

*The
Season
of
Lent*



Tramore & Carbally Parish Newslink

*Sunday 21st February 2021
1st Sunday of Lent*



DO YOU WANT TO FAST THIS LENT?

IN THE WORDS OF POPE FRANCIS

Fast from hurting words and say kind words.

Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.

Fast from anger and be filled with patience.

Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.

Fast from worries and trust in God.

Fast from complaints, contemplate simplicity.

Fast from pressures and be prayerful.

Fast from bitterness; fill your hearts with joy.

Fast from selfishness and be compassionate.

Fast from grudges and be reconciled.

Fast from word; be silent and listen.

Reflection for the First Sunday in Lent

Wilderness

On this first Sunday of Lent, we are invited to embrace the wilderness. The past year has given us experience of wilderness as our world battled a pandemic. Many people were afraid, isolated, alone, and uncertain of what the future would bring. Humanity was adrift in what seemed like a desert moment. However, wilderness can bring opportunity. It can be a time for deep reflection, where we take stock of what is most important to us, a chance to let go of things that are really not important and focus on where we are being called to be. During this past year, what opportunity did this wilderness offer you?

Lent is also a time where people give up something, focus on weight loss or getting fit, take on a course, try to better themselves in some way. And these can be good things, but Lent is so much more than that. It is a retreat time, a time to make room for something deeper. It is a spring-cleaning sort of time, an opportunity to ask, 'what needs clearing out in my life so that I can make more room for God?' 'What changes am I being called to embrace?' Without change we cannot grow, and things fast become stale in our lives. God is always urging us on because God knows just what possibilities there are for each of us. Lent offers us the opportunity to make space for something new, to let go of that which is keeping us from living life to the full.

The Gospel today is short, Jesus is sent into the wilderness, into the desert, and we too are invited into a desert time. Deserts are interesting places which can allow us to reflect, give ourselves space. It is true that we might encounter our demons there, but we should not be afraid because as the Gospel tells us clearly today, this is a Spirit-led desert. God is with us. Let us try to embrace this wilderness. How we make use of this time determines what will be.

'You have to leave the city of your comfort and go into the wilderness of your intuition. What you'll discover will be wonderful. What you'll discover will be yourself.' (Alan Alda)

Jane Mellett

Please remember in your Prayers.....

Those who have died recently:

Pat Hearne

Those whose Months mind Occurs:

Larry Hogan

Those whose' Anniversary Occurs:

Monsignor John Shine

Elizabeth Sheehan

Maurice Fitzgerald

James Burke

Nora Cowman

Bridget Roles

Christy Crowley

The Parish Office

The Parish office is closed to the public due to Government Covid 19 restrictions but you may ring the office between 9.30 am-1pm Monday to Friday for any inquiries.

Contact : 051-386477

Mass Bookings

Mass Booking for the months of April, May & June & July have not opened due to the lockdown.

No booking will take place until further notice and when the restrictions are lifted

Mass will be streamed from Holy Cross Church each week day at 10.00am, Sundays and Holy days at 10.30am.

Visit the parish website

www.tramoreparish.ie Click on "Live Stream" on the homepage when the services are on. For anyone who does not have access to online services:

Tramore **Parish Radio Services** are broadcast From Holy Cross Church, Tramore at 10.am from Monday to Sat and 10.30am on Sunday on your radio 105.4FM

The Church will be open for private prayer on Mon to Sat: 11.00am-4pm (except Thurs 11.00am -5pm)
Sunday: 11.30am-4pm.

New Donate Facility

In response to a number of enquiries from our parishioners, we now have an online donate facility on our parish website:

www.tramoreparish.ie, where you can make your Sunday offering to the parish. Please quote your envelope number, if applicable, when you make your donation. All contributions are gratefully received, and we thank you in advance for your generosity.

Masses booked for the coming week:

Saturday	20th Feb	10.am	Pierce Dunne (1 st Ann)
		7.30pm	Bridget Roles
Sunday	21st Feb	8.30am	Christy Crowley
		10.30am	Edmund Drea
		12.00noon	Monsignor John Shine
Monday	22nd Feb	7.30am	
		10.00am	Tom & Mamie Mackey, Martin & Annie Boran, Michael & Mary Boran
Tuesday	23rd Feb	7.30am	Maurice Fitzgerald & Lillian Fitzgerald
		10.00am	Vera Lambden
Wednesday	24th Feb	7.30am	
		10.00am	Larry Hogan (Months mind)
Thursday	25th Feb	7.30am	Finian P. Mongey
		10.00am	Bernard Tyers
Friday	26th Feb	7.30am	HOLY SOULS
		10.00am	Dick & Margaret Cowman
Saturday	27th Feb	10.00am	John O'Brien, James Walsh & Hannah O'Shea
		7.30pm	Denis j O'Mahony, Amy O'Mahony, Timothy & Margaret O'Mahony
Sunday	28th Feb	8.30am	Tony Nangle
		10.30am	James & Caroline McGrath
		12.00pm	Dessie Grubb
Carbally			
Sunday	21st Feb	11.30am	
Sunday	28th Feb	11.30am	

School Enrolments 2021

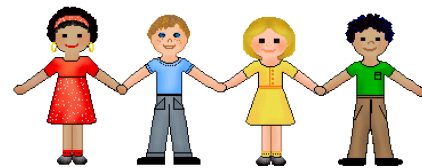


For information regarding school enrolments for September 2021 for Holy Cross N.S., Glór na Mara and Gaelscoil Philib Barún please see school blogs.

Trócaire campaign began on Wednesday 17th February.

"Here are my hands, hold them. Please don't leave South Sudan alone. We need your prayers. We need your support. We need your love." Fr. James Oyot Latansio, South Sudan Council of Churches.

Trócaire boxes are available in the church porches.
Please take home a Trócaire box for Lent and give it a prominent place somewhere in the home



Sr. Antoinette Dilworth rsj has been busy preparing and sending out resources to schools during this difficult time and uncertainty for teachers and pupils. These resources are designed to help pupils pray and keep focused.

'Grow in Love' at a glance – February 2021 edition.

You may view these resources www.waterfordlismore.ie

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