

Parish of Magh Ene
St. Joseph's Church, Ballyshannon
 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Sunday, February 26th 2017



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Sun 26th	10.00am	Paddy & Kathleen O'Neill, Bill & Annie Monaghan, Willie & Kate Slevin, East Port
Mon 27th	10.00am	Special Intention
Tues 28th	10.00am	Mass in the Rock Nursing unit
Wed 1st	10.00am 7.00pm	Ash Wednesday – Ashes will be blessed & distributed at both Masses
Thurs 2nd	10.00am	Special Intention
Fri 3rd	10.00am	Special Intention
Sat 4th	10.00am	Prayer Service
Sun 5th	10.00am	John, Kathleen & Lena O'Mahoney, Rathmore PJ & Mary Coyle & dec. family, Laughill Tim Lucey Peter Keenaghan, Rathmore

We pray for our faithful departed – we remember Peggy Mannion, Ardlongfield, who was laid to rest on Fri, February 24th. May God grant her eternal rest.

The Season of Lent

Lent begins on Wednesday, Ash Wednesday which is a day of fast and abstinence and the start of this wonderful gift to the Church as we journey towards Easter. By our prayer, sacrifice and charity, we prepare ourselves in body and spirit to celebrate the Lord's Passion and Resurrection. The Trocaire box is a physical representation of our sacrifice which is aimed towards helping our brothers and sisters in need and these are available in the church. Bring one home and give it a prominent place in your home.

Perhaps you might consider coming along to morning Mass during the week if you are free or creating a time for prayer in your home, even a simple grace for meals or marking the Angelus?

In the wearing of the ash, we are all united in our Lenten observance. The ash is a stark and visible reminder of our need for repentance and penance but also of the loving and merciful God who supports and encourages us on our Lenten journey

Liturgy Teams for March

Reader – Eamon Daly; **Eucharistic Ministers** – Marie Begley & Michael Finan; **Collectors (front)** Eamon Daly, **(back)** Patrick McKenna; **Altar Society** – Claire Hughes & Mary Conlon

Sunday Collection – February 19th 2017

Offertory	Returned	Development	Returned
Envelope	€367.00	Envelope	€101.00
Loose	€180.00	Loose	€207.00
Total	€547.00	Total	€308.00

Women's International & Interdenominational World Day of Prayer in Kilbaron Parish Pastoral Centre on Friday, March 3rd at 7.30pm – Everyone welcome.

St. Joseph's Financial Report 2016

As we share with you our financial report for 2016, we take this opportunity to thank all of you who support St. Joseph's with your envelope donations to the Offertory and Development Fund collections at Mass, as well as those of you who make your contributions through Standing Orders and One-Off payments to cover your yearly donations. These, along with what we receive in loose money in the collections, goes towards answering so many parish needs which you can see detailed below, along with

the other sources of income to the parish. The contributions received in the envelopes are counted and recorded each week and kept on record for at least 5 years. As of this year onwards, all Parish and Diocesan accounts may be examined by the government appointed Charity Regulator so it is very important that local finances must be accurate as Parish accounting is linked into Diocesan accounting. We all realise how financially demanding these days can be for individuals and families and how many have to prioritise their expenses which means the contributions to the parish are even more appreciated as they show your care for St. Joseph's and your desire to not only acknowledge your sense of belonging to the community but also your personal responsibility to its ongoing welfare and development. It falls to all of us who are a part in any way of the parish community to continue to support it, not just for ourselves but for the generations to come. We would ask you all to reflect on how you presently contribute to the parish and to consider using the envelope system to financially support it. The expenses below will show how deeply needed your support is and how even small increases in that support would make a positive difference. We know that your financial support is joined by your encouragement, support and prayer for both priests and parish and these we sincerely need and appreciate. May the Lord bless you and yours as we come to the season of Lent and for the year ahead.

St Joseph's Church Income 2016

In Bank 31/12/2015

€57,053.09

Envelope Offerings	€ 22,342.23
Loose Collection	€ 5,831.00
(2nd Collection) 1	€ 16,030.00
Sacramental Donations (Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals)	€ 1,620.00
Cemetery Donations	€ 415.00
Electricity Repayment / Angel's School	€ 124.60
Parish Draw	€ 2,310.00
Special Collections	€ 1,701.00
Missalettes & Shrines	€ 3,299.00
Miscellaneous Income	€ 2,330.00
Lodgement Error	€ 2,815.00
Trocaire	€ 1,040.00

Total Income

€ 59,857.83

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€116,910.92

St Joseph's Church Expenditure 2016

Missalettes	€ 1,325.02
Bank Fees	€ 254.03
Postage	€ 72.00
Trocaire Payment	€ 1,040.00
Diocesan Payment	€ 9,609.36
Diocesan Mensal Tax	€ 879.76
Supplementary Payment to Priest	€ 6,607.67
Secretarial	€ 1,215.00
Electricity (Church, Office, Pastoral Centre, Priest House)	€ 3,709.07
Heating (Church, Office, Pastoral Centre, Priest House)	€ 4,450.29
Telephone	€ 1,722.75
Church General Repairs	€ 5,451.88
Parish House General Repairs	€ 27,421.46
Angel's School Maintenance	€ 840.00
Water Charges	€ 278.10
Allianz Insurance (All Parish Property/Areas)	€ 8,070.55
Church Cleaning	€ 980.00
Waste Disposal	€ 1,941.31
Altar Necessities	€ 772.90
Shrine Candles	€ 2,534.85
Property Tax	€ 314.00
Professional Fees	€ 295.00
Lodgement Error Transfer	€ 2,815.00
Miscellaneous Cost	€ 1,104.78

Total Expenditure

€ 83,554.68

In Bank by 31/12/2016

€ 33,356.24

€116,910.92

