



GLANMIRE PARISH

7th Decemer, 2014

Second Sunday of Advent



Monday 8th December Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Please note Catholics are obliged to attend Mass on hollydays.

St Joseph's Church	St Michael's Church
Monday - 11.00 am & 7.30 pm Tuesday - Friday 10.00 am	Monday 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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Small things and Possibility: An advent Reflection

Coming across this reflection recently I thought I would share it with you.

We live in a world in which bigger and better define our expectations for much of life. We have become so enamoured by super-size, super stars, and high definition that we tend to view life through a lens that so magnifies what we expect out of the world that we tend not so see potential in small things. God does some of his best work with small beginnings and impossible situations.

It is truly a humbling experience to read back through the Old Testament and see how frail and imperfect all the "heroes" actually are. Abraham who was the coward who cannot believe the promise. Jacob, the cheat who struggles with everybody.

Joseph, the immature and arrogant teen. Moses, the impatient murderer who cannot wait for God. Samson, the womanizing drunk. David, the power abusing adulterer. Solomon, the unwise wise man. And finally, a very young Jewish girl from a small village in a remote corner of the great empire.

It never ceases to amaze me that God often begins with small things and inadequate people. Yet if God can use them, and reveal Himself through them in such marvellous ways, it means that He might be able to use me, inadequate, and unwise, and too often lacking in faith that I am. If this is true then it means that I need to be careful that I do not in my own self-righteousness put limits on what God can do with the smallest things, the most unlikely of people, in the most hopeless of circumstances. This is a big part of the wonder of the Advent Season. Think about it?

Rota for Ministers of the Eucharist is available in the sacristy.

TOY MASS

The 22nd annual toy mass will take place on Dec 14th at 12 noon in St Joseph's Church, Springhill. This year the need is as great as ever. Please wrap and mark toys for either 'boy/girl'. This is a very expensive and difficult time for many. Please contact either of the priests in the strictest confidence if help is needed. We hope you will come and join us in this celebration and would encourage you to come early where the stewards will guide you in the car park and in the church. Looking forward to seeing you all there. Toy Mass Group.

At 3pm today, Sunday 7th December there will be a special ceremony with Mass to honour Our Lady in her Immaculate Conception at St. Peter & Pauls Church. The Chief Celebrant is Bishop Patrick O'Donoghue

30 th Nov	St Joseph's	1,576	St Michael's	269	Total €1,845
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2015 Offertory Envelopes can be collected from the office .

St Vincent de Paul Church Collection Sat 13th/Sun 14th Dec. We ask you to give generously as we have many families in need.

Hearing, Happening, Hoping: Scripture reflection for Advent

Two sessions on Tuesday's 9th, 16th December at the Cork and Ross Pastoral Development Office beginning with coffee at 10:30am and session from 10:45 to 11:30am. The office is located in the Parochial House in Ballypheane.

Medjugorje ex Cork May 27th to June 3rd 2015. €529.00 half board if booked and paid in full before 10th Dec. **Only 15 place left.** €679 applies after these dates. Spiritual Director Fr. Pat O'Donaghue. Contact Group Leader: Sean O'Shaughnessy 086-2959380

Santa Claus will arrive at Sarsfields Pavilion on his annual visit today, Sunday 7th Dec at 2.30 pm. Sarsfields AGM Friday 12th December at 7.30 pm. All welcome.