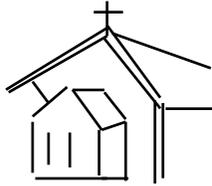


GLANMIRE PARISH

24th January, 2016

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time



St Joseph's Church	St Michael's Church
Mon. Fri 10.00 am	Thursday & Friday 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

The Divine Mercy Chaplet will be prayed at **3 pm in St Joseph's Church every Friday for The Year of Mercy**. All welcome.

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The Great Rescue Mission

In his book *Ghost Soldiers*, Hampton Sides tells the story of a dramatic mission during World War II. On 28th January 1945, 121 hand-selected Army Rangers slipped behind enemy lines in the Philippines in an attempt to rescue 513 American and British POWs who had spent three years in a hellish prison camp near the city of Cabanatuan. Hampton Sides describes the first effects of liberation as chaos and fear. The prisoners were mentally too brittle to understand what was taking place. Some even scurried away from their liberators. One particular prisoner, Bert Bank, refused to budge, even when a Ranger walked right up to him and tugged his arm. "C'mon,

we're here to save you," he said. "Run for the gate." Bank still would not move. The Ranger looked into his eyes and saw they were vacant, registering nothing. "What's wrong with you?" he asked. "Don't you want to be free?" Finally, a smile formed on Bank's lips as the meaning of the words became clear, and he reached up to the outstretched hand of the Ranger. The Rangers searched all the barracks for additional prisoners, then shouted, "The Americans are leaving. Is there anybody here?" Hearing no answer, they left. The freed prisoners marched 25 miles and boarded their ship home. With each step, their stunned disbelief gave way to soaring optimism. In today's Gospel, Jesus presents to his fellow-townsmen his rescue mission of bringing them God's saving freedom, to their astonishment and, for some, their disbelief.

2nd Collection today is for Diocesan Needs.

New Parish Assembly nominations will take place during February. Nomination forms will be available at a later date.

Open meeting on all aspects of Child Protection Policy and protocols will take place on Tuesday night at 7.30 pm in St Joseph's Church. Parish groups with children involved are urged to attend.

Year of Consecrated Life

The Cork Region Vocations Directors invite you to join with them for Mass to mark the Year of Consecrated Life on Saturday 30th January, 2016 at the Sacred Heart Church, Western Road at 6.30 pm.

The Irish Blood Transfusion Service would like to thank the 203 Donors who attended the recent clinic in Fitzgerald's Vienna Woods Hotel.

1st Friday/1st Saturday Vigil of Adoration and Reparation Feb. 5th Church of the Real Presence Curraheen. **New start time, Rosary 8 pm**, First Friday Mass 9.30 pm First Saturday Mass midnight Friday. All welcome.

A first aid course for adults (over 18 years) will take place in St John Ambulance Brigade, Unit 5D Glanmire Industrial Estate, Sallybrook, Glanmire commencing on Mon 8 Feb 7.30-9.30pm. Cost €100.

Tel: 086-0699086 or email glanmire@stjohnambulance.ie

Anam Cara is holding its monthly Parent Evening on Wed 3rd of Feb from 7.30 – 9 pm in the Clayton Hotel, Silver Springs, Tivoli. All Anam Cara Services are available free of charge to bereaved parents.