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ST MARY’S PARISH NEWSLETTER - TARBERT

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 **St Patrick’s Day**

**Fifth Sunday of Lent, 17th March 2024**

**Day of Prayer for Emigrants**

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| **Day/Date** | **Time** | **Intention** |
| ***Saturday 16th***  | ***6pm*** | ***Catherine (Kitty) Fitzgerald, Tieraclea. ( Months Mind )******Eithne Finucane, Piermount. ( 1st Anniversary )******Pat Lynch, Shanaway.*** |
| ***Sunday 17th***  | ***11.30am*** | ***Seán and Bridget Guerin, Dooncaha.******Joan, Paddy and Dan Anglim, Tarmons Hill.******Mary and Patrick O’ Connor, Saleen.*** |
| ***Monday 18th***  | ***10am*** | ***No Mass.*** |
| ***Tuesday 19th***  | ***7pm*** | ***Mass in Ballylongford.*** |
| ***Wednesday 20th***  | ***\_\_\_\_\_\_*** | ***No Mass.*** |
| ***Thursday 21st***  | ***10am*** | ***Mass in Asdee.*** |
| ***Friday 22nd***  | ***7pm*** | ***Mass in Tarbert.******Special Intention.*** |
| ***Saturday 23rd***  | ***6pm***  | ***People of the Parish.*** |
| ***Sunday 24th***  | ***11.30am*** | ***Jose and Batt Flavin, Carhoonakilla.*** |

**PRIEST ON DUTY THIS WEEKEND*:* Fr. Pat Crean-Lynch 087-2200114.**

**PARISH OFFERTORY COLLECTION**  Amount received will be published at the end of each month.

**LIVE SERVICES** – All Masses are now being live streamed from our Church. Just go to the Church website – www.stmarystarbert.com and you can watch on your phone, tablet, computer or smart T.V. When you log in and see the picture of the Altar, just underneath this, click on the mute button and you will then have the audio as well.

**All our Masses at St. Mary’s Church, Tarbert can be viewed online at** [**www.stmarystarbert.com**](http://www.stmarystarbert.com)

**St. Patrick’s Day**

St Patrick, whose feast we celebrate this Sunday was an emigrant worker. On our national feast day, we pray for all our emigrants abroad. We send our good wishes and prayers, and hope that life will be good to them. We pray they will use their gifts and talents for good, and they will have a positive impact on those they meet.

As we remember our own emigrants abroad we also think of immigrants in our own country who may be experiencing the same struggles to fit into a new culture. Are we still the land of the ‘Céad Míle Fáilte’? Perhaps we could use the beautiful words of St Patrick’s Breastplate, a prayer attributed to our patron saint to reflect today on our interactions with others.

*Christ with me, Christ before me,
Christ behind me, Christ in me…*

*Christ in the heart of everyone who thinks of me,*

*Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me,*

*Christ in every eye that sees me,*

*Christ in every ear that hears me.*

*And so we pray*

*May the flame of faith, which St. Patrick*

*lit at Tara never be extinguished,*

*and may God, in his goodness,*

*grant the Irish Church*

*a season of renewal and growth.*

**Most Important Parish Meeting on 22nd March at 8pm in the Community Centre**

All of Tarbert’s parishioners are most welcome to attend a special meeting in the Community Centre on Friday 22 March at 8.00pm. Indeed, all are encouraged to participate. This is an open forum to discuss our response to Bishop Ray Browne’s Pastoral Letter, and to consider three questions posed by the Diocesan Planning Group. The meeting will be facilitated by Dr Declan Downey.

The three questions are:

(1) Without the presence of a priest to lead and coordinate, what parts of parish life can we organise ourselves ? What help do we need?

(2) Where do we see scope for cooperation with neighbouring parishes in our pastoral area ?

(3) What presence and ministry do we most want from the priests in the pastoral area, mindful they have several parishes to attend to ?

Bishop Ray’s vision is that each parish/local church community can sustain itself and thrive through lay people taking leadership roles locally and working co-responsibly with priests available across the pastoral area. This fits into the global drive under the leadership of Pope Francis for a more synodal church, where we all have a part to play because of our
baptism. A Diocesan Planning Group is in place to identify how best to progress this further. They want to hear from each parish. Therefore, it is vitally important that we the people of Tarbert parish avail of this opportunity to express our views in the response that will be sent to the Diocesan Planning Group.