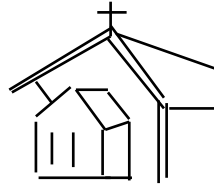


GLANMIRE PARISH



3rd Sunday of Advent
15th December 2019

St Joseph's Church	St Michael's Church
Monday - Friday 10 am	Thursday & Friday 9.20 am
Vigil 6 pm Sunday 10.30 & 12.00	Sunday 9.30 am

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

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Return to God and renew your lives

There is a legend about a beautiful swan that alighted one day on the banks of a pool in which a crane was wading about seeking snails. For a few moments the crane viewed the swan in stupid wonder and then inquired: "Where do you come from?" "I come from Heaven!" replied the swan. "And where is heaven?" asked the crane. "Heaven!" said the swan, "Heaven! Have you never heard of Heaven?" And the beautiful bird went on to describe the grandeur of the Eternal City. She told of streets of gold, and the gates and walls made of precious stones; of the river of life, pure as crystal, upon whose banks is the tree whose leaves shall be for the healing of the nations. In eloquent terms, the swan sought to describe the hosts who live in the other world, but without arousing the slightest interest on the part of the crane. Finally the crane asked: "Are there any snails there?" "Snails!" repeated the swan, "No! Of course there are not." "Then," said the crane, as it continued its search along the slimy banks of the pool, "you can have your Heaven. I want snails!"

It would be a pleasure to invite you all to our annual Ecumenical Carols this evening, Sunday 15th December at 7.00 pm in St Mary & All Saints, Glanmire. *Rev Paul Arbuthnot.*

Penitential Services.

Sun 15th Dec Church of the Immaculate Conception, Carraig na bhFear 7.30 pm.
 Monday 16th December St Joseph's Church, Springhill 7.30 pm.
 Tues 17th Dec Church of The Immaculate Conception, Watergrasshill 7.30 pm.
 Wednesday 18th December Sacred Heart Church, Glounthaune 7.30 pm.

Confessions

19th December St Michael's after 9.20 am Mass, St Joseph's after 10 am Mass.
 20th December St Joseph's Church after 10 am Mass.
 21st December St Joseph's Church 12 – 1 pm and before 6 pm Mass.
 23rd December St Joseph's Church after 10 am Mass.
 24th December St Joseph's Church after 10 am Mass and 12 – 1 pm.

"A copy of the new rota for Ministers of the Eucharist is available in the Sacristy for those who did not receive a copy by email".

There are four area remaining where a volunteer is kindly needed to deliver the Autumn Dues envelopes, Arderrow, Hermitage Estate, Glyntown Close & Heights and Sallybrook East. Thank you.

Deaths: Sincere sympathy to the families, relatives and friends of Denis Noonan, Rathcooney and John O'Sullivan, Riverstown whose funerals took place last week.

2020 Envelopes for the Offertory Collection are available at the back of the church after all masses this weekend. We would encourage anyone who is contributing weekly to the offertory collection basket and paying tax to consider taking a box of envelopes as the parish would benefit greatly from the tax you have already paid. Under the tax relief scheme if you donate €250 to the offertory collection which is the minimum requirement by Revenue the parish can obtain a refund from Revenue after the end of the tax year of .45 cent for every euro donated. Thank you.

The Pro-life Campaign would like to thank those who contributed so generously to their recent church door collection in Glanmire parish. €568.66 was raised.

The Irish Blood Transfusion Service will hold a Blood Donor clinic in Vienna Woods Hotel on Monday 16th December from 5.30 pm to 8.30 pm.