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### Lent is what you do.

From the earliest times the Christian Church has seen Lent as "The Great Fast". This is a time of assessment, atonement and of strengthening our will. It is a time of asking ourselves the hard questions; how am I living? where am I going? These questions need to lead to action and so we have the tradition of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Each of these is a way of reaching out to God and to our neighbour.

Lent is also the time of our Trocaire campaign. Conscious of the poverty and deprivation of others we link our fasting with contributing to their development. We become more conscious of the link between high standards of living and poverty. We look at the inequalities that are maintained by injustice.

The Lenten campaign run by Trocaire help to remind us that the need is there 365 days a year and that the development work goes on all the time. 70% of all Trocaire's general funds go to ongoing development. This is their main work, but they step in to alleviate a crisis, such as the earthquakes or famine or the genocide of Rwanda.



### Trocaire

**Trocaire Boxes** are available at the Church. It is a good idea to have the box in some prominent place in the house. What is saved by the Lenten Fast could be put into the box.

On **Holy Thursday**, the evening on which we celebrate the **Last Supper**, the Boxes will be brought to the Altar at the time of the Offerings.

### Confirmation Day in Kilbrittain

The Confirmation celebration on Tuesday, 2nd March will begin at 11.00 a.m.  
Archbishop Thomas White will confer the Sacrament on the candidates

### First Penance

The children preparing to make their First Holy Communion this year  
will celebrate the Sacrament of Penance  
on Tuesday, 9th February at 8.00 p.m.



### Lent Retreat

The Parish Pastoral Assembly are organising a "**Three Day Retreat**" from  
Tuesday, 23rd March to Thursday, 25th March.

**Fr. Gearóid Dullea** will conduct the three nights.  
He will follow a theme of Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist.

The first two evenings will be in the context of

**Evening Prayer of the Church,**  
on the final evening the **Celebration of the Eucharist.**  
Keep a space in your calendar of events.

### **Dates for the Diary**

Lent will begin on Ash Wednesday the 25th of February.

Confirmation Tuesday 2nd March

Celebration of First Penance; Tuesday 9th March

Parish Retreat; 23rd to 25th March

Good Friday, 9th April, Easter Sunday, 11th April

First Holy Communion Saturday 8th May

### **Prayer for Lent**

A booklet **"Walk with Me"** prayers for each day of Lent, is on sale here at the church for €1.  
It is very suitable for family prayer or for those who want to share a moment of prayer each day during Lent.



### **Notice Board**

#### **Deaths:**

Noreen Whelton, Granfeen.  
Jimmy O'Mahony, The Village.  
Des McCarthy, Rathclaren  
Tony Moloney, Granfeen.  
Phil O'Shea, Ratharoon  
Pat O'Sullivan, Ardacrow.  
May D'Arcy, Hackettstown.

*God's grace and mercy are with those he has chosen. (Wisdom 4:15)*

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