

Times of Easter Ceremonies are on the back of this newsletter. Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday Mass 10 am St Joseph's Church.

Pastoral Area Reconciliation Service. Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> April 7.30 pm Carraig na bhFear Church. Monday 10<sup>th</sup> April 7.30 pm St Joseph's Church Springhill. Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> April 7.30 pm Watergrasshill Church. Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> April 7.30 pm. Glounthaune Church

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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## Spreading our coats before the Lord

"Dear brothers and sisters, may these days call forth two sentiments in particular: praise, after the example of those who welcomed Jesus into Jerusalem with their "Hosanna!", and thanksgiving, because in this Holy Week the Lord Jesus will renew the greatest gift we could possibly imagine: he will give us his life, his body and his blood, his love. But we must respond worthily to so great a gift, that is to say, with the gift of ourselves, our time, our prayer, our entering into a profound communion of love with Christ who suffered, died and rose for us. The early Church Fathers saw a symbol of all this in the gesture of the people who followed Jesus on his entry into Jerusalem, the gesture of spreading out their coats before the Lord. Before Christ – the Fathers said – we must spread out our lives, ourselves, in an attitude of gratitude and adoration. As we conclude, let us listen once again to the words of one of these early Fathers, Saint A'ndrew, Bishop of Crete: "So it is ourselves that we must spread under Christ's feet, not coats or lifeless branches or shoots of trees, matter which wastes away and delights the eye only for a few brief hours. But we have clothed ourselves with Christ's grace, or with the whole Christ ... so let us spread ourselves like coats under his feet ... let us offer not palm branches but the prizes of victory to the conqueror of death. Today let us too give voice with the children to that sacred chant, as we wave the spiritual branches of our soul: 'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, the King of Israel'" (PG 97, 994). Amen! – From Pope Benedict's *Palm Sunday Homily*.

Come and See Information Day Priesthood in Cork & Ross Date: Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2017 Venue: Pastoral Development Office, Ballyphehane. Time: 2.30 pm – 5.30 pm For more information, in confidence, contact; Canon Bertie O'Mahony (021) 4346940, Fr Charlie Kiely (021) 4537603, Fr Tom Deenihan (021) 4301717

Holy Thursday and the washing of feet. If you would like to be among those having feet washed at a Mass on Holy Thursday please contact Catherine 086 8123073.

There are just a few areas remaining if someone would kindly volunteer to deliver the Spring Dues envelopes:- Crawford Woods, Millbrook Close, Old Avenue, Sallybrook East and New Hermitage.

May Sunday Procession will take place on Sunday 7th May at 3 pm.

	2 <sup>nd</sup> April	St Joseph's	€1,375	St Michael's	€330	Total €1,705	
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Collection Good Friday is for Holy Places.

## Support the priests of our parish.

The proceeds of the collection at Easter Sunday Masses goes to support our priest. Thank you for your generosity.

St Vincent de Paul Shop, Glanmire is now open Mon – Sat 9.30 am to 5.30 pm. Donations and volunteers needed.

Upper Glanmire Community Association AGM, Tuesday April 25th 8.30 pm, Community Hall. All are welcome to attend.

SMA Pilgrimage to Lourdes  $17^{th} - 22^{nd}$  September 2017. Five nights, full board, Hotel Roissy. Director: Fr Hugh B Harkin SMA African Missions Blackrock Road, Cork. Tel: 021.4292871 Holy Thursday and the washing of feet. If you would like to be among those having feet washed at a Mass on Holy Thursday please contact Catherine: 086-8123073.

## Cork Marriage Counselling Centre

Are you struggling in your marriage or family relationship? Why not talk to us to assess if couples or individual counselling might help. Contact us at 021 4275678 to arrange a low-cost preliminary professional consultation. It might break the ice and get you talking about what matters – your relationship.

A Craft and Cake sale will take place in Upper Glanmire Community Centre after 10 o' clock Mass on Sunday the 23rdApril to raise funds for Special Olympics Ireland (ICA Charity for 2017). Tea and coffee available"

Walter McGrath (died 16<sup>th</sup> March 2006) wrote may articles about Glanmire & Riverstown. This body of work consists of ten journals, handwritten with numerous photographs. Nine of the journals were, on Walter's instructions handed over to the Cork City & County Archives, 32 Great William O'Brien St., Blackpool, Cork. The tenth journal dealing with Glanmire/Courtmacsherry was/is missing since before Walter's death. If anyone knows of its whereabouts, a phone call to 087 2579373 would be much appreciated. Alternatively, the journal could be delivered (anonymously) to Cork Archives at the address above. Thank you. Finbarr McGrath.