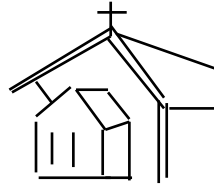


GLANMIRE PARISH

26th March 2023
5th Sunday of Lent



St Joseph's Church	St Michael's Church
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Fri 10 am Wednesday Confirmation 10.30 am	
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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Celebrating Springtime and New Life

As the days grow longer and the signs of Spring are everywhere, with new life, in all its forms abounding, we reflect on the joys of Spring as we approach Holy Week and Easter.

Adorned with vibrant Spring colours, blossoms and baby lambs frisking in the green fields, April is a month when 'out of darkness, colour breaks.'

The wonderful poem, which so well captures the joys of Springtime, by Katherine Tynan, is steeped with pastoral imagery and natural energy:

"All in the April evening. April airs are abroad.

The sheep with their little lambs passed me by on the road.

All in the April evening, I thought of the Lamb of God."

In these Lenten days, as we move closer to Holy Week and Easter, we too are thinking about the Lamb of God, not least because of the suffering he endures as the 'Suffering Servant'.

April is the month when we celebrate the death and rising of Jesus Christ.

During Holy Week we are preparing for one of the paradoxes of our faith, in which the Good Shepherd becomes the 'Lamb of God.'

The Resurrection of Jesus from the dead, is very much a Springtime in our faith. In tandem with the season of Spring, when new life abounds, Christ's Resurrection is

the beginning of all life within the whole of creation. All of creation is renewed in the Easter mystery.

The road to Easter has to pass through Good Friday, but this same road leads to life and not absurdity or death. Likewise, for us Christians, there can be many times when we experience a 'Good Friday' in our lives. But we somehow believe that this is not the end of the story, precisely because we believe that we too will experience a 'Resurrection'

Through the acceptance of his Passion, Jesus is glorified and his death leads to New Life.

We believe that wherever the Cross is, there is also endless hope which is fulfilled in the Resurrected Christ.

The powerful symbols and images in the Easter liturgy, invite us into the mystery of the life, death and Resurrection of Christ. The Easter liturgy, like none other, calls us to rejoice and be glad in the Resurrected Christ, as we joyfully proclaim the Risen Christ.

Family of Parishes Meeting of Ministers of the Eucharist

Workshop meeting of Ministers of the Eucharist; tomorrow Monday 27th March at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre. Existing members are asked to attend please. New members also very welcome.

Confirmation

Best wishes to the children from New Inn School who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on Wednesday in St Joseph's Church.

Holy Week Sacraments and Ceremonies

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Monday 3rd April in Glounthaune Church at 7.30pm.

Tuesday 4th April in Carrig na bhFear Church at 7.30pm.

Easter Ceremonies

	St Joseph's	St Michael's	
Holy Thursday	8pm	6.30pm	Adoration
Good Friday	12 noon Stations of the Cross	12 noon Stations of the Cross	
	3pm Mass		
Holy Saturday	9pm Mass	9pm Mass	
Easter Sunday	10.30, 12 noon Mass	9.30am Mass	

There will be a Dawn Mass at Rathcooney Graveyard on Easter Sunday morning at 6am, weather permitting.

