

We remember
all our deceased
relative and friends



We give our loved ones back
to you, O Lord; and just as
you did not lose them in the
giving, so we do not lose
them in returning them to
you.

Parish Pastoral Council

The next meeting of the
PPC will take place on
Monday 16th at 7.30 p.m.
in the Church Meeting
Room.

Mercy Associates

The next meeting of the
group takes place on
Monday 16th
at 8 p.m. in the Oratory.
All welcome

Do you have a neighbour who is
housebound?
Or do you know someone who
might like to hear what is going
on in the Parish

We would like you to pass this
Newsletter on to them
Also, if you know someone who
would like to have Holy
Communion brought to them in
their home, please contact the
Parish Office.



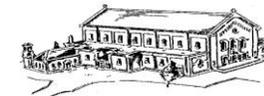
A copy of the Newsletter can
also be downloaded from the
Parish website.
www.mourneroad.ie

Parish of Our Lady of Good Counsel, Mourne Road, Drimnagh

Pastoral Area Crumlin / Mourne Rd. / Clogher Rd.

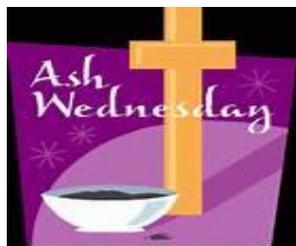
6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

15th February 2015



**Eucharistic
Adoration**
Eucharistic Adoration
takes place
Monday to Friday
10.30 a.m. to 5 p.m.
in the Oratory.

Would you like to spend a little
time alone with the Lord in
quiet prayer? If you have an
hour to spare please leave your
name into the Parish Office.



Ash Wednesday – 18th Feb
Lent begins
Ashes will be blessed and
imposed during the 7.30am
and 10am Masses.
Extra Mass
During the season of Lent
there will be an extra morning
Mass at 7.30 a.m.
Monday to Friday in the
Oratory.
On Ash Wednesday both
Masses will be in the main
Church.

**MASS TIMES: SUNDAYS 6.30pm Vigil, 9am,
10.30 Family Mass & 12 noon Choir
7 p.m. Pastoral Area Mass St. Agnes
10 am MONDAY – SATURDAY – Weekdays 7.30am during Lent
Morning Prayer: 9.40 each morning.**

Legion of Mary: Legion of Mary
group meet every Tuesday at 2.30
p.m. in the church Meeting Room.

Gospel Reflection Every Wednesday at
9.15 a.m. in the Church Meeting Room.
Eucharistic Prayer – Every Friday 2.30
– 3.30 p.m. in the Oratory. All welcome.

OUR LADY'S HALL: Tuesday 17th at 7.00pm Prof. John Kennedy and Dr. Patrick Ormond will give a talk on skin cancer awareness. Wednesday 18th at 7.00pm Dr. Declan Cody (Childrens Hospital) will give a talk on childhood obesity. The Health Fair will take place in on Wednesday 18th from 9.30am - 1.30pm. Over 30 groups represented including the Irish Heart Foundation and the Marie Keating Foundation Mobile Unit and many more state and voluntary bodies.



PARISH LOTTO

Development Fund

There was no winner of last week's Jackpot.
Numbers 6, 11, 14, 25.



Congratulation to last week's winners of the three €20 Prizes
Next week's Jackpot will be €8,000.

*The next Draw takes place on Tuesday morning
after 10 a.m. Mass in the Church Tearoom.*

Entries for the Lotto draw each week must be put into the safe
in the church by 11 a.m. on Mondays.

All are welcome to attend the draw.

Parish Office Opening Hours

9.15am to 1pm. & 2pm to 5.15pm. Monday - Wednesday

9.15am to 1pm Thursday & Friday (Closed both afternoons)

Contact: Phone 4556105 Email: mourneroadparish@eircom.net

Website: www.mourneroad.ie.

w/e 8th February 2015

Church Collections

1st Priests: € 945.00

2nd Share: € 767.00

Envelope Collection

€1.833.00

3rd Saturday – 21st February

Devotions to the Divine Mercy
take place after 10 a.m. Mass

St. Joseph's

Young Priests Society

The next meeting of the Mourne
Road Branch takes place on
Wednesday 18th at 7.30 p.m.
in the Oratory.
Commencing with Exposition of
the Blessed Sacrament.

All Welcome.

During Lent candles for
"Healing & Renewal" are
available at all Masses and from
the Parish Office.
Offering €1.50

Mass Times for St. Agnes

Weekdays 9, 10am & 7pm

Saturday Vigil @ 7.00pm

Sunday 9.30 a.m, 11am, 12.30p.m.
& 7 p.m. Pastoral Area Evening Mass

Mass Times for Clogher Road

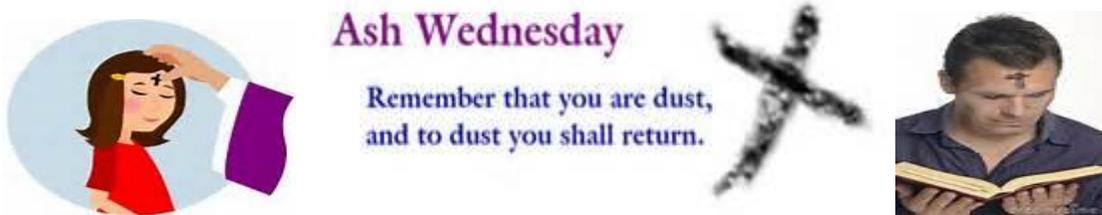
Weekdays 10.00am

Saturday Vigil @ 7.00pm

Sunday 10.00am & 12.00 noon

Ash Wednesday

The imposition of ashes signals the beginning of the holy season of Lent. The ashes come from the previous Palm Sunday. The leftover palms are burned, the ashes collected and then crushed into a fine, sooty powder and placed into bowls. The ashes are blessed by the priest during the Ash Wednesday Mass after the homily. Then, in a Communion-like procession, people are invited to come forward and the ashes are applied to each person's forehead in the shape of a cross as the minister says either, "Turn away from sin and believe in the Gospel" (Mark 1:15), the usual prayer, or "Remember that you are dust, and unto dust you shall return" (Genesis 3:19), the older, more traditional invocation



Ashes symbolize two main things in the Old Testament: **Death and Repentance**. Ashes are equivalent to dust, and human flesh is composed of dust or clay (Genesis 2:7), and when a human corpse decomposes, it returns to dust or ash. For example, Abraham told God, "I am but dust and ashes" (Genesis 18:27), a reference to his human mortality. Jeremiah described death as a "valley of corpses and ashes" (Jeremiah 31:40). Ashes are an ominous sign, and we use them on Ash Wednesday to remind ourselves of our own impending deaths. Death may come sooner, or it may come later, but it will surely come. And if death is coming, we need to be prepared, and the time to prepare for death is now, and the way to prepare is to live according to God's ways. When the prophet Daniel shamefacedly clothed himself in sackcloth and ashes, they were a sign of his people's contrition for their rebellion, wickedness and treachery (Daniel 9:3). When Jonah warned the Ninevites that God planned to destroy their city because of their corruption and depravity, the people covered themselves with sackcloth and ashes as a sign of their intention to turn from their evil ways (Jonah 3:6,10). Ashes are a plea to God for mercy and compassion, pardon and forgiveness. Moreover, they are a public admission of guilt, an expression of sorrow for sins that have been committed, a promise to reform and a pledge to resist temptation in the future.

We, too, are sinners. When we come forward to receive ashes on Ash Wednesday, we are saying that we are sorry for our sins, and that we want to use the season of Lent to correct our faults, purify our hearts, control our desires and grow in holiness so we will be prepared to celebrate Easter with great joy. ASHES WILL BE BLESSED AND IMPOSED DURING 7.30AM AND 10AM MASSES ON WEDNESDAY



MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF TROCAIRE

Lent is a blessed opportunity to review our life. We know in our heart that despite our best intentions there is always room for change and improvement. Lent is a blessed opportunity also because we can share in this journey of discernment and decision. Together we can grow in awareness and insight which will enable us with God's grace 'to make all things new' again. We have now a new consciousness of the world as a global village and like any village community we are dependent on one another. No longer can we deny that the action and practices of the richer countries is having a huge negative impact on the poorer countries. That is why this lent, Trócaire are talking about climate justice.

Our life patterns are hurting others whose names we do not know. That is why this lent Trócaire introduces you to Mahlet from Ethiopia, to help us realise the impact that climate change is having on Mahlet and her community.

While Lent invites us to personal spiritual renewal it also invites us also to be mindful of the poor, oppressed and persecuted sisters and brothers and to reach out to them in their hour of need.

In March 2013, Pope Francis wrote: 'The Church is likewise conscious of the responsibility which all of us have for our world, for the whole of creation, which we must love and protect. There is much that we can do to benefit the poor, the needy and those who suffer, and to favour justice, promote reconciliation and build peace'.

The work of Trócaire is being done on behalf of the Irish Catholic Church. I have witnessed Trócaire's work on the ground and it does make a difference. Join with us in continuing to make a difference.

May this Lenten Season be for all of us a time of grace and renewal.

+ William Crean

Bishop of Cloyne Chairman of Trócaire

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