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Were You There?

There is a popular hymn which asks "Were you there when they crucified my Lord?" Maybe there are time when we feel "If only I were there!" Yet even over time and distance the invitation is still issued to us. We are not there physically and at the precise time in the past, but we are invited into the event again each time we celebrate the Passion and Resurrection of the Lord in Holy Week. We do more than remember, we reach out to touch that event, to be with Jesus in his sufferings and his triumph, we let that event touch us at the depth of our spirit.

When we gather "around the cross" we must also reach out to those who suffer to day. We can reach out especially to those who accompany Jesus, the innocent who suffer because of the thoughtlessness or even the evil of others. Evil still prevails. There is still a need for people to reject evil even when it means sharing something of the fate of Jesus. Thoughtlessness today contributes to climate change and the disaster that this brings on others. These days of Holy Week are a challenge to us. We can accept something of that challenge by being present at the ceremonies and by putting into practice what we have learned and experienced there.



Stations of the Cross

Sunday evenings of Lent, 8.00 p.m.

Trocaire

Trocaire Boxes must be well filled by this. You may have noticed an envelope with the box. This invites people to count the coins in their box and replace them with notes and hand up the contribution in that envelope.

On **Holy Thursday**, the evening on which we celebrate the Last Supper, there will be Baskets before the Altar. Then at the time of the Offerings people may bring up their Trocaire Envelopes to the Altar. We can then associate our Lenten offerings with Christ's offering of himself to us in the Eucharist and for us on the Cross.

Good Friday

Good Friday, the day on which we recall the Lords' Passion, his sufferings, and his death on the cross is traditionally a day of **Fast and Abstinence**.

Fasting means we eat very moderately on that day, a main meal and just a snack otherwise. **Abstinence** means that we do not have meat at all on that day. Ash Wednesday is the other occasion in the year.

Good Friday Collection

There will be a collection in the church on **Good Friday** at the 3.00 p.m. ceremony for the **Holy Places**, in Jerusalem, Nazareth and around Israel. With tourism and pilgrimages all but suspended these places will need our support more that ever.



Deaths:

Helen Crowley, Garranreagh.
Lizzie Godfrey, Dublin.
Kathleen Brennan, Barleyfield.

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



Spring Stations

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Friday 8th February: John and Mary Coughlan, Clonbuig. 8.00 p.m.

Wednesday 27th February: Ann Harrington, Farnagark. 11.00 a.m.

Saturday 8th March: Sheila O'Connell, Barleyfield. 11.00 a.m.

Friday 4th April: Joe and Mary Lynch, Glendubh West 8.00 p.m.

Monday 7th April: John and Nellie Madden, Glaunavaud 11.00 a.m.

Friday 18th April: John and Eileen Keohane Burren 8.00 p.m.

Saturday 5th April: Denis and Maeve O'Mahony, Maryboro 11.00 p.m.

Friday 11th April: Denis and Ann Ahern, Granfeen 8.00 p.m.

Thursday 17th April: Denis and Siobhan O'Mahony, Shanakiel 8.00 p.m.

Saturday 26th April: John and Luch Butler, Ballybeg 11.00 a.m.

Friday 23rd May: Cathal Dinneen, Kilshinihan 8.00 p.m.

Saturday 17th May: Niall and Noreen O'Brien Cloundereen 11.00a.m.

Twelve Stations have been booked in this Spring. We will hold the remaining Stations, in the Parish Church, on two Saturday mornings at **11.00 a.m.**

Saturday 19th April: Kielnamaul, Maulmane, Maulnaskimlehane and Cripple Hill. Garryndruig. Knockbrown and Baurleigh. Glenduff East and East Village.

Saturday 10th May: Coolmain and Gurraneasig. Currarane etc. Ratharoon. Castle View and Meadow View. Ratharoon

Our thanks to all those who hosted the Stations to date. Thank you also for your generous contributions to the Spring Dues.



Parish Pastoral Assembly

Tony O'Connor, Chariman of the PPA and Fr. Riordan attended a meeting in Cork on proposed **Pastoral Areas**. A Pastoral Area is the grouping together a number of neighbouring parishes who will work collaboratively towards the building up of a vibrant faith community in each of the parishes. It does not mean the suppression or the amalgamation parishes. In a pastoral area each parish will retain its own particular identity.

The priest(s), chair and secretary of the PPA, the chair of the Finance Committee of each parish will form a Pastoral Area Coordinating Group. The bishop will appoint one of the priests as a Moderator to each group.

Our group will consist of five parishes, Bandon, Enniskeane, Innishannon, Kilbrittain and Newcestown.

"For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."



Retreat at Myross Wood St. Joseph's Young Priest Society

Tuesday 18th March

Bus leaving the Village at 6.45 p.m., Harrington's Inn at 7.00 p.m.

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