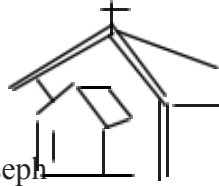


# GLANMIRE PARISH

30<sup>th</sup> December, 2018

The Holy family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph



St Joseph's Church	St Michael's Church
Monday - Friday 10 am 1 <sup>st</sup> Saturday Devotions 9.45 Mass 10 am	Thursday & Friday 9.20 am
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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## Grandparents Are A Treasure

Pope Francis said that as a child, he heard a story of a family with a mother, father, many children and a grandfather. The grandfather, suffering from Parkinson's illness, would drop food on the dining table, and smear it all over his face when he ate. His son considered it disgusting. Hence, one day he bought a small table and set it off to the side of the dining room so the grandfather could eat, make a mess and not disturb the rest of the family. One day, the Pope said, the grandfather's son came home and found one of his sons playing with a piece of wood. "What are you making?" he asked his son. "A table," the son replies. "Why?" the father asked. "It's for you, Dad, when you get old like grandda, I am going to give you this table." Ever since that day, the grandda was given a prominent seat at the dining table and all the help he needed in eating by his son and daughter-in-law. "This story has done me such good throughout my life," said the Pope, who celebrated his birthday on 17 December. "Grandparents are a treasure," he said. "Often old age isn't pretty, right? There is sickness and all that, but the wisdom our grandparents have is something we must welcome as an inheritance." A society or community that does not value, respect and care

for its elderly members "doesn't have a future because it has no memory, it's lost its memory," Pope Francis added.

## Your support is much appreciated

Sincere thanks for your support and kindness during the past year, 2018. Despite what some people think, neither the Pope Francis nor Bishop Buckley nor anyone else pays the priests their regular income. Priests in the Diocese of Cork and Ross are paid directly by parishioners. The priest's salary is made up as follows:

- Offerings on Christmas Day and Easter Sunday, only two Offertory collections in the entire year, go to the priests. All other Offertory collections in the church go to the running and maintenance of the church. Those monies are not given to the priests.
- The Spring Dues, usually taken up at the Spring Stations during the Season of Lent, and the Autumn Dues, usually taken up at the Autumn Stations during September and October, form part of the priest's salary. The payment of Dues to the priest is a long-standing tradition here in Cork and Ross and it is well supported.
- Contributions to the Novena of Masses offered by each priest for the Faithful Departed at the start of November go to the priest.
- Finally, daily mass stipends – only one a day - and stipends for baptisms, weddings and funerals go to the priest.

The income of priests is regulated throughout the Diocese by a "Fraternity Group" to insure that the income is evenly distributed. This has the advantage of doing away with the conception of "good" parishes in the sense of "higher income." Priests are self-assessed for tax purposes and can be spot checked by Revenue just like everyone else.

Again, sincere thanks to everyone in Glanmire who contributed to our support this year – Fr Pat Nugent, CC and Fr John Newman, PP.

The Rosary will be recited at the Grotto on Wednesday evening at 7.30 pm.

At the 12 Noon mass next Sunday some of the prayers and reading will be in Irish. Children from the First Holy Communion class in Gael Scoil Uí Drisceoil will attend.

The 2019 Offertory Collection envelopes can be collected from the office, Wed  
& Thursday. Thank you.