

6th March 2022

First Sunday
of Lent
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The Harbour



Parish Newsletter for Passage West, Monkstown, Shanbally and Ringaskiddy



Prayer Services this week
7th – 13th Mar 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

Wed, 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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Cathy Concannon

The temptation to think we are self-sufficient

Lent is a time of repentance, a time to set aside the usual stuff of life in order to take stock of where we are and where we want to go. The gospel for the first Sunday of Lent is always the story of the temptation of Jesus in the wilderness. The essence of the temptations Jesus faced was the idea that he could go it alone, that he could be entirely self-sufficient. Jesus resisted this because he recognised his complete dependence on God the Father. He knew that he needed to be nourished by God's word and that his true destiny lay in his seeking to do his Father's will. When we begin to believe that we have it in our power to save ourselves, then we are on the path to self-destruction. Lent is a time for us to humbly take God's hand and to walk the path of faith and love that leads to Easter.

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Lent – A Spiritual Springtime

Lent translates as 'springtime'. Everyone welcomes spring: warmer days, the arrival of flowers and new life bursting forth in nature. Lent can also be a time for spiritual growth and renewal. It is always great to be able to open windows on a fine fresh day. You can feel the breeze rushing in to sweep out the stale air. Lent is about removing what is stale in our lives and allowing life and growth to replace it. Lent is a journey, not just a day or two put together in isolation. As we journey through Lent we invite God into our lives. We especially ask God to replace what's stale and stagnant, with life, energy and freshness.

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Sacred Hearts Church Monkstown – 150th Anniversary

A planning meeting was held in Monkstown Church on Wednesday 2nd March, 2022 to plan for a central community celebration of the 150th Anniversary of our Church. The Church was consecrated in 1871 and due to COVID19 restrictions last year it was not feasible to mark such a special anniversary. At the meeting it was decided to hold a day of celebration on Sunday 22nd May 2022. Steering Groups on Liturgy, Hospitality and Promotion were formed. If you would like to be part of any one of these groups please contact the Parish Office by email, harbourparish@gmail.com or telephone 021 4863267 during office hours. We want this to be a very special community celebration so if you wish to help in any way please contact us.

We would welcome any information or stories or facts associated with Church that parishioners may have. Photographs of the Church or ceremonies that were celebrated in the Church down through the years would be particularly welcome. If you have any materials that you feel might be useful please let us know. We invite you to be part of the 150th Anniversary Celebrations.

Harbour Parish Assembly Meeting

Members of the Harbour Parish Assembly will meet on Tuesday next 8th March 2022 in the Community Room, The Oratory, Ringaskiddy at 7.30 p.m. Fr Chris O'Donovan will attend and this will be his first meeting with us so we encourage you all to join us on Tuesday.

Spring shows what God can do with a drab and dirty world.

Virgil Kraft

Month's Mind Remembrance

Denis O'Hanlon, Passage West

Anniversary Remembrance

Jim Murphy

Brendan & Vera Ward

David O Connor

Edmond O Connor

John O Connor

John Huggins

Bernard, Noelle & Jean O'Mahony

Finbarr Harding

Eoin De Leaster

Gerard O Connell

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

Welcomed in Baptism

EVIE MYRA AND NAOMI GRACE

CAREY Carey were baptised in The Oratory, Ringaskiddy on Saturday 26th February 2022. Evie and Naomi are the children of Declan and Maeve.

ERIN BARRETT MUNDOW was baptised in St Mary's Church, Passage West on Saturday 26th February 2022. Erin is daughter of Brian and Niamh.

RACHEL JENNIFER GOULD was baptised in St Mary's Church, Passage West on Sunday 27th February 2022. Rachel is the daughter of Denis and Elizabeth.

*We warmly welcome them into our
Christian Community.*

Cork Scripture Group

Cork Scripture Group presents a module on "Exploring the New Testament Letters of John, 1 Peter and James." Presenters: Fr John Newman, Fr Sean O'Sullivan and Sr Sheila Curran. Dates: 4 Mondays of March and Saturday March 26th.

Cost €50. Venue Scala, Blackrock. For information and booking contact corksripturegroup@gmail.com

Yoga for the Older Adult

Gentle exercise in tune with breathing and short meditation. Join us in the Gill Room, Monkstown every Tuesday morning at 10.30 a.m. For further information contact 087 7433232.

*The essential thing is not what we say but
what God says to us and through us.*

Spring Clergy Offering envelopes

The envelopes for Spring Clergy Offerings are available in each of our Churches this weekend and will also be distributed to many of the homes in our community. If you would like to make a contribution towards the income of the priests of the parish, we ask you to kindly return your offering envelope at your own convenience at any Mass or to either of the priests' houses. As we have explained previously, the Sunday Mass collection is used exclusively for the upkeep of the parish and to support the various services it provides. The priests of the parish do not receive a salary directly from the parish. Rather, our income is made up from the voluntary offerings of parishioners in the Spring and Autumn Clergy Offerings and in the Easter and Christmas Offerings and from the offerings received for the celebrations of baptisms, weddings and funerals. We take this opportunity to once more thank all our parishioners who support us so faithfully and so generously.

Rath Dé oraibh go léir.

Fr Seán

Trócaire Boxes 2022

This year's Trocaire Lenten Campaign Boxes are available in all our Churches. We encourage you to take one and to use it over the coming weeks of Lent to help Trócaire's development work throughout the world where they support some of the poorest and most vulnerable communities in our world. If all of us make just a little sacrifice during Lent, together we can make a real and significant impact in the lives of families and communities whose continued existence is often fragile and precarious. Together let's make a real difference this Lent.



Lighting a candle is a prayer:

when we have gone it stays alight, kindling in the hearts and minds of others the prayers we have already offered for the sick, the suffering, for those who have died, for the peace of the world, for ourselves and prayers of thankfulness too.

Lighting is a parable: burning itself out it gives light to others. Christ gave himself for others. He calls us to give ourselves.

Lighting is a symbol: of love and hope, of light and warmth. Our world needs them all.

Special Collection for Irish Bishops Commissions

A Special Collection will be taken up at all Masses next weekend, 12th/13th March 2022, to support the work of the Irish Bishops Conference and its various agencies and commissions. More details available at www.catholicbishops.ie

Matt Talbot Novena

The Novena in honour of Matt Talbot will be starting again in The Way of the Cross Church, Togher at 7.30 p.m. on the Mondays of Lent. We are delighted that we can celebrate in person this year but for those who are far away and would like to join online. they can do so at www.churchservices.tv/togher

Shamrock's GAA News

Indoor Academy resumes in the National Maritime College, Ringaskiddy for the four Fridays from 6.00 p.m. to 8.30 p.m. All other training and match details will be sent via WhatsApp to all groups and also posted on our social media sites. Lotto Jackpot is €800 and the draw will take place in Murphs Bar, Monkstown on Monday 7th March 2022. For other news and fixtures please visit shamrocksgaa.com

Cuppa and Bingo

Now that COVID19 restrictions have eased we invite you to come along and enjoy a few games of bingo, cuppa and chat with neighbours and friends on Wednesdays at 2.00 p.m. in the Gill Room, Monkstown.

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