, in coordinating stewards and volunteers for sanitising our Churches during this time and in planning our Christmas Masses when numbers were restricted. Even during lockdown, they also organised the printing and distribution of our parish Christmas Mass Bouquet Cards, the proceeds of which significantly benefited the St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal in our parish. To their eternal credit, the assembly sensitively led our community in responding to Fr Con's tragic death last August and were instrumental in patiently drawing up our new schedule of Services and Masses in a way that seeks to respect all the areas in our parish. In all of this, the assembly has done our parish and our community a great service and, for that, we thank them.

Fr Seán

Our Parish Assembly is a forum where issues related to the life and wellbeing of the parish can be discussed and decided upon so that all of us together can help our parish to live up to our mission statement of '*striving to be an inclusive, caring, welcoming, worshipping Christian community in which the values and teachings of Jesus are lived, shared and celebrated.*'

The members of the Parish Assembly are:

MARY MURPHY, MARTIN BARRETT, LOUISE O'SULLIVAN GEARY & JACKIE KEANE [SHANBALLY & RINGASKIDDY]; BREA BOLAND, ANNA FOY, RONAN KENNEALLY & MARY MCALEESE [MONKSTOWN]; JAMIE LONG, TOM CUSSEN, DAITHI KELLY, MARIE KEOHANE AND DENIS O'BYRNE [PASSAGE WEST]; FR CHRIS O' DONOVAN & FR SEÁN O' SULLIVAN.

PACE Coffee Morning

A Coffee Morning in the PACE Centre, Passage West will take place on Wednesday 6th April 2022 from 10.00 a.m. to 12 noon. This is a fundraiser for PACE and their activities. Donations of scones and cakes will be greatly appreciated. It is wonderful to see the return of this traditional fundraiser for PACE and their activities. It is always a lovely community event so please come along for a cuppa and a chat and to meet friends. In doing so, you will be supporting the great work of PACE in our community.

Féile Cake Sale

There will be a cake sale in aid of the Passage West U15 team taking part in Féile 2022 next Sunday, 10th April 2022, after Masses in Passage West, Monkstown and Rochestown Monastery. Please support if you can. For more details contact Vivienne Delaney 0862018635 or Terri Buckley 0879111144

Matt Talbot Novena, Togher

The Matt Talbot Novena continues at 7.30 pm. on Monday nights in the Church of the Way of the Cross, Togher. The celebrant and preacher for the final two nights of the Novena will be Fr Noel O'Leary SMA on Monday 4th April 2022 and Fr John Paul Hegarty, Parish Priest of The Lough Parish on Monday 11th April 2022. All are welcome to join us in our novena.

Shamrock's GAA News

Indoor Academy continues in the National Maritime College, Ringaskiddy from 6.00 p.m. to 8.30 p.m. on the 8th April and 14th April 2022. All other training and match details will be sent via WhatsApp to all groups and also posted on our social media sites. Sincere thanks to Peter McDaid from Irish Red Cross and all those who participated in the defibrillator training last weekend. Lotto Jackpot this week is €600 and the draw will take place in Murph's Bar, Monkstown on Monday 4th April 2022. For other news and fixtures please visit shamrocksgaa.com

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