

**Parish Gathering** - In his Pastoral Letter, *Moving Forward in Hope*", Bishop Ray invites all parishioners to participate in a consultation process to shape the future of pastoral areas and parishes. A consultation gathering will be held in our parish on **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March @ 7.30pm in the Clubrooms, Castlegregory.** As preparation for the gathering, you are invited to reflect on the following three questions:

1. Without the presence of a priest to lead and coordinate, what aspects of parish life could we, the laity, take responsibility for and organise ourselves?
2. Where do we see scope for cooperation with neighbouring parishes in our pastoral area?
3. Given what Bishop Ray has said about reducing numbers and increasing age, what do we want to say to priests? What presence and ministry do we most need from our priests – mindful that they have several parishes to attend, Many thanks for your support and assistance for this consultation.

**Guidelines for Funerals** – In collaboration with the Parish Council, a document has been prepared to see how best the parish can support bereaved families during a difficult time and offer assistance in preparing to celebrate the funeral Mass for their loved one. **Copies will be available in the churches next weekend.**

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**Diocesan Youth Pilgrimage to Taizé, France** Interested in coming to Taizé this June? The diocese will be taking a group of young adults on this amazing pilgrimage from **Sunday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> to Sunday June 30<sup>th</sup> 2024.** Please contact Tomás Kenny for more information on 086 3683778 or email Tomás at [tomaskenny@dioceseofkerry.ie](mailto:tomaskenny@dioceseofkerry.ie).

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**Recovery Haven Kerry** (Cancer Support House) are running a ***Cancer Thriving and Surviving*** 6 week course in the Community Day Care Centre in Killorglin beginning on March 7th on **Thursdays** from 10.30am-1pm. This course will help you manage your health when moving on from your cancer treatment. For more information please call reception on 066 7192122

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**Senior Citizen lunches in the Clubrooms every Tuesday @ 12.45pm. New members are always welcome!**

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**Thought for the Week**

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As Lent is the time for greater love, listen to Jesus' thirst...'Repent and believe' Jesus tells us. What are we to repent? Our indifference, our hardness of heart. What are we to believe? Jesus thirsts even now, in your heart and in the poor -- He knows your weakness. He wants only your love, wants only the chance to love you. – St Teresa of Calcutta

# Parish Life Newsletter

25<sup>th</sup> February 2024

Second Sunday of Lent Year B



## *St Therese of Lisieux*

*"For me, prayer is a burst from my heart, it is a simple glance thrown toward heaven, a cry of thanksgiving and love in times of trial as well as in times of joy."*

### **Office Hours**

**Mondays & Holy Days – Closed**

**Tuesdays – 11.00am to 4.30pm**

**Wednesdays – 11.00am to 3pm**

**Thursday – Working from home text or  
phone mobile number 087 1438060**

**between 11.00am to 4.30pm**

**Friday – 11am to 4.30pm.**

**Closed 1pm to 1.30pm for lunch.**

### **Weekend Mass Times**

**St. Mary's Castlegregory**

**Sunday 11.30am**

**St. Brendan's Cloghane**

**Saturday Vigil 6.15pm**

**(alternating with St.**

**Mary's Camp)**

**(see newsletter)**

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### **Parish Priest**

**Fr Eamonn Mulvihill**

### **Parish Secretary**

**Bernie Dowling**

### **DONATE**



### **Confession**

**St. Mary's – First Fridays after 7.00pm Mass**

**St. Brendan's – Tuesdays closest to First  
Fridays after the 7.00pm**

### **Daily Parish Eucharistic Adoration**

#### **St. Mary's**

**Monday – 10.00am to 11.00am**

**Wednesday - 10.00am to 11.00am  
and 5pm to 9pm**

**Friday – 10.00am to 11.00am**

**Sunday – 12.20 (after Mass) 1.20pm**

#### **St. Brendan's**

**Tuesday – 11.15am to 12.15pm**

**Thursday – 2.00pm to 3.00pm**

**Saturday – 11.15am to 12.15pm**

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In the Gospel from Mark this Sunday we hear the account of the Transfiguration. It is an awesome moment when Heaven and earth meet and God the Father proclaims, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to Him". Peter recounted how "His clothes became dazzlingly bright, such that no one on earth could brighten them." Moses and Elijah also appeared talking to Jesus and then disappeared in a cloud. Jesus fulfilled the prophecies of Elijah and the Law of Moses but now it was time to move forward to the teachings of Jesus. In a way the apostles were being prepared for the difficult times which lay ahead and Jesus wanted them to know He would always be with them. Peter, James and John didn't fully understand what Jesus meant when He asked them to

tell nobody about what happened until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. Jesus is the link between us and eternal life in Heaven. He is proclaimed by the Father in the Transfiguration to assure all of us that Jesus is our Saviour, our guide and our strength in difficult times. Jesus is ever-present in our world guiding us and caring for us. As God's people we need to make time to listen to Him and discern what He is asking of us in these times. As a prayer of thanks to Jesus in church we could use Peter's words - Rabbi, It is good to be here.

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### **Transfiguration**

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*My transfigured Lord,  
You gave Your apostles a small  
but most glorious glimpse of  
Your divinity.*

*This gift strengthened  
them as they endured Your  
suffering and death,  
as well as their own.*

*Please give me a glimpse  
of Your glory so that  
I will be able to hold onto that  
knowledge of Who You are  
when I need it the most.*

*Jesus, I trust in You.*

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**Intentions for this weekend**

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**St. Mary's Sunday @ 11.30am**

**Intention:** (1) Bridgella Barry, Forge Road (2) William & Mary Boyle Strand St.

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**St. Brendan's – No vigil Mass this Saturday. Vigil Mass will be in Camp @ 6.15pm.**

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**We Pray For**

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Paddy Courtney, Strand Street  
Pauline Duffy, Camp First Anniv  
Bridgella Barry, Forge Road  
William & Mary Boyle, Strand St.  
Lucy Clohessy & deceased family members.

Jack & Nance McKenna & daughter Kitty, Maharabeg

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**WEEKDAY MASSES ST. MARY'S**

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**Monday 26th February @ 7.00pm**

**Intention:** Pauline Duffy, Camp First Anniversary.

**Tuesday 27th February @**

**10.00am – Intention:** Lucy Clohessy & deceased family members.

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**Wednesday 28th February – No Parish Mass**

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**Thursday 29th February @**

**10.00am – No Intention**

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**Friday 1st March @ 7.00pm –**

**Intention:** Jack & Nance

McKenna & daughter Kitty, Maharabeg

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**Saturday 2nd March @ 3.00pm – Baptism**

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**Sunday 3rd February @ 11.30am**

**Intention** (1) John & Mary Scanlon, Cutteen (2) Maurice & Timothy Spillane & deceased family members, Carrigaha.

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**St. Brendan's**

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**Tuesday 27th February @ 7.00pm – No Intention.**

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**Saturday 2nd March – Vigil Mass @ 6.15pm. Intention:** Joan Greaney, Ballyguin.

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**Priest on deanery duty this Sunday 25th February is Fr**

**Eoghan Ó Cadhla. In the event of an emergency, please call 087 6951318**

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**PLEASE TAKE A TROCAIRE BOX OR A TROCAIRE ENVELOPE AVAILABLE IN THE CHURCHES.**

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**Preparation evening for Baptism.** The next evening will be on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> of April @ 7.30pm in the Clubrooms. This preparation is a requirement. Please contact the parish office – 066 7139145.

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