

Family of Parishes Newsletter

Our Lady Crowned Church
St Joseph's Church & Holy Family Church



4th Sunday of Lent - Year B
Sunday 10th March 2024
Laetare Sunday

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Public Mass Times This Week

Our Lady Crowned Church

Sunday Masses

Saturday Vigil for Sunday: 5.00pm

Sunday: 9.30am & 12.00 noon

Daily Mass

Monday to Friday
9.30am each morning

St Joseph's Church

Sunday Masses

Saturday Vigil for Sunday: 6.00pm

Sunday: 11.00am

Daily Mass

Monday, Tuesday & Friday
10.15am each morning

Holy Family Church

Sunday Mass: 10.30am

Daily Mass: Wednesday: 10.15am

4th Sunday of Lent Gospel Reflection

The Greatest Gift ...

The heart of today's Gospel is the gift of Jesus – the source of our joy. We are reminded of this as today is Laetare Sunday (Rejoicing Sunday). The source of our joy is not some lovely theory about how to find happiness, but the actual experience of being accompanied and loved throughout the journey of life. "God so loved the world that he gave his only-begotten Son". Let us dwell on these two thoughts for a moment: "God so loved" and "God gave".

God so loved. Jesus' words to Nicodemus – a Jewish elder who wanted to know the Master – help us to see the true face of God. He has always looked at us with love, and for the sake of love, he came among us in the flesh of his Son. In Jesus, he went in search of us when we were lost. In Jesus, he wept with us and healed our wounds. In Jesus, he blessed our life forever. In Jesus, God spoke the definitive word about our life: you are not lost, you are loved. Loved forever.

God "gave" his Son. Precisely because he loves us so much, God gives himself; he offers us his life. Those who love always go out of themselves. Love always offers itself, gives itself, expends itself. That is the power of love: it shatters the shell of our selfishness, breaks out of our carefully constructed comfort zones, breaks down walls and overcomes fears, so as to give freely of itself. That is what loves does: it gives itself.

Are you ready and willing to open the greatest gift... the gift of Jesus... the gift of love?

Recent Deaths

We extend our prayers and sympathies to the families of those who died during the past week:

Pádraig Aherne – Montenotte

Valarie O’Leary – Montenotte

Alanna Murtagh – Ballyvolane

Bridie O’Connor – Old Youghal Rd

Patty McDonnell – Mayfield

May all our deceased loved ones
rest in eternal peace. Amen.

Welcome to Fr Augustine Bengalie

This weekend we welcome to Our Lady Crowned Church - Fr Augustine Bengalie from The Spiritans and he will address us about their Mission Awareness Programme and the work of the Spiritans in ‘Walking with the Poor’

St Pauls School – Montenotte

We congratulate the Confirmation Class who received the Sacrament last Thursday at Our Lady Crowned Church and we continue to remember Oliver who was in hospital and we promise he too will have his special very soon. Wishing Oliver, a speedy recovery.

St Patrick’s School Confirmation Classes

We wish the boys and girls from St Patrick’s School who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation from Bishop Fintan Gavin at St Joseph’s Church on this Thursday 14th March. **Please note that there will be no morning Mass at St Joseph’s Church this Thursday.**

Scoil Mhuire agus Eoin

We wish the First Holy Communion Class every good wish as they prepare for their First Confession on this Tuesday and we also congratulate the Confirmation Class who had their Retreat and Ceremony of Light last Tuesday with Fr Charlie.

St Joseph’s Church – Spring Clean-Up

Many thanks to all who came along on Saturday Morning March 2nd for the Spring Clean-Up – Your help and hard work is much appreciated.

Adoration at St. Joseph's Church

Weekly Adoration at St. Joseph's Church on Monday & Tuesday at 10.45 am to 5.00 pm.

Easter Mass Bouquet Cards

Easter Mass Bouquet Cards are available from the Sacristy at Our Lady Crowned Church and St Joseph’s Church.

Christian Meditation Group at Our Lady Crowned Church

Every Tuesday after the 9.30am Mass
at Our Lady Crowned Church.

Diocese of Cork and Ross Pilgrimage to Lourdes

20th to 25th September 2024

Bookings are now open

Contact Joe Walsh Tours on 01-2410800

General Enquiries 085-25 25 040

Second Collection this weekend

The 2nd Collection this weekend is Irish Bishop’s Commissions Annual Collection – Thank you for your generosity.

TRÓCAIRE LENTEN BOXES are available on the tables at the entrance to our churches, please take one home to help those in need in Malawi.

Come to Lourdes as a Young Adult Helper in September with the Diocese of Cork and Ross

A special Information Evening will take place in Mardyke House, Cork, (T12 W8RP) for those aged between 18 and 25, who would like to travel with the Diocese of Cork and Ross to Lourdes (Sept 20th to 25th) as a Young Adult Helper. The Information Meeting will begin at **7.00pm on Tuesday 12th March**. It is a wonderful opportunity for a young person to help those pilgrims who require assistance and to grow deeper in their faith by experiencing the unique spirituality of Lourdes. **For more information, call Sheila on (021) 490 2459 or email sheilakelleher@ucc.ie**



World Day of Prayer 2024 – Palestine

The collection was taken up during the recent Prayer Service and the money raised which amounted to **€550** will go directly to help children in Palestine. Thank You for your kind generosity.