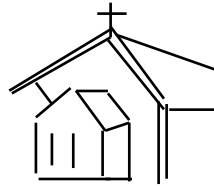


# GLANMIRE PARISH

7<sup>th</sup> August, 2016

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time



St Joseph's Church	St Michael's Church
Mon. Fri 10.00 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

The Divine Mercy Chaplet will be prayed at 3 pm Friday in St Joseph's Church.

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Parish office open Tues. Wed & Thurs 10 am to 1 pm.

## A faith that is active

There is fairly widespread evidence of a crisis in the life of faith of many Catholics, even in what once was too complacently called "Holy Ireland." It can be sparked off by different things, like the past cruelties of an unjust system, a disastrous love-relationship, family tensions, the tragic injury or death of friends. Sometimes religious feeling can wither as financial prosperity grows, and our need for God is stifled by feelings of self-sufficiency. Or new friendships that we make with nice people who hold no religious beliefs can make us feel that God really does not matter after all.

On school retreats we used to hear that going through a questioning phase does not mean we have lost the faith. Questioning of faith can also be a growth point. A faith which is challenged can emerge as fuller and more

genuine. It can mark the change from the comfort of childhood certainties to new horizons, when the young adult is searching for a deeper experience.

Faith is neither a purely intellectual nor a purely emotional attitude. It has an intellectual side, professing what we judge to be true; and in part it is a matter of responding to feelings; but these are a gift of the Spirit which moves us to give ourselves over to One greater than ourselves. If we hand ourselves over to this sense of God and let go of the illusion of being only for ourselves, it can bring us inner, spiritual growth.

Faith is a special form of knowing, as when we know a friend. It touches an awareness deep within us, an awareness of God's presence guiding and helping us. It is the experience described about Abraham, Jesus and other great figures in the Bible. Faith is an on-going process, growing as we grow, changing as we change, maturing as we mature. Our childhood faith cannot sustain us in adulthood, though it can develop into one that stays with us through life.

Experiences of faith will be sporadic, and cannot be precisely programmed. We must be grateful if, at privileged moments we feel God's special presence, but at other times life will be confusing, full of darkness and doubt, with God silent and seemingly absent. And yet, even in times of confusion and loneliness, God really is there. This world belongs to God and God really does know what is going on in it.

## STATIONS

If you would like to host a station in your area or, if you volunteered in the Spring to host the Autumn station please contact the parish office.

Deaths: Sincere sympathy to the families, relatives and friends of Patricia Costello, Millbrook Close who died on the 27<sup>th</sup> July and Gerald O'Sullivan, Kelleher's Buildings, Dillons Cross who died on the 30<sup>th</sup> July.

Weddings: Congratulations to Matthew Wakefield, London and Elaine Harrington, Lisnahorna and also to, William Bulman, Youghal and Aileen Hackett, Ros Árd who were married recently.

SMA Pilgrimage to Lourdes.

17<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> September. Flights ex Dublin & Cork. Cost €729 per person sharing. Contact Fr Hugh Harkin (021) 4292871.