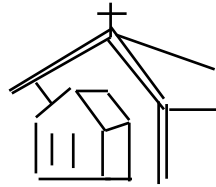


GLANMIRE PARISH

15th January 2017



2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

St Joseph's Church	St Michael's Church
Mon – Fri 10.00 am	Thursday & Friday 9.20 am
Saturday Vigil 6 pm Sunday 9.00, 10.30; 12	Sunday 10.00 am

St Joseph's Church Adoration Mon night 8.30 pm – 9.30 pm. Fri 10am – 10 pm.

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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Care for the Planet is a Christian Imperative

Every day we hear of further research into global warming and of new symptoms of the ecological crisis of the planet. This often provokes a cry that religion has little to offer on this problem or that it is a matter of little interest to the churches. It is as well to acknowledge this criticism in that there has been a tradition of exploitation of the planet in the industry-driven West – the slash and burn mentality – that has taken Genesis 1:28 (“fill the earth and subdue it”) literally.

However, a healthy theology of the incarnation and a healthy ecology should go hand in hand. If God is the creator of all that is, seen and unseen, and has entered the creation as a creature, the man Jesus of Nazareth, then his love for the creation can know no bounds and should set the standard for our properly ordered interaction with all creatures: visible

and invisible, rational or non-rational, animate or inanimate. But the challenge is to have both a healthy Christianity and a healthy ecology, and have the two interfacing one another.

We must respect each other and the environment as a gift from God and react appropriately to its God-given nature. We cannot see the planet as just something that we can selfishly use. We tend to live in dualist universes: there is the sacred and the secular; the spiritual and the material; the holy and the unholy; the pure and the impure; the saints and the sinners. The love and holiness of God that became part of the creation in Jesus overcame all these dualisms and division. Care for the planet, care for the poor and oppressed, and care for self cannot be separated. Pope Francis sees this unity of care as the greatest challenge of our age.

Altar Servers Rota is available in the sacristy.

Death: Sincere sympathy to the family, relatives and friends of Tess O'Sullivan, The Hermitage who died on January 10th.

The Priory Institute: Bringing theology home!
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G. C. C. have a new prayer room. Students and their art teacher came up with a design for a mosaic to be a feature piece for prayer and reflection. Cost €500 to source material and for the work involved. If anyone is interested in sponsoring this and their name, intention or both could be put on the plaque alongside this. It could be sponsored fully or in part by a few individuals. Contact Padraic Kelleher, Religion teacher, G.C.C.

2nd Collection today is the 1st Quarterly collection for Diocesan Needs

6 th & 8 th Jan Off. Coll	St Joseph's	€1,790	St Michael's	€277	€2,067
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Blood Donation Clinic: Vienna Woods Hotel Mon. 16th Jan from 5 pm to 8.30 pm.

Cork Scripture Group is pleased to announce a course on The God of Revelation presented by Mons Ned Goold. It is open to anyone with an interest in Scripture. It will be held on Monday's 13, 20, 27 Feb and 6 March 2017 from 7.30 – 9.30 p.m. in the Scala Centre, Blackrock. Cost: €50 [for the 4 nights and Saturday

workshop]. To book a place or find out more please email
corkscripturegroup@gmail.com or call 021-4295144 before 3rd February 2017