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### Response

This time last year we mentioned recession and Lent. Since then 2009 has proved a difficult year. The recession deepened, a very wet year, floods, the coldest spell in over sixty years and two reports on the failure to protect children. Then on 12th January our perspective was suddenly changed. As we watched the news coming in from Haiti our own woes paled into insignificance. The response to the plight of the victims of the earthquake was huge. The response in our own parish was immense. I am convinced that such response comes from the sense of Christian values that is deep within us. The Christian message and particularly the practice of Lent encourage us to follow Jesus who "came not to be served but to serve". This encourages us to look outward from ourselves and to respond to the needs of others. We know that in doing that we respond to God. The Trocaire Lenten Campaign has been there for 37 years. There is a whole generation who have not known Lent without a Trocaire Box in the home. The campaign is based on the three pillars of Lent, prayer, fasting, almsgiving. This was certainly the response to the plight of the people of Haiti. We prayed for those in tragic circumstances, we did without - even in these difficult times - so that we could contribute to help them.



#### **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 19th February:**

Frank and Teresa Ahern, Harbour View. 8.00 p.m.

##### **Thursday 25th February:**

Joan O'Mahony, Cloundereen. 11.00 a.m.

##### **Tuesday 2nd March:**

Niall and Celina Crowley, Post Office. 8.00 p.m.

##### **Friday 19th March:**

Philip and Leone Ward, Farnagark. 8.00 p.m.

##### **Deferred until a later date:**

Con and Kathleen McCarthy, Knoppogue.

##### **Saturday 27th March:**

Maureen Fitzgerald, Clashreagh. 11.00 a.m.

##### **Monday 5th April:**

Donie and Imelda Hurley, Ratharoon. 12.00 a.m.

Stations are being booked in now for this Spring.  
Quite a few others have agreed to have the Station but have not yet organised dates.

Our thanks to all those who are hosting the Stations this Spring.

I would again encourage moderation in the hospitality..  
Tom Riordan P.P.



### **Lent Adoration**

The **Blessed Sacrament** will be placed on the Altar, in Kilbrittain Church on the **Friday** 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.



### **Stations of the Cross**

Sunday evenings of Lent, 8.00 p.m.



### **First Penance**

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



### **YOU SHALL BE MY WITNESSES...**

A new programme for the candidates preparing for Confirmation will be run in the parish beginning on the 22nd February. Twenty volunteer parents have already undergone a preparatory evening for this. There are 65 candidates for Confirmation. These will be divided into seven groups. Two parents will lead the group sessions for four Monday evenings. The Topics will be Belonging, Believing, Being, Becoming all steps towards Confirmation and Christian commitment. Our congratulations and our thanks to the parents who have agreed to implement this programme. Please keep them in your prayers over the period.

**Confirmation is on Tuesday 13th April at 10.30.**



"Although God demands a whole heart, He will accept a broken one if He gets all the pieces."

*Mary Irving*



### **Legion of Mary**

The members of the **Legion of Mary** invite people to join them. They meet on Monday evenings at 8.00 p.m. in the Sacristy. Candidates interested in joining could approach Fr. Tom Riordan, Spiritual Director, or any member of the Legion.

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### **Income and Expenditure 2004**

**Income** €65,390.49

**Expenditure** €42,477.03

**Credit Balance** over the year €122,913.46

Including the credit balance above we have an overall figure of about €120,000.00 credit in the bank.

#### **Haiti Collection**

The response to the collection for the victims of the Haiti earthquake was very generous. We sent off **€3,775.00**

#### **Sunday Collection**

Sunday 7th February **€823.00**

## **Notice Board**

#### **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.