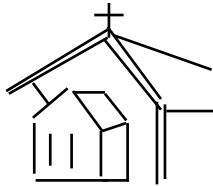


GLANMIRE PARISH

24th May 2015

Pentecost Sunday



| St Joseph's Church | St Michael's Church |
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| Mon - Fri 10.00 am | |
| Saturday (Vigil) 6pm | Thurs & Fri 9.20 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

Fr John Newman Tel.087. 2485684, Fr John Heinhold Tel.087 1689292.
 Parish mobile. 086.8168668 Parish website:www.glanmireparish.ie/
 Parish office open Tues. Wed. & Thurs. 10 am to 1 pm. Tel:4820654

Michael Henchard is the protagonist in Thomas Hardy's book, *The Mayor of Castlebridge*. As a foolish young man, he sells his wife and child at a fair in a drunken stupor. Coming to his senses, he finds out they have both vanished, and he is too late to undo the deed. He vows to change his life, swears off alcohol and sets off on a life of sobriety and respectability, becoming the Mayor of Castlebridge. He thinks he has buried his past, but it catches up with him. His wife frees herself and after many years returns to the area with her grown daughter. Both she and Michael are involved in new relationships. They both try to keep their history a secret but they are found out and publicly shamed with a mock serenade which so upsets his wife she has a seizure and dies. There is a very poignant, haunting and sad scene toward the end of the novel. He brings his daughter a goldfinch as a gift on her wedding day and is too ashamed and afraid of her anger to give it to her in person. The result is the person who receives it puts it aside in the excitement. It is forgotten, neglected and dies. His daughter buries it when she discovers it. She finds out who brought it. The event softens her heart, and she seeks out her father to tell him, only to find out he has just died. The beautiful songbird trapped in a cage and starving to death is symbolic of Michael Henchard's failure to deal

honestly with his shadow side. It is emblematic for all of us to show what happens if we think by burying our problems they will go away. He can't receive forgiveness because he can't forgive himself.

The Sacred Heart Novena

Sacred Heart Church, Western Road, 4th June to 12th June 2015.
 Devotions will take place daily at 10.00 am and 8.00 pm.

Cork Theology Forum Open Forum & Picnic '15

An opportunity to bring and share a favourite poem or a passage of scripture, a hymn or whatever speaks to you of God or nourishes your spirit. CTF is returning to its original approach for its summer event, the 'Theological Picnic'. We are planning an Open Forum to tease out questions that are important to you. Come and bring food for thought and something to eat and share as well. Why not bring a friend? Wednesday 27th May, 2015 7.30 pm to 9.00 pm. Northridge House, St Luke's Home, Mahon. Registration €10. Tel Anne Francis 087 2282134
abfrancis@eircom.net

Mass at Ballyvinny Graveyard, Knockraha First Fri June 5th at 7.30pm.

Pre-marriage course - date available before summer break *Saturday 20 June*.
 Also counselling to achieve/postpone a pregnancy and couples counselling.
 email: naomibillingsireland@gmail.com Tel: 021-4272213

Gaca and Ara would like to wish Domhnall Mac a'Bhaird best wishes in the final of the Over 60's in the City Hall on June 7th. Tickets available at Community Centre and Pro Musica €15.

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| Off. 17 th May | St Joseph's | €1,551 | St Michael's | €252 | Total €1,803 |
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The A.G.M. of Cork Regional Pioneer Council will take place on Wednesday 27th May at 8 p.m. in the S.M.A Hall in Wilton. This meeting is open to all Pioneers. Please pray that more Pioneers will be inspired to help at Regional level and come along if you can. Thank you for your prayers.

The Cork Association for Autism (CAA) Golf Classic will take place at Mahon Golf Club on Thurs. June 18th. All funds raised will go towards the building of the CAA's new Day Service Centre for autistic adults in Mogeely. For more information log onto www.corkautism.ie or tel: 021 4271808.

Focus Ireland works to end homelessness at a national level.

Anyone interested in volunteering can visit the Focus Ireland website www.focusireland.ie to learn more about our services and then contact the Waterford Fundraising team at regionalfundraising@focusireland.ie