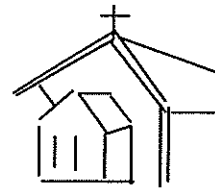


GLANMIRE PARISH
11th February 2024
6th Sunday in Ordinary Time
World Day of the Sick



St Joseph's Church	St Michael's Church
Saturday Vigil 6 pm Sunday 10.30am; 12 Noon Monday & Tuesday 10 am Ash Wednesday 10 am Thurs & Friday 10 am	Sunday 9.30 am Ash Wednesday 11am

St Joseph's Church Adoration Monday night 7.30 pm –8.30 pm.
Adoration in the Parish Centre Friday 10.30 am –6 pm.
St Michael's Church open daily from 9am – 4pm.
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Reflection – 6th Sunday Ordinary Time – (10-11 Feb 2024)

Jesus stretched out his hands and touched him. How do we encounter Jesus's healing hands today

There is a story about a statue of Christ that was covered by the rubble of a church in Europe that was hit by a bomb during World War II. After the war, the parishioners dug up the statue from the rubble and discovered that it was undamaged except for the hands that had been broken off. They considered hiring a sculptor to replace the hands. They found it very hard to raise money so they prayed for God's guidance. On reflection, they decided to leave it like it was, as a reminder to the people that Christ has no hands but ours to do his work in today's world.

Where can we witness Christ's healing hand today. The true church is very evident in Lourdes. This is one of the reasons people travel to Lourdes on pilgrimage. While miraculous cures have happened in Lourdes of physical illnesses, they are few and far between. However, the vast majority of people who visit Lourdes feel they experience healing through prayer and achieving a sense of calm or greater acceptance of their illness. Most people ask Our Lady to intercede with the Lord as they petition him for a cure or a better way of dealing with their sickness or the sickness of a close relative or friend. Every time I go to Lourdes, I always experience this. So on the memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes, February 11th and a belief that praying for the sick is vital and effective, helps me appreciate the importance of praying and caring for the sick as part of Jesus' healing ministry.

Lourdes, other Marian shrines such as Medjugorje, Fatima and Knock and the Staff in Hospitals, Nursing Homes, are a reminder that Christ has no hands but ours to do his work. Jesus stretches out his hands and touches us through the love and care of all who help the sick. It is particularly noticeable with the youth volunteers who travel with Diocese of Cork & Ross pilgrimage to Lourdes every year.

Lourdes Pilgrimage Fund Annual Collection 2024

The annual collection for the Diocesan/Sick Assisted Lourdes Pilgrimage Fund will be taken up at all Masses today. The Cork and Ross Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes will take place from Friday 20th Sept to Wednesday 25th September this year. People are encouraged to join the pilgrimage as helpers, nurses and doctors to assist pilgrims in Lourdes. Further information is available from the Diocesan Website lourdes@corkandross.org or by telephone 085 2525040. There has always been great support for the Diocesan Pilgrimage Fund and your support and generosity today is very much appreciated.

Off 4 th Feb	St Joseph's	€1.937	St Michael's	€293	Total €2,230
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CONNECT 4 – Faith gathering for young people aged 18-35 – Diocese of Cork & Ross. Guest Speaker: Msgr. James Shea.

Sunday 18th February 10:00am – 4pm. Location: Student Centre, University College Cork. Price: €10.00 including Food & Refreshments.
Search for CONNECT 4 at [Eventbrite.ie](https://www.eventbrite.ie)

Glanmire Annual Pilgrimage to Knock 8th April – 10th April 2024

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