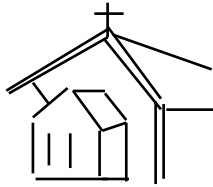


GLANMIRE PARISH

6th March, 2016

4th Sunday of Lent



St Joseph's Church	St Michael's Church
Monday - 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 Friday in St Joseph's Church.**

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“Welcome Home, You”

Today's Gospel is one of those timeless stories with many characters that should be examined from different views. Which character are you today? Are you the child who does everything right and doesn't feel properly rewarded or the child who seems to mess up and yet always gets a lot of love from your parent? Or maybe you are the father: so compassionate and loving, who always have an open arm, who always accepts them back into his life no matter what. We probably are not one single character but at different times we can be all three, as everything always looks greener on the other side.

We can learn a lesson from the psalmist today. No matter what happens in life, you need to praise God, somehow and in some way! The older brother can praise through his integrity. The prodigal son can praise through his forgiveness. All is good. Seek the Lord, and may your face not blush in shame. No matter what you think you have done in life, God welcomes you home with open arms.

Why not this week take three minutes to look up the song “Welcome Home” by Brian Littrell on YouTube. Listen to the lyrics, and think about your

desires in life. What do you do now that includes God, and what do you do that excludes God? Once you know what you are doing, make a choice to consciously allow God to be a more active participant in your life. While God knows your name intimately, don't take God for granted. And definitely tell your parents or a significant other, thank you and that you love them every day this week!

Do This in Memory 5th Sunday of Lent – 13th March.

New Inn School in St Joseph's Church at 6 pm.
 St Joseph's N.S. in St Joseph's Church at 10.30 am Mass.
 St Michael's School in St Michael's Church at 10 am Mass.

1st Confession in St Michael's Church on Wednesday 9th March at 7 pm.

On Friday 11th March, 6th class pupils in St Joseph's N.S. will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in Our Lady Crowned, Mayfield at 10.30 am.

Lenten Talks Glanmire 2016 - Laudato Si and 'Care for our Common Home'

Our final Lenten talk will take place in St Joseph's Church on Tuesday, 8th March at 8 pm. Title of talk CLIMATE, JUSTICE, HEARING THE CRY OF THE POOR. This week our speaker will be Janet Twomey from Trócaire.

2nd Collection at all masses next weekend 12/13th March is for the Irish Bishops Commissions.

STATIONS

Killydonoghue at the home of Pat & Margaret Fahey on Thurs 10th March at 8 pm.
Springmount Drive & Close at the home of Marie Feeney, 9 Springmount Drive on Friday 11th March at 8pm .
 If you would like to host a Station Mass in your home please contact the office.

Glanmire Parish Pilgrimage to Knock April 25th, 26th & 27th staying at Knock House Hotel. Further details later.

Fund raising coffee morning in aid of local man, Gerry Byrne, Coole East, Whites Cross will take place in Upper Glanmire Community Hall on Sun 13th March from 10am to 1 pm. All welcome.

The St Patrick's Day Parade Festival Committee, Upr. Glanmire Comm. Assc. are seeking volunteers to help on March 17th. Our aim is to ensure a safe & enjoyable 2016 Centenary Celebration Parade & Festival. If you are available to volunteer with the Parade or later in the Hall please contact Pauline on 086 382 4405.

Medjugorje pilgrimage **June 1st - 8th** ex Cork. Midday flight. Price €679.00 pps on a half board basis. €200 deposit secures place. Single supplement applies. Only

15 places left. 086 29 59 380. This pilgrimage is organised through Joe Walsh
Tours.