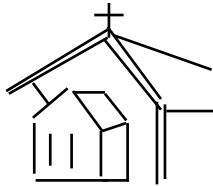


GLANMIRE PARISH

18th January, 2015

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time



St Joseph's Church	St Michael's Church
Monday - Friday 10.00 am	Thurs & Fri 9.20 am
Saturday (Vigil) 6pm	
Sunday 9.00; 10.30, 12.00	Sunday 10.00 am

St Joseph's Church Adoration Monday night 8.30 pm – 9.30 pm. Fri 10am – 10pm.
 St Michael's Church Thursday 10 am – Noon

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Book of the Year

Now and again, I come across a book that is truly memorable. Marilynne Robinson's novel "Lila" (Virago 2014) is one such book, one of the best novels I've read in years. If you still have a Christmas book voucher get this book.

Early in the novel one of the characters says "I just been wondering lately why things happen the way they do." Robinson spends the rest of the book trying to answer. In the process she slowly shows us a character gradually allowing herself to love and to be loved.

The book is a profound reflection not just on the human condition but on the nature of faith. The novel's main themes include suffering, abandonment, forgiveness, rescue, and then, in bracing counterpoise, the question of whether one actually *wants* to be rescued, or can be. In a word, it is a book about grace.

You don't need an ounce of faith to be stunned and moved by "Lila". God has never been so attractive as God is in Robinson's depiction, but her heart is with the human experience, in all its forms. Worn out by loneliness and suffering, her characters do find salvation, of a sort.

The prose is exquisite and rare in its quality. It is not an easy book to read but this gentle, graceful work will surely be seen as one of the great achievements of contemporary literature.

If you are interested in promoting Adoration in this parish please come along to Adoration meeting in Pastoral Room on Thursday 22nd Jan 7 pm to 8 pm for short discussion and forward planning.

Altar Society A.G.M. 20th January in the Pastoral Room at 8 pm. All welcome.

2nd Collection today is for Diocesan Needs

Spring in Ennismore

Sat 7th Feb – Day of Reflection – "A Planet in Peril" – Ecology, Cosmology & Christian Spirituality Today

Sun 08th Feb /3pm-6pm – "Homecoming" – Journey towards Forgiveness, Reconciliation & Letting Go – Fr. Michael O'Regan

Viatores Christi: For those interested in overseas volunteering and/or joining the VC Training Course on Overseas Development & Mission (which consists of 4 weekend workshops) tel: 01-8689986 info@viatoreschristi.com
www.viatoreschristi.com

Active Retirement AGM on Tues 20th Jan at 11 am in Sars pavilion. All welcome

Basic First Aid course by St John Ambulance Glanmire Monday 9th February, for 7 weeks from 19.30 to 21.30. The cost is €100, which includes a first aid manual, CPR pocket mask and all course materials. email glanmire@stjohn.ie
[086-0699086](tel:086-0699086).

"Marriage in Today's Society"

A couple who work with Retrouvaille will tell their story. Pat & Marian have experienced the four stages of relationship in their marriage, romance, disillusionment, misery and thanks to Retrouvaille awakening and recovery.

St. Columba's Church, Douglas, Thurs 22nd Jan 8pm (part of the St. Columba's Church Bi-centenary Talk Series)

Glounthanue/Glanmire Meals on Wheels: Cooks urgently required for Monday's and Wednesday's 3 hours every 6 weeks. Drivers required for Glanmire, Brooklodge, Riverstown area, Monday's, Wednesday's and Saturday's 1/1.5 hours every 5 weeks. Contact Pauline Walsh 4353557 or Mary Finn 4353893

Irish Blood Transfusion Service would like to thank the 135 donors who attended
Glanmire Clinic.

NAOMI: Next Pre-Marriage Courses for 2015 - *Saturday 21 March and Saturday
25 April* .This course is held in one day. Tel 4272213.