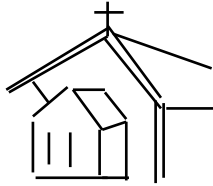


# GLANMIRE PARISH



5<sup>th</sup> January 2020  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January The Epiphany of the Lord.  
It is a holy day of obligation.

St Joseph's Church	St Michael's Church
Monday 10 am & 7.30 pm Tuesday - Friday 10 am	Monday 11 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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## New Cribs and Colourful Displays

Many of you will have noticed the new crib in Our Lady's Grotto as you enter Glamire village. It's a charming, colourful work. It really catches the eye. The dimension of the figures gives it a warm, mystical feel. The crib was designed, carved and assembled by the members of Glanmire Men's Shed. We greatly appreciate the new crib and trust it will adorn the Grotto at Christmastime for many years to come.

A new crib was installed in St Joseph's Church this year. This crib was built by the Transition Year woodwork students in Glanmire Community College. It has an imaginative backdrop incorporating key Christmas symbols. The crib figures fit neatly into a strawlined rectangular floorpiece. The entire work slots neatly into the space under the gallery stairs. Sincere thanks to the students and their teacher for this work.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the church crib team who regularly assemble and dismantle the crib. They do this work graciously and generously every year without drawing attention to

themselves. As we all know things don't just get done – someone has to do the work. The crib team is one such group who look after the crib and do whatever is necessary. I thank each and every one.

Other Advent and Christmas features that should be pointed out in St Joseph's and St Michael's are the Advent wreaths, the floral displays and decoration of the church, and the Christmas trees and lights. The decoration of the church was very good this year. All these things help to warm the churches and add a touch of joy and beauty to the Christmas ceremonies. Sincere thanks to the Altar Societies and to all involved.

A final observation. Many people attended masses at Christmas in the parish churches. The traffic situation in St Joseph's church was greatly helped by the presence of traffic attendants. These attendants, parishioners, helped drivers find parking and helped keep open traffic lanes when the car park was full. Sincere thanks to all of you who stepped up for this task.

## Christ has conquered

In the middle of St Peter's square in Rome, there stands a great obelisk. It's about four and half thousand years old and it originally stood in the temple of the sun in the Egyptian city of Heliopolis. But it was bought to Rome by Emperor Caligula and it was set right in the middle of Circus of Nero that was on the Vatican hill. It was in that Circus that St Peter was martyred, and the obelisk may well have been the last thing on this earth that Peter saw. On top of the obelisk there is a cross and on the pedestal of the obelisk there is an inscription in Latin: "*Christus vincit, Christus regnat, Christus imperat*" (Christ conquered, Christ rules, Christ reigns). The Lord's victory is not through the sword. The cross is his weapon. Love is his way.

Death: Sincere sympathy to the family relatives and friends of Owen O'Callaghan, Brookville whose funeral took place on Wednesday last.

Wondering what God is calling you to do with your life?

Samuel is a group for young adults (18-35) open to listen to the Word of God and putting it into action in their lives. Join Samuel once a month Jan-June Time: 6.30pm-9.00 pm. Address: The Mardyke, Western Road, Cork City. For more information tel: 01 2603707/0867820149.

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