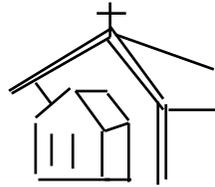


GLANMIRE PARISH

7th May 2017

4th Sunday of Easter



St Joseph's Church	St Michael's Church
Mon – Fri 10.00 am 1 st Sat Devotions, Mass 10 am & Benediction	Thursday & Friday 9.20 am
Saturday Vigil 6 pm Sunday 9.00, 10.30; 12.00	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

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Good Shepherd Sunday

This is Good Shepherd Sunday. Today, the Church invites us to reflect on the meaning of God's call for each of us and to pray for vocations to the priesthood, the diaconate and the consecrated life because the entire Christian community shares the responsibility for fostering vocations. Both the Old and New Testaments use the image of a shepherd and his flock to describe the unique relationship of God with Israel and Christ with Christians. The first reading is taken from St Peter's first sermon, given on Pentecost. Here, he exhorts his listeners to know beyond any doubt that the One they have allowed to be crucified is the true Shepherd, the Lord and Messiah. Peter then proclaims that the proper response to the Good News about Jesus is to repent and be baptized "in the name of Jesus Christ," and thus to become members of the Good Shepherd's flock. Through the Sacrament of Baptism they will receive the forgiveness of sins. The Responsorial Psalm (Ps 23) introduces God as the Good Shepherd and

describes all of the things the Lord does for us in providing for our needs. The second reading continues the "shepherd" imagery. Peter encourages suffering Christians to follow in their shepherd's footsteps and remember that they have been claimed by him. Peter also explains how Jesus was a model of patience and trust in God, and he reminds us that Jesus' suffering has enabled us to become more fully children of God. In today's Gospel, two brief parables about sheep reveal Jesus as our unique means to salvation. He is the "sheep gate," the gateway to eternal life, and the selfless, caring "shepherd" who provides protection and life itself.

Annual May procession to Our Lady of Lourdes Grotto, Glanmire takes place today, leaving St Joseph's Church at 3 pm.. Preacher at the Grotto will be Fr Con Cronin a native of the Borlin Valley, Kealkill, a member of the Kiltegan Missionary Order and currently Curate in Passage West.

The Rosary will be recited at the Grotto at 8pm for the month of May.

Saturday 13th May is the 100th anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima. 1st Saturday Devotions will be celebrated on this date commencing with Confession, Rosary, Holy Mass and concluding with Benediction. Our Lady specifically ask for the 5 First Saturday Devotions to bring about world peace. The Fatima Statue will be on the Altar on the 13th of each month (May – Oct). Our Holy Father, Pope Francis has granted a Plenary Indulgence to all who pray for the Popes' intentions before this Statue, go to Confessions, Mass and recite The Rosary. What a wonderful privilege!

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Annual collection for the Diocesan Pastoral Development Office takes places next weekend 13th and 14th May. This collection funds the cost of training for Parish Assemblies, resourcing parish ministries such as Parish Catechists, RCIA teams, Baptism Preparation Teams, and ongoing formation for clergy, religious and laity.

We would like to finalise Trócaire collection so if you have a Trócaire box please bring it next weekend.

Glanmire Community Association will hold a public meeting on loneliness on Tuesday 9th May at 8.15 pm in the Community Centre. Talk by the Samaritans.

Open garden Saturday, May 13th 2pm-5pm at the home of Walter & Aileen Stansfeld, Castlejane in aid of Gerald McSweeney's, one man project in Ethiopia.

Upper Glanmire Community Association EGM, Tuesday May 30th 8.30 pm,
Community Hall. All are welcome to attend.

