



Tramore & Carbally Parish Newslink



Sunday 2nd March 2014
8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

LENT 2014

Why 40 days?

40 is a significant number in Jewish-Christian scripture:

- In Genesis, the flood which destroyed the earth was brought about by 40 days and nights of rain.
- The Hebrews spent 40 years in the wilderness before reaching the land promised to them by God.
- Moses fasted for 40 days before receiving the ten commandments on Mount Sinai.
- Jesus spent 40 days fasting in the wilderness in preparation for his ministry.

Most Christians regard Jesus' time in the wilderness as the key event for the duration of Lent. Since all Sundays—and not simply Easter Sunday—were days to celebrate Christ's Resurrection, Christians were forbidden to fast and do other forms of penance on those days. Therefore, when the Church expanded the period of fasting and prayer in preparation for Easter from a few days to 40 days (to mirror Christ's fasting in the desert, before He began His public ministry), Sundays are not included in the count.

Why is it called Lent?

Lent is an old English word meaning 'lengthen'. Lent is observed in spring, when the days begin to get longer.

The colour purple

Purple is the symbolic colour used in some churches throughout Lent, for drapes and altar frontals.

Purple is used for two reasons: firstly because it is associated with mourning and so anticipates the pain and suffering of the crucifixion, and secondly because purple is the colour associated with royalty, and celebrates Christ's resurrection and sovereignty.

No 'Alleluia', no 'Gloria' - and flowers are scarce! We remind ourselves visually and liturgically that we are about to celebrate the greatest moment in our faith - the Resurrection of Christ! Until then, in penance and prayer, we no longer sing with the choirs of angels; instead, we acknowledge our sins and practice repentance so that one day we may again have the privilege of worshipping God as the angels do.

ASH WEDNESDAY - WEDNESDAY 5 MARCH - Day of Fast and Abstinence.

Masses in Holy Cross at 7.30am, 10am and 7.30pm.

Mass in Our Lady's Carbally at 7.30pm

Mass in Sacred Heart, Dunhill at 11am.

Ashes will also be distributed to students across our schools during the day.

TROCAIRE BOXES

These are available in the porches. Thank you for your continued generosity to those in greatest need in our world.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Friday morning after 10am Mass in Lent.

TUESDAY EVENING PRAYER & GATHERINGS

Each Tuesday evening in Lent, there will be an Evening prayer and reflection service for those involved in our ministries in our churches. It will be an opportunity to reflect and give thanks for those who minister in our parishes, and to discuss how we can enhance these in any way.

All gatherings begin at 7.30pm and should be over by 8.15pm in Holy Cross Church.

Tuesday 11 March: Ministers of the Word

Tuesday 18 March: For those going in the Parish Trip to San Giovanni Rotondo.

Tuesday 25 March: Ministers of the Eucharist

Tuesday 1 April: Ministers of Music & Choirs

Tuesday 8 April: Holy Hour with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament - for all parishioners and visitors. (Ends at 8.30pm)

Tuesday 15 April: Volunteers in the Parish Office, Parish Councils, Sacristans, Cleaners and Collectors.

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Please remember in your prayers.....

Those who died recently:

Johanna Nolan

Those whose Months mind Occurs:

John Hearne (Ballyknock)

James Reddie

Those whose anniversary occurs:

Eileen O'Brien

Tom & Mamie Mackey

Dessie Grubb

John O'Connor

Josephine Wray

Kathleen O'Leary

Mary Anderson

Noel(Jess) Walsh 1st Anniversary

Mary & Tommy Coffey

Maura Ryan

Nicholas & Ella Cheasty

Tim & Valerie Hennessey

Maurice Daly

Maura Clarke

Mamie Hearne

Those who were Baptised recently

-Grainne Cuffe

Sasha Butler

Darragh James Mackey

Sophia Power Treacy



Congratulations to their parents and family

Collections Last Weekend

Tramore € 3885

Carbally € 240

Thank you for your continued support for the upkeep of our churches.

'COME GATHER CELEBRATE'

This weekend March 1st/2nd we welcome to our Masses the boys and girls making their First Holy Communion in May and their parents.

Sat 7.30pm Holy Cross School

Sun 12 noon Glór na Mara and

Gaelscoil Philib Barún.

Please keep them in your prayers at this important time in their lives

Saturday 1st	10.00am	Bridie Breen (Newbridge)
	7.30pm	Billy & Ann Butler
Sunday 2nd	8.30am	Maureen Coyne
	10.30am	Michael & PJ Carey
	12 noon	Gerard, Vincent, Patrick & William O'Brien
Monday 3rd	7.30am	Sidney & Kay Chambers & Family
	10.00am	John O'Neill
Tuesday 4th	7.30am	Special Intention from The Walsh Family
	10.00am	Tom Noonan
Wednesday 5th	7.30am	Michael Delaney (Months Mind)
	10.30am	Bernard & Peggy Coffey
	7.30pm	Mary Lodge
Thursday 6th	7.30am	Mary & Gerard O'Hanlon
	10.00am	Eddie Murphy, Christy Murphy & Tom Keoghan
Friday 7th	7.30am	HOLY SOULS
	10.00am	Anastasia Noonan
Saturday 8th	10.00am	Keith Crowley
	7.30pm	Nicholas & May Leahy
Sunday 9th	8.30am	Paddy Roche
	10.30am	Dan Cantwell
	12.00noon	Noel Molloy & Baby Liam Molloy
CARBALLY	11.30am	Betsy and Paddy Sweeney, Tom and Edith Fowler, Patrick Tobin Ballymacaw
Sunday 2nd March		
Sunday 9th March	11.30am	Edith Power ,Old Mill, Margo Bolger, Margaret Phelan, Coolum

CONFIRMATION DAY - SATURDAY 8 MARCH

Next Saturday Very Rev. William Canon Ryan, PP Dungarvan, will celebrate the Confirmation Mass of our students from Holy Cross and Glór na Mara. This is a very important day in the lives of these boys and girls, and a huge amount of preparation has been done by their parents, their teachers, and the parish to prepare them for this sacrament.

The Mass begins at 11.30am. (There will be 10am Mass as usual.)

Please remember them all in your prayers at this special time.

The Parish Social

will take place on
Friday March 14th 2014.
at The Majestic Hotel

*This year's **Door Prize** is two tickets to see **Garth Brooks** in Croke Park in July.*

Tickets are for sale at The Parish Office.

Tickets: €25 each.

If anyone would like to donate a spot prize for the raffle, you may drop it in to the Parish Office

We would greatly appreciate it.

Lighting the flame of spirituality

Edmund Rice Chapel,

Barrack Street,

Waterford

Friday, 7th March, 8 p.m.

All welcome

August Mass Book

Opens on Monday March 3rd at
The Parish Office

Praying the Psalms

Facilitator: Fr Michael Mullins DD

Over two nights, Fr Michael Mullins will help us to reflect on how we pray the Psalms, by exploring their richness in text.

St John's Pastoral Centre, Waterford.

Tuesday 18th March at 7.30pm

Tuesday 25th March at 7.30pm

Ministers of the Eucharist New Rota now available in the sacristy

Next Week's Teams: 8/9 March

Readers: Team A

Ministers: Team 3

Altar Servers: Team St Patrick

Cleaners: Kathleen Keane and her team