

GLANMIRE PARISH NEWSLETTER

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MASS TIMES FOR HOLY WEEK ON THE REVERSE SIDE

The King enters his city

The Greek author Plutarch describes how Kings are supposed to enter a city. He tells about one Roman general, Aemilius Paulus, who won a decisive victory over the Macedonians. When Aemilius returned to Rome, his triumphal procession lasted three days. The first day was dedicated to displaying all the artwork that Aemilius and his army had plundered. The second day was devoted to all the weapons of the Macedonians they had captured. The third day began with the rest of the plunder borne by 250 oxen, whose horns were covered in gold. This included more than 17,000 pounds of gold coins. Then came the captured and humiliated king of Macedonia and his extended family. Finally, Aemilius himself entered Rome, riding in a magnificent chariot. Aemilius wore a purple robe, interwoven with gold. He carried his laurels in his right hand. He was accompanied by a large choir singing hymns, praising the military accomplishments of the great Aemilius. That, my friends, is how a King enters a city.

Church Painting

The painting of St Joseph's Church is progressing well. Already, the outside of the Church has received its first coat of paint; two more coats are to follow. The actual colour is called "Drumcliffe," part of the Dulux Weather Shield range. The heads of the pilasters – the capitals – on the east and south sides will be in white. The cast-iron downpipes will be painted black and the metal doors will be in "Dalkey Way," a deeper shade of what's on the walls. The main entrance door will be in teak and the windows in brilliant white gloss. The presbytery will be painted with "Rugged Shore," part of the warm undertone range from Dulux Weather Shield.

Stations of the Cross

This Wednesday Catherine McGovern concludes the Stations of the Cross in St Joseph's Church at 7:30pm. The Stations are broadcast on the Parish web-cam. Sincere thanks to Catherine who led the Stations throughout Lent.

Parish Accounts for 2021

A summary statement of the Parish Accounts for 2021 is available in the Parish Office.

Pastoral Assembly

The last meeting of the current Glanmire Parish Assembly was held on Tuesday last. Each term of the Assembly lasts for three years and members may stay on the Assembly for two consecutive terms. For the last three years, the Assembly was invaluable in dealing with the Covid pandemic at parish level. For instance, members took the lead in sanitizing the church and stewarding at masses. Sincere thanks to each and every member of the Assembly. A special word of thanks to Loughlin Ryan, Chairman, and Catherine McGovern, secretary. A new Pastoral Assembly will begin in May.

Trócaire Lenten Campaign

It's still not too late to make a donation to Trócaire for Lent 2022. Simply place your contribution in a Trócaire Box or a Trócaire envelope (at church doors) and hand it in to the Office, the sacristy or the priests.

Well Done Denis Hurley

A big "well done" and thank you to Denis Hurley who has stepped down as Chairman of The Grotto Committee. Denis is a founding member of the Grotto group (1951) and has served as its Chairman for the past eighteen years. Denis served with distinction. He is known for his thoroughness; care of the Grotto fabric and landscaping, fundraising and promotion, liturgy and prayer were all carried out to the highest standard. His attention to the May Day Procession was a special success. Congratulations and best wishes to John Egan who takes over as Chairman.

May Day Procession

The Procession from St Joseph's Church to the Grotto will take place on Sunday, 1st May. It will start at 3pm and finish with Singing, Reflection and Benediction at the Grotto at about 3.45pm. Rev. Fr Damien O'Mahony, recently appointed parish priest in Glounthaune will preach the homily. We look forward to a fine day and a big turn out.