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Solidarity - Justice

The three pillars of Lent are long-standing, Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving. Each year as we begin our Lenten journey we set out on this threefold path. We open our hearts to God in prayer, especially the prayer of listening. We open our minds to the inhuman deprivation that people suffer in our world as we feel the deprivation of our own Lenten fast and offering. We open our hands to those in need and to those who are providing for them.

Lent can help to sharpen our awareness of the injustices in the world. In Ireland 7% of children go to bed hungry, 50% world-wide! Do I think of that if I waste food, overspend, live lavishly? Some consumer goods are produced by unethical means in sweat shops and in slave conditions. Am I aware when buying? Do I give preference to Irish produced food and fair trade products and goods that do not have high transport mileage?

Conscious that the world is a living organism and that we must take care of it for the future generations we must consider our use of energy, recycling and our own contribution to pollution.

Solidarity with the poor and deprived and a concern for justice for them is a fourth and very important pillar of Lent.



TROCAIRE

Trocaire Boxes are available at the Church. It is a good idea to have the box in some prominent place in the house during Lent. 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.



Spring Stations

Friday 2nd March:

Michael and Joan Hurley, Burren, 8.00 p.m.

Friday 9th March:

Albert and Clare Harrington, Granfeen, 11.00 a.m.

Friday 23rd March:

Steve and Margaret Lawes, Barleyfield, 8.00 p.m.

Friday 30th March:

Brendan and Maeve Conlon, Ratharoon, 8.00 p.m.

Enquiries have been made for other stations but dates not been firmed up yet. I would again encourage moderation in the hospitality. Tom Riordan P.P.



Masses for Ash Wednesday

will be at 9.00 a.m. And 8.00 p.m.

Lent Adoration

The **Blessed Sacrament** will be placed on the Altar, in Kilbrittain Church on the Wednesday evenings during Lent from 8.00 p.m. to 9.00 p.m. People are welcome to come for whatever time suits, five minutes or for the hour. Keep a space in your calendar of events.



First Penance

The children preparing to make their First Holy Communion this year will celebrate the Sacrament of Penance on **Tuesday, 6th March at 8.00 p.m.**



Parish Pastoral Assembly Community Care Group

The Community Involvement Care Group has 9 members with the task of listening to and identifying the needs in our parish; being concerned about and caring for people.

In our concern for the bereaved we held a Bereavement Mass in the Autumn and there will be another on the 9th March. We also held a meeting for the bereaved in the Parish Hall in June. People came and shared some of their sadness and found comfort, strength and friendship in each other.

Teen Quiz evenings were started in the Autumn. These are held about once a month with many 13 to 16 year olds enjoying fun, competition, prizes, refreshments and each others company.

We have tried to visit senior members of our village and parish. We realise we could do more so please alert us if we could bring help, encouragement or comfort to someone.

"Ar scáth a céile a mhaireann na daoine"



Prayer for Lent

A booklet "**Walk with Me**" prayers for each day of Lent, is on sale here at the church for €1.50. It is very suitable for individual or family prayer and for those who want to share a moment of prayer each day during Lent.

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Income and Expenditure 2007

Income €66,148.97

Expenditure €28,627.55

Credit Balance over the year €37,521.42

Since we have money in deposit account the total credit in the parish is €99,383.86.

Sunday Collection

Sunday 11th February: €737.00

The work on the floor of the church will begin after the Corpus Christi Procession. In the meantime the drive up to the Parochial House needs to be resurfaced.



Notice Board

Marriages:

Christine Curran to Barry Madden, Coolmain.

May they be blessed with happiness in life

Deaths:

Phil Quinlan, Farnagark.

Lizzie Brown, Shanakiel.

John O'Driscoll, Carrigcannon.

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

