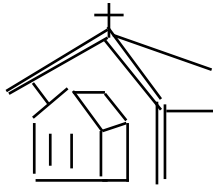


GLANMIRE PARISH

22nd February , 2015

1st Sunday of Lent



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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Changes at Christmas Eve Mass

The large attendance at 6pm mass on Christmas eve in St Joseph's church raised issues that must be sorted out before next Christmas. Inside the church there was standing room only and, in the view of some, it was dangerously crowded. There were about fifty people standing on the steps and on the yard in front of the main door. The car park was full and parking on the approach roads made driving virtually impossible. People were coming to the 8pm mass as the worshippers were departing from the 6pm mass.

The Parish Pastoral Assembly has been considering these issues at recent meetings and has come up with changes that will be implemented next year. Of course, the Assembly encourages people to attend Christmas mass and extends a warm welcome to parishioners and those who are home for the season.

There will be two Christmas eve masses, at 6pm and 9pm. The three hour separation should eliminate the clash between cars that are exiting and those that are entering the car park. Stewarding will continue to be in place. The liturgy at the

6pm mass will be children friendly and adults who are not accompanying children will be asked to consider attending the later mass at 9pm.

An innovation which is hoped will take pressure off the 6pm mass is the provision of a Christmas/Crib Experience at 4pm suitable for small children and their parents. This service will not be a mass and doesn't require the presence of a priest. The Assembly has set up a Committee to design this service and celebrate it on Christmas eve. Parents of small children who would like to have "a Christmas experience" in a safe space will be asked to consider coming to the 4pm event. We await the proposals of the newly established Committee.

The Assembly hopes these changes will alleviate the difficulties experienced at this year's 6pm mass.

Spring Stations

Arderrow at the home of John & Margaret Dill on Friday 27th February at 8pm.
Crush at the home of Ger & Juliann Hayes on Friday 6th March at 8pm. If you wish to book a station mass in your home please contact the office.

Deaths: Sincere sympathy to the families, relatives and friends of Joan Allen, Brooklodge Village and Dr David Dunne, Castlejane who died last week.

Jesus: A Pilgrimage

Following Jesus on five Wednesday's during lent (25 Feb, 4,11,18, 25 March) in St Joseph's Church, Glanmire, 8 - 9.15 pm. Presented by John Newman with Bible passages, slides and prayer. €2 per session.

Cork Scripture Group The Book of Revelation

A Public Workshop with Dr Kieran O'Mahony Sat. March 7th 10am - 1.30 pm
 Sacred Heart Hall, Western Road. All welcome. Details and booking: tel. 4295144 or email corkscripturegroup@gmail.com

New Scout Hall: The 46th/92nd Scouts invite our friends and scout families as well as former scouts to come and visit the new hall on Saturday March 7th between 11.00 and 3 pm. Tea will be available and we will also hold a cake sale in the hall at the same time. (Cakes welcome on the day).

The local heath of the over 60's talent competition will take place in Sars pavillion on Wed. 4th March at 8 pm. Anyone interested in taking part please contact 086.1948584.

Sallybrook Active Retirement

A new group has been formed in Sallybrook. The next meeting is on Tuesday 24th February in the Sallybrook G.A.A. hall (upstairs) at 2 pm. All interested are welcome to attend.

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