

Vocations Sunday

St Joseph's Church	St Michael's Church
Mon - Fri10.00 am	Thurs & Fri 9.20 am
Saturday (Vigil) 6pm First Sat. Devotions 9.45 Mass 10 am	
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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Easter in Glanmire Parish: Review

At its last meeting (9 April), the Pastoral Assembly undertook a detailed review of the Easter ceremonies. Easter is a busy time in the Church as it celebrates the central mysteries of the Christian faith. Many people are involved in the preparation and celebration of ceremonies and the Assembly acknowledges with gratitude their contribution.

Although the number of people attending Easter ceremonies has fallen off in recent years, good congregations attended the ceremonies in Glanmire. The fine weather during Holy Week helped to bring people out and the ecumenical Stations of the Cross on Good Friday between St Mary/All Saints and St Joseph's continued to be popular.

The importance of good liturgy at the ceremonies is essential to the overall Easter experience. In this regard special thanks goes to the choirs and cantors who continue to provide appropriate choral work of the finest standard. Rehearsals with

altar-servers and participants in ceremonies were deemed helpful and should be continued.

Some issues for further discussion and decision were raised. Is it necessary to have twelve people at the foot-washing on Holy Thursday? It is difficult to get thirty-six people for the three masses? Do we need the 5pm mass on Holy Thursday in St Joseph's? Communion from the chalice would be appropriate on Holy Thursday. Should one of the Vigil masses on Holy Saturday be held at an earlier time, say 6pm?

There are many elements called for to make prayerful participation in the Easter Season a reality. Reflection and innovation will help keep the liturgies fresh and life-giving.

Grotto Procession: The annual procession to the Grotto will take place on Sunday 3rd May leaving St Joseph's Church at 3 pm . Homily will be given by Very Rev Fr Seán O'Sullivan, PP Monkstown. A collection to defray the cost of Grotto maintenance etc will be taken up at all masses that weekend.

Ennismore Retreat Centre: Wellness Weekend 8th-10th May

Meditation, Spirituality, Talks on Health, Nutrition and Stress Release. Martina Lehane Sheehan and Guest Speakers. **Reflections on Psalms 14th May 7.30 – 9.30 pm. Tom Casey OP.** Booking essential Tel: 4502520 or email ennismore@eircom.net.

Off. 19 th April Diocesan Coll	1	1,374 968	St Michael's St Michael's	309 165	Total €1,683. Total €1,133.

Table quiz for Glanmire Community College parents association in Sars Club on Thursday 30th April at 8.30 pm. Table €40 per table of 4.

GACA wish Domhnall Mac a'Bháird good luck repesenting Glanmire in the Semi Final of the over 60's. talent competition in the City Hall on Sun 26th April.

Cork Maths Circle (Tel 0851611573 after 4p.m.only) is holding a Junior Certificate 2015 Honours Maths 2 Day Revision Course on Sat May 9th/May 23rd from 11-6 p.m.(including breaks) given by an experienced teacher/exam corrector and catering for students in Glanmire and surrounding areas.All Project Maths questions covered, including theorems.Reasonable rates and excellent results.

Bingo will be starting in Upper Glanmire Community Hall on Thursday nights 8-10 pm. The big launch will be Thursday May 7th. Refreshments will be served.

€7 for a single book, €10 for the double. All are welcome for a great fun night! Doors open 7.45.

Irish Blood Transfusion Service: A special thank you to the 139 Donors who attended the recent Clinic.