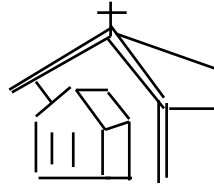


GLANMIRE PARISH

1st May , 2016

6th Sunday of Easter



St Joseph's Church	St Michael's Church
Mon. Fri 10.00 am	Thursday & Friday 9.20 am.
No Devotions. 1 st Holy Communion Mass 10.30 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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 Parish website: www.glanmireparish.ie/
[www.facebook.com/Glanmire CatholicParish/](https://www.facebook.com/GlanmireCatholicParish/)
 Parish office open Tues. Wed. & Thurs. 10 am to 1 pm. Tel:4820654

May the Month of Mary

Since the 18th century devotion to Mary during the month of May grew popular in the church. From that time particular devotions have been practice; May processions honouring Mary, decorating with flowers, statues of Mary in the church or in our homes (May Altar), visits to the local grotto and churches dedicated to Mary, praying the rosary daily, saying of litanies of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the wearing of a Scapular and Medals, etc. May is seen as the beginning of new life and the beginning of summer in many parts of the world and as Mary is seen as the one who brought life into the world so it was logical that May be chosen as Mary's month and that May would call us to such Marian devotions.

Here in Glanmire our Grotto, "The Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes", was blessed following a procession from St Joseph's Church, Springhill on May Sunday 1949. This procession and ceremony has taken place every year since. Today, Sunday 1st

May the procession will leave St Joseph's Church at 3 pm. The homily will be given by Fr Charles Conroy MSC.

The Rosary will be recited at the grotto each evening for the month of May at 8 pm. Why not come and join us!

After all in May 2002 Pope John Paul II (now St John Paul II) said, "Today we begin the month dedicated to Our Lady a favourite of popular devotion. In accord with a long-standing tradition of devotion, parishes and families continue to make the month of May a 'Marian' month celebrating it with many devout liturgical, catechetical and pastoral initiatives!"

The annual collection for the maintenance and development of the Grotto will take place at all masses today.

May the month of First Holy Communion

May is also a busy month as we will celebrate the First Holy Communion (First Eucharist) for many of our 2nd Class children. First Holy Communion is the common name for a person's first reception of the sacrament of Eucharist. This is a very important event for us as the Eucharist is the central focus of the sacramental life of the Church. It is a festive occasion for families and the parish, this year's First Holy Communion days are as follows;

May 7th New Inn School in St Joseph's Church at 10.30 am.

May 21st St Joseph's School in St Joseph's Church at 10am and 12 noon.

May 28th St Michael's School in St Michael's Church at 10.30 am.

So let us remember to pray for all our First Holy Communion children this month.

Last pre-marriage Course before the summer break is on Saturday 11th June.

Contact Naomi, 119 Patrick Street, Cork. Tel: 4272213.

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Sallybrook Village Tidy Towns Group would like to thank all who contributed to the recent Church Gate Collection, €730 was collected.

Offertory Collections

10 th April	St Joseph's	€1,262	St Michael's	€235	Total €1,497
17 th April	St Joseph's	€1,369	St Michael's	€244	Total €1,613
24 th April	St Joseph's	€1,256	St Michael's	€210	Total €1,466

St Vincent de Paul church gate collection will take place next weekend.

Your support would be greatly appreciated.