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Death to Life

"Unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies ..." The rich image of Jesus speaks to us at this time of year, in the sowing season. The grain of wheat does not really die; it is transformed, to bring new growth, multiple stalks, abundance of new grains. The sowing time is a time of looking forward, a time of hope.

The image of Jesus parable of the grain of wheat is an image of hope. Hope assures that life will be fulfilled, that our existence is blessed, that we are held fast by God's boundless love. Jesus teaching was so different from that of the Scribes and Pharisees. His way of showing us how we should live was not by rules and regulations - but by images, stories and example. Images and stories appeal to the imagination and to the heart more than to the mind and to the intellect. Our Faith blossoms into living truth through our imagination, through stories and images.

Jesus image of the grain of wheat is one of death to life - helping us to grasp the reality of Jesus resurrection. Our Lenten journey is a journey of hope, looking forward, not just to the celebration of Easter and Resurrection, but beyond to a life that we can never imagine.



Stations of the Cross

Sunday evenings of Lent, 8.00 p.m.

Trocaire

Trocaire Boxes must be well filling up 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 Lord's 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 than ever.



Retreat at Myross Wood

St. Joseph's Young Priest Society

Monday 6th April

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

Contacts to book: Teresa 46472 Gretta 49738



Parish Pastoral Assembly

Announce

A Parish Mission

25th April to 2nd May 2009

Journeying together in Faith and Hope

Conducted by the Redemptorist Team

Fr. John P. O'Riordan C.Ss.R.

Fr. Denis Luddy C.Ss.R.



Marriages:

Claire Twomey, Ratharoon and Paul McAleese, Monkstown.

May they be blessed with happiness in life



Spring Stations

Friday 27th March:

Joe and Noreen Sweetnam, Ballycatten. 8.00 p.m.

Saturday 18th April:

Pakie and Mary O'Neill, Maryboro. 11.00 a.m.

Wednesday 22nd April:

Barry and Kathleen O'Mahony, Barleyfield. 11.00 a.m.

Friday 24th April:

Gerard and Mary Twomey Clonbogue. 8.00 p.m.

Friday 8th May:

Sam and Susan O'Donovan, Glendubh. 8.00 p.m.

Friday 15th May:

Seamus and Ruth O'Mahony, Ardacrow. 8.00 p.m.

Saturday 16th May:

Anthony and Margaret Madden Clashavanna. 11.00 p.m.

Friday 29th May:

Tim and Majella McCarthy, Farnagark. 8.00 p.m.

Eleven 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 25th April: Kielnamaul, Maulmane, Maulnaskimlehane and Cripple Hill.

Garryndruig. Knockbrown and Baurleigh. Glenduff East and East Village.

Saturday 9th May: Coolmain and Gurraneasig. Castle View and Meadow View. Gurranreagh. Ratharoon.

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