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Pádraigh Aspal Éireann

St. Patrick's Day brings out the patriotism in the Irish. Sometimes one would wonder if that patriotism goes any more than skin deep. Patrick himself was a man of much greater substance than our recognition of him allows.

During his exile as a herdsman in Ireland Patrick came to a faith that deepened and grew. His consciousness of God working through him was acute; "I give thanks to my God tirelessly who kept me faithful in the day of trial, so that today I offer sacrifice to him confidently, the living sacrifice of my life to Christ my Lord". "I am very much in debt to God, who gave me so much grace that through me many people were born again in God and afterwards confirmed, and that clergy were ordained for them everywhere."

Patrick a man of substance, a man for our times. It was this faith that enabled him to hear the call to return with the Gospel, to the people who had captured him. He describes his dream; "The voice of the Irish; ... They shouted with one voice: 'We ask you boy, come and walk once more among us.' Thank God after many years the Lord answered their cry".



St Patrick's Day.

Friday, 17th March

Holiday Mass Times:

Thursday: 8.00 p.m.

Friday: 9.00 a.m. And 11.30 a.m.

Parish Mission.

There is a Mission planned for the week 7th to 13th May 2006. This will be led by two Redemptorist Fathers. Fr. Pat Reynolds and Fr. Brendan Kane. Further details will be posted nearer the time.

Confirmation in Kilbrittain 2006

Wednesday, 29th March.

Spring Stations

Friday 10th March: Jerry Moloney, Clonbuig, 8.00 p.m.

Saturday 18th March: Kevin and Marian Quinn, Cloundereen, 11.00 a.m.

Saturday 25th March: Margaret Hurley, Ballymore, 11.00 a.m.

Friday 21st April: Finbarr and Stephanie O'Sullivan, Ballycatten, 8.00 p.m.

Saturday 22nd April: Denis and Louise O'Mahony, Gurranreagh, 11.00 a.m.

Saturday 29th April: Edmond and Patricia Moloney, Barleyfield, 11.00 a.m.

Friday 5th May: Raymond and Teresa McCarthy, Burren, 8.00 p.m.

Friday 19th May: Sean and Teresa Beecher, Brookfield, 8.00 p.m.



Deaths:

Annie Manning, Farnagark.
Ann O'Sullivan, Gurraneasig.
Donal Roche, Carrigaline and late Kilbrittain Village.
Betty Sheehy, Ratharoon.
May Collins, Knockbrown.

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

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. This year's contribution goes to help the children in Nicuragura.

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.

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Income and Expenditure 2005

Income €71,164.52

Expenditure €119,013.07

Debit Balance over the year €-47,848.55

Whereas the overall balance for the year is in the red, the actual bank balance, on 1st January 2006, is in credit to the sum of over €53,000.00. This is due to the very generous response to the Roof Fund last year, from which we were able to carry over. The next major repair will be to the floor.

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Beginning on Tuesday, 14th March
The Prefab, Kilbrittain N. S. **8.30 p.m. to 10.00 p.m.**

Please apply to: Brenda, Claire, Jean, Louise, Majella, or Margaret.
