

# **GLANMIRE PARISH**



20<sup>th</sup> March 2022 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent

St Joseph's Church	St Michael's Church
Monday –Tues Thur & Friday 10 am Wednesday Liturgy of the Word 10 am	Tuesday 7.30 pm
Saturday Vigil 6 pm	
Sunday 10.30 & 12.00	Sunday 9.30 am

St Joseph's Church Adoration Monday night 7.30 pm –8.30 pm.

Adoration in the Parish Centre Friday 10.30 am -6 pm.

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# The Joy of Being Forgiven

In his memoirs, Mahatma Gandhi humbly and frankly acknowledges that, when he was fifteen, he stole a little piece of gold from his brother. A few days later, he felt very guilty and decided to come clean by confessing to his father. So, he took a piece of paper, wrote down his fault, sincerely asked his father for forgiveness and promised never to repeat the offence. Taking that note to the bedroom of his father, the young Gandhi found him ill in bed. Very timidly he handed the note to his father without saying a word. His father sat up in bed and began reading the note. As he read it, the senior Gandhi was so deeply moved by the honesty, sincerity and courage of his son that tears began to stream from his eyes. This so touched the son that he burst into tears as well. Instinctively both father and son wrapped their arms around each other and wordlessly shared their mutual admiration and joy. This notable experience made such an impact on Gandhi that years later he would say, "Only the person who has experienced this kind of forgiving love can know what it is."

#### **Welcome for Ukranian Exiles**

We know that many Ukranian people – especially mothers and their children – have come to Ireland to seek refuge. We know of some who have come to Cork and Glanmire. We unite with them in welcome and hospitality at this traumatic time in their lives.

**Stations of the Cross.** Each Wednesday of Lent Catherine McGovern will lead the Stations of the Cross in St Joseph's Church at 7:30pm. Everyone is welcome to come to the Church. Also, the Stations are broadcast on the Parish web-cam.

# Trócaire Lenten Campaign

Please take a Trócaire Box from the back of the church. It's not too late to begin at this stage. Display the Box at home for all the family and explain its significance to the children. Not everyone is as safe as we are.

#### **Altar Servers**

New altar servers are being trained by John Ryan and will be serving mass again in the coming weeks. We've missed the servers during Covid shutdown. We extend a big welcome to them and thank their parents for the ongoing commitment.

## Laetare Sunday

Next Sunday, Fourth Sunday of Lent, is known as Laetare Sunday. It gets its name from the first words of the Latin Mass: *Laetare Jerusalem* ("Rejoice, O Jerusalem"; see Isaiah 66:10). Traditionally, it is a day of celebration within Lent. It is also Mother's Day, a secular celebration of the holiday. Summer time begins.

### **Church Cleaning**

We need people to clean the church. If you can spare an hour – once a fortnight – to join other cleaners please give your name to Eileen. We'll take it from there. Work to increase ventilation in St Joseph's church will begin soon. Experts assure us that good air circulation will be sufficient to get rid of the dark bacterial mold growing on the walls. Connolly Roofers repaired the drop down at the back of the church. Despite the heavy rain in recent weeks, the roof is not leaking.

#### **Spring Dues**

It would be much appreciated if we could have volunteers to deliver the Spring Dues envelopes in their area, they are available in the sacristy.

## **Youth Group to Sing**

A big welcome back to the Parish Youth Group who sing at 12 noon mass, Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> March. All young people are welcome both as singers and musicians. Just come to the Parish Centre at 11am on that Sunday.

#### **Ministers of the Word**

The 2022 Sunday Missal is still available in the sacristy and in the Parish Office. Please collect your copy.

**Upper Glanmire ICA** wish to invite family and friends of our founder members, Kitty O'Flynn and Eileen Healy, who sadly passed away during Covid restrictions, to a Remembrance Mass in St Michael's Church, Upper Glanmire on Tuesday at 7.30pm.

GACA public meeting on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March at 8.15 pm Riverstown Community Centre.

# **May Procession**

The Procession from St Joseph's Church to the Grotto will take place again this year on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> May. It starts at 3pm from the church and concludes with benediction and reflection at the grotto at about 3:45pm. A committee meeting will be held on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> March at 7.15 pm in the Pastoral Room. New members would be especially welcome as we need to strengthen our team of volunteers. Pass the word.

Medjugorje Pilgrimage June 15th to 22nd 2022 ex Cork. Daytime flights. Cost €749.00 pps. Half board. A number of places still available. Contact Sean O'Shaughnessy 0862959380