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Parish Office - Fifth Sunday of Lent - 18th. March 2018.

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We hope all our Parishioners and Visitors had a very happy St. Patrick's Day. We remind ourselves that it was St. Patrick who brought us the Gospel of the Lord and while his feast day may have become a very celebrated national and international cultural event, our Christian way of life would not be ours without his being part of our history and the faith-foundation of the following generations.

We send greetings to all who are away from home at this time, that the blessings of the Lord may come upon them as we celebrate the gift of faith brought to us by St. Patrick.

We are happy to be able to return to the main area of Bundoran Church. The problems of ingress of water and dampness have been dealt with as well as the extra support necessary in the area of the gallery. The re-plastering of the affected areas, due to the amount of original dampness in the walls and the severity of the recent weather, did not have adequate time to dry and therefore the intended repainting of the complete interior of the Church was not possible and will now take place when the holiday season is completed. While the project was completed in time, the problem of dust will be with us for a while. The Church will have been cleaned six times by this weekend, but some dust will be evident for the next few weeks.

The Easter Ceremonies.

Throughout the Diocese, the coming Easter Ceremonies will be greatly affected by the lessening number of available clergy. The traditional Holy Week and Easter services will not be as freely available as in days gone by. In our own situation where only one Priest is available at this time, it is not possible to present two complete sets of services in both Churches. After consultation with both Pastoral Committees and taking into consideration the attendance at ceremonies last year, we ask Parishioners to make a personal effort to attend where ceremonies are available. The Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday Ceremonies will take place in Bundoran while the evening Stations of the Cross on Good Friday will take place in St. Joseph's. Easter Sunday Mass in St. Joseph's will take place at 10am.

Please note that ALL envelope and cash donations within our Church collections in 2018 are presumed to be for the upkeep of our Churches and Parish needs.

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Saturday (Vigil) Peggy & Paul Kelly (St Colm's Tce).

Sunday 8.30am. Dec Mbs Gillespie Family (Askill). 11.00am. Alex McGreevy (Elaghmore) M.M.

10am. John Shovlin (Portnoo) Monday

Tuesday 11am. Private Intention. Wednesday 10am. Prayer Service. Thursday 10am. Private Intention.

Friday 10am. Edward J & Vera Cassidy (Ballyconnell).

10am. Gabrielle O'Beirne (Church Rd). Saturday 7.00pm. Malachy Hamrogue (West End)

Kathleen Clancy (St Bridget's Tce). Tommy Keenan (Rock Road).

Sunday 8.30am Ann Grusova (Slovakia) 11.00am People of the Parish.

Special Ministers for March

K. McEniff, M.Gormley, B. McGourty. 7pm.

8.30am. M.Fitzgerald, K. Gallagher. 11am. M. Carty, B.Fox, G. Mc Gloin.

March Ministers of the Word

7pm. 8.30am. Claudia Kennedy. Mary Mulreany. Bernie Fox. 11am.

March Altar Society:

Celia Warnock & Mary Carty.

Weekly Ministers 12/03/2018

Minister of the Eucharist Mary Carty Breege Connor Ozanam House Minister of the Word Mary Carty

Church Collectors for March

Cindy O'Beirne, Kathleen McGrath, Mary Doherty. 8.30am. Patricia Brennan, Cormac Meehan.
11am. Padraig Davey, Danny Breslin, Joe Smyth, Brid Connors.

Altar Servers

Saturday 24th March: Cianna San Pedro, Gareth Carr, Ava Fallon, Rhianna & Molly Flanagan.

Sunday 25th March: Anton Govorov, Lee Smyth, Niamh Barrett, Alexia & Madison Mc Guinness.

Sunday 10am.

Ann, Thomas, Martin & Michael Magan (The Rock). Mary-Ann & John Gallagher (Rathmore).

Rosemary Daly (West Port)

10am. Prayer Service. Monday Tuesday 10am. Prayer Service.

Wednesday Mass 10am. Patricia Crawford (East Rock).

10am. Prayer Service. Thursday Friday 10am. Prayer Service

Saturday 10am.

Sunday 25th

10am. Bernard (Ben) Kelly (The Mall).

Liturgy Teams for March

Minister of the Word: Eamon Daly

Special Ministers of the Eucharist:

Marie Begley & Michael Finan.

Church Collectors:

Front. Eamon Daly Back. Patrick Mc Kenna

Altar Society:

Mary Conlon & Mary Duggan

Important Future Dates for the Rock.

First Holy Communion Sat April 21st at 11am. **Confirmation** Sunday April 29th at 2pm.

Fundraising Committee are running an Easter Draw on Sunday 25th March after 10am Mass. Tickets are on Sale @ €2each or 3 for €5. Lots of Prizes to be won! You are asked to Please Support.

Happy Start Montessori Pre-School—Open Day will be held on Saturday March 24th. 10am - 12.30pm. Ring Ciara for further information on 086 -310977.

Altar Society: All members are asked to supply a contact telephone number on the sheet available at the back of the church. New members are most welcome.

Parishioners willing to help on a **Finance Committee** to supervise income and expenditure should contact the Office.



We remember all those who have died recently: Mary McCaffrey (Assaroe Rd.), Marian Cahillane (Bayview Ave), Anna Connolly (Tullan Strand Rd), Brendan McGloin (Lisahully). Martin McCann (Ardfarna), Jimmy McGurran (Church Rd).

Church of Our Lady, Star of the Sea, Finances. March 10th/11th, 2018

Weekly Offering 88 Envelopes Returned Total: €1,928.00 Thanks to those who have made separate donations to Church Funds.

On-going Church Loan approx €1.3 million. Monthly Bank repayment €10,762.00

All donations to this fund are greatly appreciated.

St Joseph's Church Finances. March 11th, 2018

Offertory Collection 74 Envelopes Returned Envelopes €412.00 Baskets €225.00 Total €637.00

Development Fund 53 Envelopes Returned Envelopes €167.00 Baskets €83.00 Total €250.00

Planning for the refurbishment work in St. Joseph's Church is underway and will be published in the coming weeks.