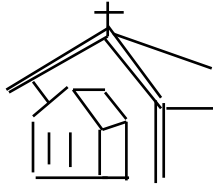


GLANMIRE PARISH



5th March 2023
2nd Sunday of Lent

St Joseph's Church	St Michael's Church
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 10am Wednesday Liturgy of the Word	
Saturday Vigil 6 pm Sunday 10.30 am and 12 Noon	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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Second Week of Lent.

As we move into the second week of Lent, we renew our efforts to make it a time of prayer, repentance, fasting, almsgiving and spiritual growth, remembering that Lent is not an end in itself. On the contrary. It is a means of preparing us to experience the Lord's passion and cross with faith, hope and love and experience the joy of the Risen Christ in our lives at Easter.

As we ponder Christ's 40 days in the desert where he was tempted three times, we know that with God's help, we too can resist the temptations that are part of life. In our lives, we can often experience the desert as a place of brokenness, dryness of spirit, loneliness and darkness.

But Lent offers us the chance to experience the desert as a place of spiritual renewal, of inner peace, and a place where, rather than hardening our hearts, we listen to the voice of the Lord.

We can listen to his voice in many and varied ways but most of all in the Word found in Sacred Scripture and the Liturgy. A hardened heart prevents us from

hearing what God is saying to us as the voice of the Lord is in the gentle breeze and in a heart that loves. During Lent we pray for conversion of heart.

The 'desert' can be a space which provides us with an opportunity to think about our way of life and about the things that are obstacles to living a good life and to plan as to how we can live better Christian and most likely happier lives.

In his Lenten message, Pope Francis highlights Lenten prayer and penance as a commitment, sustained by grace, to overcoming our lack of faith and our resistance to following Christ on the way to Calvary. And of course we know that there is no Resurrection without the Cross, which is very much part of the Christian life.

The Gospel of the Transfiguration is proclaimed every year on the second Sunday of Lent. In it we see Jesus taking us to a 'place apart', where we can listen to him as Lent is a time of grace to the extent that we listen to God speaking to us.

God is calling us all to renew our hearts, repent and live the Gospel this Lent. Let us commit ourselves anew to doing so as we enter the second week of Lent and "to keep our hearts big and open" as Pope Francis says.

2nd Collection next weekend is the Annual Diocesan collection for the Irish Bishops Commissions.

The first Family Mass in our Parish will take place on Sat. March 11th at 6pm in St Joseph's Church Springhill. The music will be provided by the newly reformed St Joseph's Junior Group and the readers come from the schools within our area. All readings are child friendly. We hope you will come along and join us in Song and Prayer.

SPRING DUES

The Spring Dues Envelopes for all areas in the parish are now available in St Joseph's and St Michael's Church, Upper Glanmire. It would be much appreciated if parishioners would volunteer to deliver envelopes in their area. Thank you for your assistance.

Trocáire boxes are available at the back of the church.

Offertory 26 th Feb	St Joseph's	€1,105	St Michael's	€368	Total €1,473
Mission Collection	St Joseph's	€1,815	St Michael's	€537	Total €2,352

Glanmire Annual Pilgrimage to Knock 10th -12th April €220 per person.

Contact Joe 087 3290153, Billy 087 3161697, June 086 0572482.

Cork Alzheimer's Café is a safe place for people with Alzheimers and other dementias, their carers, family and friends to meet on the last Friday of each month at St Finbarr's Hospital, Douglas Road.

