

27th March 2022

Fourth Sunday
of Lent
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The Harbour



Parish Newsletter for Passage West, Monkstown, Shanbally and Ringaskiddy



Prayer Services this week
28th Mar – 3rd Apr 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: Confirmations
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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Cathy Concannon

Avoiding the pitfalls of the elder brother.

It could be said that there are two important journeys in the great parable of the Prodigal Son. One is that of the younger brother who realises the foolishness of his ways and turns towards home not sure what to expect and certainly not expecting what he finds there. The other journey is, at least in distance, much shorter. It is that of the older brother who remains out in the fields unable to make the brief trip home because of his rage and anger. In Lent, we usually focus on the long return home of the prodigal son but it might well be that, for many of us, the real challenge is to recognise something of the older brother in ourselves, in our desire to sometimes limit God's mercy to those we consider worthy of it.

If the season of Lent were to come and go without us giving time to thinking about reconciliation, then something would indeed be missing. It would be tragic if we came to Easter without being moved by the overwhelming compassion of our God who seeks out the lost and celebrates our return to him. It would also be tragic if we were to forget that if we welcome God's forgiveness for ourselves then we automatically become ambassadors of that forgiveness to others. We must be careful not to end up like the older brother who is resentful of God's generosity to those we consider undeserving.

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Pope Francis speaks of the suffering in Ukraine

'I am today thinking of the millions of Ukrainian refugees who had to flee their homes leaving everything behind. I feel great pain for those who don't even have the possibility to escape. Many grandparents, sick and poor, separated from their own family members, many children and fragile persons remain to die under the bombs without being able to get aid and without being able to find safety, not even in the air-raid shelters. All this is inhuman. Indeed, it is even sacrilegious, because it goes against the sacredness of human life, above all against defenceless human life, which is to be respected and protected, not eliminated and which comes before whatever strategy. Let us not forget, this is cruelty, inhuman and sacrilegious. Let us pray for those who suffer!

We are close to this martyred people. Let us embrace them with affection and with concrete commitment and with prayer, and please let us not get accustomed to war and violence! Let us not grow tired of receiving them with generosity, not just now in the emergency but also in the weeks and months to come. As you know, in the first moments we do everything to receive them, but then habit cools the heart a little and we forget them. Do not let your hearts grow cold. Think of these women, and of these children. They are without work, separated from their husbands and they will be sought by the vultures of this society. Let us protect them, please!'

Pope Francis, Rome, Sunday 20th March 2021.

Harbour Parishes' Confirmation Ceremonies

This week the children of Ringaskiddy LHNS and Star of the Sea NS, Passage West will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation on Wednesday and Thursday morning in Shanbally and Passage West respectively. We wish them and their families every happiness and blessing on their special day and pray that they will continue to be open to the guidance of the Holy Spirit in their lives.

Anniversary Remembrance

Eithne & Eddie Farr

Edmond Quirke

Agnes McIntyre

Nancy Scott

Mary & John Leahy

Faye & Martin O'Donoghue

Neil Murphy

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

In Sympathy

We offer our sincere sympathy to Susan Townsend, Glenbrook on the death of her sister Bernice McCallion, Muff, Donegal who died on Saturday 26th February 2022. May she rest in peace.

We offer our sincere sympathy to the family and friends of Catherine Thompson, Carrigaline who died on Sunday 20th March 2022. May she rest in peace.

We offer our sincere sympathy to Eirinn, Cahalane [one of our teachers in Shanbally NS] on the death of her father Derry Cahalane, Drimoleague on Monday 21st March 2022. May he rest in peace.

Lead them Lord in the path of life eternal.

Welcomed in Baptism

BRODY CHRISTOPHER FORDE was baptised in the Church of the Immaculate Heart of Mary on Saturday 19th March 2022. Brody is the son of Keith and Gemma.

KAYLA KAREN GRIMES was baptised in St Mary's Church, Passage West on 19th March 2022. Kayla is the daughter of Katherine and Christopher.

*We warmly welcome them into our
Christian Community.*

Parish Assembly

Members of the Parish Assembly are reminded that, in order to avoid a clash with Holy Week, the April Meeting of the Assembly will take place a week earlier than normal, on Tuesday 5th April 2022. We hope that all members will be able to join us for the meeting as we finalise our preparations for Holy Week

Climb with Charlie

Members of the Ringaskiddy & District Resident's Association will be part of the 'Climb with Charlie' initiative #climbwithcharlie by walking from the Oratory, Ringaskiddy to the Martello Tower on Saturday, 2nd April 2022. The walk will pause and circle the Martello Tower at sunset (8.01 p.m.) and shine a light in solidarity with Charlie Bird RTE using torches (or phone torches), before returning back down to the Oratory.

There will be collection buckets for donations in the courtyard of the Oratory, and all proceeds will be going to 'Pieta: Ending Suicide, Beginning Hope' and the 'Irish Motor Neurone Disease Association.' Members of Ringaskiddy Tidy Towns will be assisting along the way and light refreshments will be kindly provided afterwards at the Ferry Boat Inn. As the route is a public path and right of way, anyone wishing to do so can walk this also of their own accord.

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. Come along for a cuppa and chat and meet friends and in doing so support our local Centre.

Garden Club Meet

The Owenabue Garden & Flower Club, Carrigaline, will hold their Spring Show on Monday 28th March 2022 in St.Mary's NS, Waterpark, Carrigaline at 7.45 p.m. The daffodil and narcissus competitions together with spring flowers and shrub classes are open to all club members. Floral Demonstration of Spring Flowers by Nora Gallagher at 8.00 p.m. Visitors are most welcome. Entry €7 entry.

Monkstown Tidy Towns

Monkstown Tidy Towns are doing a clean-up in the church yard this Wednesday 30th March 2022 at 7.00 p.m. All welcome to join and lend a hand.

*Forgiveness does not
exonerate the perpetrator.
It liberates the victim.
It's a gift you give yourself.*

T.D. JAKES

St Vincent de Paul

The Church Gate Collections in March 2022 for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul amounted to €1,436.55. The Society thanks you for your generosity and looks forward to your continuing support at the collections next weekend, Saturday 2nd and Sunday 3rd April 2022 at all churches

Annual Mass for People with Parkinsons Disease

Bishop Fintan Gavin will officiate at a special Mass for People with Parkinsons Disease, their families and friends at St. Patricks Church, Rochestown on Wednesday 27th April at 7.00 p.m. The ceremony will include The Sacrament of the Sick and singing by the Perpetual Motion Choir. Everyone is welcome to attend, either in person or by livestream. Refreshments will be provided to the congregation after the ceremony. Enquiries to 087 2375558. Links to join in the livestream are as follows:

www.churchservices.tv/rochestown or via the webcam link on the Douglas Rochestown Parish website douglasrochestownparish.ie/webcams

Shamrock's GAA News

Indoor Academy continues every Friday evening in the National Maritime College, Ringaskiddy 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 this week is €400 and the draw will take place in the Shamrock Bar, Shanbally on Monday 28th March 2022. For other news and fixtures please visit shamrocksgaa.com

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