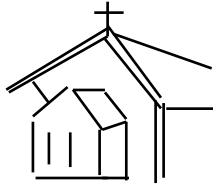




GLANMIRE PARISH

31st December 2017



The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Saturday 6th January is the Feast of the Epiphany and a Holy day of obligation.

St Joseph's Church	St Michael's Church
Mon –Friday 10.00 am 1 st Sat. Devotions/Confessions 9.30 am Saturday 6 th Jan. Epiphany Mass 10 am	Thursday & Friday 9.20 am Sat. 6 th Jan. Epiphany Mass 11 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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Held together through love and faith

What sustained the family of Nazareth through all their trials and crosses? The answer is love for each other and for God. We can see Jesus' love for his mother when he was dying on the cross and gave her into the care of his closest disciple John, with the memorable words, "Woman behold your son," and to the beloved disciple, "Behold your mother." (John 19:26-27).

What holds families together in times of difficulty is love and forgiveness. It is love which triumphs in the end, even if sometimes it may have to take the form of "tough love" and honest talking. When discipline needs to be imposed, if it is not given in love it is rejected as abuse. If ever our families fail in any way, it is because of a lack of love on someone's part. Whenever families are successful, it is because they are places where love is highly prized. A major threat facing families nowadays is simply that we don't spend enough time together. We are so busy working, socialising, on our I pads and androids, or watching TV that we have less and less time to talk to each other.

There is a story about a solicitor who lived some distance from her elderly, widowed father. Months had passed since she had seen him and when her father called to ask when she might visit, the daughter detailed a long list of reasons that prevented her from taking the time to see him, court schedules, meetings, new clients, research, etc., etc. At the end of the recitation, the father asked, "When I die, do you intend to come to my funeral?" The daughter's response was immediate, "Dad, I can't believe you've asked that. Of course, I'll come!" To which the father replied, "Good. Forget the funeral and come now. I need you more now than I will then." She got the message and began to see him regularly after that.

Just as the holy family survived all its crises through their love for each other and their faith in God, let us pray that our families will deal with their difficulties and hold together through love for each other and faith in God.

Adoration in Glounthaune Parish Centre for Pro-life every Thursday night 8 pm to midnight.

Medjugorje Pilgrimage ex Cork to Split. May 31st to June 7th 2018. Spiritual Director Fr. Seán Corkery, €719.00pps. €200 deposit secures place. Contact Seán O'Shaughnessy [086 29 59 380](tel:0862959380) or medjugorjecork@icloud.com

Mature Student & QQI/FE (FETAC) General Information Evening Wed. January 10th 6.00 pm Boole 1, Main Campus UCC.

Scoil Naomh Iosfa, Riverstown N.S. Open night Tuesday 16th January from 7 pm to 8.30 pm. All parents of new entrants welcome.

CMCC Marriage Preparation Courses

If you are engaged and planning your wedding why not book your pre-marriage course at CMCC? Our courses book in advance so early booking is essential. Contact us on (021) 4272277.