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The Rector writes.....

This month we start the season of **Lent**. The word itself comes from an old English word meaning 'the lengthening of days' or Spring. In earliest times it was observed by those who were preparing for the baptism at Easter. Later, the 40 days of Lent were identified with the 40 days Jesus spent in the wilderness. Each year it provides us with an opportunity to re-examine our lives and through prayer, study and self-denial, to renew our love for God. This might sound a little daunting and forbidding. Self-denial and discipline do not come easy to any of us, particularly as the last two years of the Covid pandemic has denied us so much. But remember again the origin of the word Lent. It is associated with longer days and more light, increased warmth and the resultant growth. It is something very positive and creative. It is about re-energising what has always been there but has lain dormant.



Yes, the last two years have been ones of struggle and disruption, but as the parish returns to a pre-pandemic normality, we look forward to a period of spiritual challenge, refreshment and renewal. While the wearing of face masks, social distancing, hand sanitising and other health measures are no longer required, please feel free to continue to apply these standards when coming to church or parish events if it makes you feel more comfortable. It is important that we continue to look out for each other and adapt our behaviour in whatever way we think best, while also recognising the reopening of so much which was restricted for so long. In this spirit, I hope that you will avail of some, or all the opportunities outlined elsewhere in this newsletter, as together we set out on our Lenten pilgrimage.

Next month, for Holy Week, we will welcome back a former curate as our guest preacher – **Canon Eithne Lynch**. I know many of you remember her ministry in this parish with affection and thanksgiving. She was initially to come to us in 2020, but now, as we move towards a pre pandemic normality, we in some senses pick up where we left off.

The lengthening of days, fresh growth, the increased radiance of the sun, these are all part of Spring. The same is true about the spirituality of Lent. In that sense I wish you all a good Lent.

God bless, *Adrian*

St Luke's School Notes Since our return to school in January the pupils in St Luke's School are delighted that they can take part fully in all their afterschool sporting activities. Hockey, soccer, tennis and swimming are all up and running again. Cricket classes are also part of their physical education classes for four weeks. Ted Williamson from Munster Cricket is their coach.



4th Class had the opportunity to complete "An Hour of Code" with Microsoft recently. They learned about coding and were tasked to make a programme to quench forest fires. We were delighted to welcome Wes Bateman back again to 4th Class to teach us more about Electronic Engineering. He taught the pupils how to make an open and closed circuit and how to add lights, buzzers and switches to them.

We are always interested in our past pupils and their progress, so we were delighted that Jessica Healy came to us on two weeks work experience recently.

Deirdre from the Mercy Heroes was a very welcome visitor at our last Outdoor Assembly. She was presented with a cheque of over €500, the proceeds of our Non Uniform Day and told us about the worthwhile work of the Mercy Heroes attached to the Mercy Hospital in Cork.

We send our sincere sympathy to Jenny Miller on the death of both her father and father-in-law recently. Jenny is our Board of Management treasurer and works very hard behind the scenes to keep all our finances in order.

St Michael's School Notes

We are enjoying a very busy 2nd Term at St Michael's. We are very proud of our Willow Room who have won the Junior Cork Category in the "Someone Like Me" Art Competition. The whole class and their teacher worked collaboratively to create a very striking and powerful piece of art. The Willow Room are also taking part in the Teacher Artist Partnership and they have been enjoying their weekly visits from Julie Forrester, a ceramicist.

Ms Hearne has been completing her Teaching Practice with our Willow Room and 5th and 6th Class have enjoyed the outdoor activities that she has been doing with them.

The Hawthorn Room and the Hazel Room have been carefully watching the signs of spring, and the Hawthorn Room has been awarded a certificate from Leargas for their projects on birds.

The Chestnut Room are learning all about the Winter Olympics and have been taking part in "The Road to Beijing" project.

Our Oak Room is always a hive of activity. This term they have enjoyed learning about different foods.

We are enjoying beautiful music every week courtesy of Mr Carroll who visits us from St Fin Barre's Cathedral Choir.

Our pupils are making a very conscious effort to walk, cycle and scoot to school when possible and our parents have organised a "Friday Stroll" for the last Friday of every month. There is a lovely atmosphere when this "walking bus" arrives at school.

Retiring Organist At the end of this month, Roger Ellis will retire as organist in St Mary's Marmullane. Roger took over from Dermot Locke as the regular organist



there almost 10 years ago. He was also very much a supporter of the project to install the Speechly organ, which was sourced second-hand from Romsey Methodist Church near Southampton, for St Mary's. This organ was dedicated by the Bishop at a special service in November 2017.

Roger's skill at the organ in accompanying worship and in particular his sensitive approach to the hymns, will be much missed. We take this opportunity to thank him for his years of dedication and service. We are delighted that this beautiful instrument will continue to be played every Sunday by Veronica Tadman at the 9.45 service, before she travels into Douglas.

Confirmation 1 in 2022

On Sunday 13th March, 21 young people and two adults will be confirmed by the Bishop at a service in St Luke's Church at 11.15. This group was prepared partially on Zoom and also at sessions in St Luke's Church. Such is the backlog and size of the group this year that it is the first of two confirmation services to be held in the parish. A similar service is being arranged for the month of May. However, this month we pray for Charlie Bateman, Carly Copithorne, Jonathan Cotter, Andrew Curtin, Isabelle Donovan, James Ferguson, William Fitzpatrick, Aidan Gambura,

Jamie Horgan, Emily Hogan, Rebecca Johnson, Ryan Kinnear, Katie Kingston , Cory Leasley Kinnear , Andrew Marley, Joseph Marley , Rowan O'Byrne, Fiona O'Neill, Sam Ricketts, Ethan Reid, Megan Smith , Darren Priest and Maxine Reid. May this be a significant and meaningful step for each of the candidates on their pilgrimage of faith.

Appreciation

A special word of thanks to those who have kept prayers for those in need going every day throughout the pandemic – you know who you are. Every day in our parish people pray for others, quietly in their own homes, offering this act of service just as they have been doing for years. Many parishioners could testify to the support they have found in this prayer in the past. God is faithful, hears our prayers and answers as he knows is best. If you are in need of prayer, do ask one of the clergy to pass on your request to those in the Prayer Chain who are especially committed to continuing intercessory prayer in the future – all will be treated in the strictest confidence.



Service on St Patrick's Day

16ú Márta: Celebrating St Patrick – Ag Ceiliúradh Naomh Pádraig

Tháinig Naomh Pádraig ón Bhreatain Bheag chun an Chríostaíocht a chur ar bun in Eirinn sa 5ú aois, agus rinne sé mór oibre chun creideamh a mhúscailt i muintir na hÉireann. Is féidir a mheon a fheiscint sna rudaí a scríobh sé, go mór-mhór ins an iomann, St Patrick's Breastplate (translated into English by Mrs Cecil Frances Alexander, with a tune by Charles Villiers Stanford).

Mar sin, chomh maith leis an bhféile sna cathracha agus sna bailte ar fud na hÉireann bíonn ceiliúradh sna hEaglaisí.

Our parish celebration of our patron saint will be on Thursday 17th March in St Luke's Church at 11 am. An Chomaoineach Naofa, le roinnt paidreacha agus léachtaí as Gaeilge. Holy Communion with some readings and prayers in Irish. Bilingual texts will be provided. However much or little Irish you have, or indeed if you have none, we will endeavour to make this a meaningful celebration for all.

Diocesan Celebration: Holy Communion in St John the Baptist Church, Midleton, Monday 14th March at 7.30 pm, as Gaeilge. Ceiliúradh na Comaoineach Naofa in Eaglais Eoin Baiste, Mainistir na Corann, Dé Luain, 14ú Márta ag 7.30 i.n.

In addition to bilingual prayers, hymns and readings, this year we will recognise St Patrick's Welsh roots with elements of the service in Welsh. The Monkstown Chamber Choir will lead the singing.

IRISH RED CROSS and the Crisis in Ukraine



The Irish Red Cross is actively supporting the people of Ukraine. Many of you may have seen their appeals for money, so that proper supplies can be bought, and support put in place in the countries which are receiving thousands of refugees. You may have donated online already. The escalation in fighting will bring further upheaval, loss, and fear to people's daily lives, including threatening to bring a halt to key essential services.

As a parish we are responding by having retiring collections in all our churches for the next two weeks. If you would like to support the Red Cross as they support all those uprooted and traumatised by the Russian invasion of Ukraine, please leave your donation in the basket provided. Thank you.

As a parish we have also been asked to advertise the information below in support of the Polish community in Cork.

Humanitarian Appeal for Ukraine

As we observe the war in Ukraine, from a distance, it would be good to do something positive to support the people of Ukraine in their hour of need. There are a number of ways we can do this. We can donate money through the Irish Red Cross, Goal.ie, Concern.ie or UNICEF. The Polish community in Cork have got together and have arranged a courier to take a lorry load to Poland where they will be sorted. Items for volunteer men who are in Ukraine to fight will be couriered there. The remainder will be used to support the women and children who are now refugees in Poland. The list of items needed are: Blankets, sleeping bags, towels, a toilet bag with:(toothbrush, toothpaste, soap & bodywash), bandages, disposable gloves, First Aid packs, winter socks, fleeces & gloves (these are mainly for men) Baby food, nappies wet wipes, Sudocreme, babygrows, kids clothes for winter, jumpers, new underwear. Soap, toothbrushes, hand cream, shampoo and sponges, towels. Tea, coffee, dried food goods, tinned food. The closing date for this dispatch is 12th March. Take whatever you can donate to:

Food Market Mroz, Rockville Court, The Party Company, Unit 14A, Kinsale Road
Ind.Estate. Tel. Patricia, 085 8208425. Thanks for your support.



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A short programme of stories and news with CMSI will take place on Sunday 6th March, 2022 @ 3pm in the Carrig Centre. Ballincollig.

The Church Gazette and Cork Diocesan Magazine are looking for new subscribers. If you would like to subscribe, please contact the Rectory. The annual subscription for the Church Gazette is €45 and the Cork Diocesan Magazine is €25. There are always some spare Cork Diocesan Magazines to purchase at the back of St. Luke's Church each month for €2.50.

Church Services –March 2022



Wed. 2 March	11.00	Holy Communion	Douglas
<i>Ash Wednesday (Violet)</i>	11.00	Holy Communion	Blackrock
Sun. 6 March	8.30	Holy Communion	Blackrock
<i>1st Sunday in Lent</i>	9.45	Service of the Word	Passage
<i>Violet</i>	10.00	Holy Communion	Frankfield
	11.15	Service of the Word	Douglas
Wed. 9 March	11.30	Service of the Word	Blackrock
	11.00	Holy Communion	Douglas
Sun. 13 March	8.30	Holy Communion	Blackrock
<i>2nd Sunday in Lent</i>	9.45	Holy Communion	Passage
	10.00	Morning Prayer	Frankfield
	11.15	Confirmation Service	Douglas
Wed. 16 March	11.00	Holy Communion	Douglas
Thurs. 17 March (<i>St Patrick</i>)	11.00	Holy Communion	Douglas
Sun. 20 March	8.30	Holy Communion	Blackrock
<i>3rd Sunday in Lent</i>	9.45	Holy Communion	Passage
<i>Violet</i>	10.00	Holy Communion	Frankfield
	11.15	Holy Communion	Douglas
	11.30	Holy Communion	Blackrock
Wed. 23 March	11.00	Holy Communion	Douglas
Sun. 27 March	8.30	Holy Communion	Blackrock
<i>4th Sunday in Lent</i>	9.45	Morning Prayer	Passage
<i>Violet</i>	10.00	Morning Prayer	Frankfield
	11.15	Holy Communion	Douglas
Wed. 30 March	11.00	Holy Communion	Douglas



LENT 2022 IN OUR PARISH

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- 'Seeds for Sunday' – On Wednesday evenings in Lent on Zoom we will be looking at one of the readings for the following Sunday. We start at 8pm on 9th March and each session will be about 40 minutes.
- Wednesday Eucharist – celebrated at 11.00am each week in St Luke's Church. A time for prayer and reflection in the middle of the week.
- Reading Mark's Gospel – Come and hear 16 parishioners read Mark's Gospel in one sitting. Sunday 3 April between 9.30 – 11.00 in St Luke's Church. Refreshments served before the service begins.
- Walking on Fridays – Every Friday afternoon at 2.30 there will be an opportunity to walk for up to an hour, followed by coffee. People can do all or part of the walk, or just join us for refreshments afterwards. The aim is some gentle exercise, fresh air, conversation.
 - Friday 4th – Blackrock Village (meet at the Bakery) and the Marina.
 - Friday 11th – Passage West (meet at St Mary's Church) to Rochestown.
 - Friday 18th – Holiday (choose your own route).
 - Friday 25th – Community Park in Douglas and Ballybrack Woods.
 - Friday 1st – Tramore Valley Park (meet in main car park) .
 - Friday 8th – Blackrock Castle (meet at car park nearest the Castle) towards Harty's Quay.
- Holy Week- We welcome back Canon Eithne Lynch as our guest preacher on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday.