

*We remember all those who died recently.*

*Mary O'Reilly  
Teresa O'Farrell  
Michael Malone*



*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.*

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.



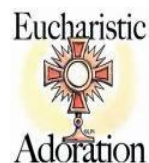
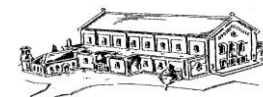
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[www.mourneroad.ie](http://www.mourneroad.ie)*

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

**Pastoral Area Crumlin / Mourne Rd. / Clogher Rd.**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent**

**1<sup>st</sup> March 2015**



*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.*

### **SYNOD ON THE FAMILY 2015**

*The Parish Pastoral Council, in preparation for the October Synod on the Family, has made a questionnaire issued by the Vatican available in the Church, Parish Office or on the Parish website. You are invited to complete the questionnaire and return it to the Parish Office before March 10<sup>th</sup>. It will then be submitted to the Archdiocese for collation as part of the Diocesan and National response to Pope Francis's request to all Catholics to be involved in preparation for the Synod. Please pray for the work of the forthcoming Synod.*

*Holy Family of Nazareth, may the approaching Synod of Bishops make us once more mindful of the sacredness and inviolability of the family, and its beauty in God's plan. Jesus, Mary and Joseph, graciously hear our prayer. AMEN*

**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 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.

### **TROCAIRE BOXES ARE AVAILABLE IN THE CHURCH.**

### **1<sup>st</sup> Friday – 6<sup>th</sup> March**

Mass will be offered for all those on the Altar List of the Dead

### **1<sup>st</sup> Saturday – 7<sup>th</sup> March**

Devotions to Our Lady of Fatima take place after 10 a.m. Mass



### **PARISH LOTTO**

### **Development Fund**

**There was no winner of last week's Jackpot.  
Numbers 11, 15, 25, 28.**



**Congratulation to last week's winners of the three €20 Prizes  
Next week's Jackpot will be €8,200.**

**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](mailto:mourneroadparish@eircom.net)**

**Website: [www.mourneroad.ie](http://www.mourneroad.ie).**

**w/e 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2015**

### **Church Collections**

**1<sup>st</sup> Priests: €1,050.00**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Accord: € 852.00**

### **Envelope Collection**

**€1,238.00**

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

*Offering €1.50*

### **St. Agnes Parish, Crumlin**

**Novena of Grace  
& Parish Retreat for Lent  
4<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> March**

### **Theme**

***"Make your hearts firm"***

See Noticeboards for full details.

### **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**

## DIY RETREAT AT HOME SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT ~ 1ST MARCH 2015

**“Rabbi, it is good that we are here!” Refresh** Welcome to week 2 of our Lenten newsletter/Website Retreat. How are you doing? Did you manage to create a sacred space for yourself last week? If not, don't worry, you can still do it with some candles, symbols, the colour **Violet** for Lent! How is your stone/pebble doing? Did you manage to **recover** a little time for yourself?

This week's **task** is to find space and time each day to **Refresh** your relationship with God. Jesus is calling us to do that this week - to join him on the mountain. You don't have to go up a high mountain to be alone. Decide what is best for you – ten minutes in the morning or evening? While out walking? Jesus takes the disciples up a mountain this week, is with them on this journey and dispels their fears ~ He walks with you! Maybe write or print out your favourite prayer and put it in your prayer space. *The reflections and suggestions on these pages are meant as a guide. You can do some of them or all of them. Take your time, be gentle with yourself – you have a full week.*

### Prayer suggestions for the week:

**Breathing exercise:** When you come to prayer. Be still. To start take three deep breaths... inhale for a count of four, then exhale for a count of four (*all through your nose, which adds a natural resistance to the breath*). Then, close your eyes and focus on your normal breathing. Do this for as long as you like. Be still. This is the breath of life. Thank God for this gift of breath and life. Repeat the following slowly: *“Lord, you are closer to me than my own breathing”* (St. Teresa).

**Gospel reflection** ~ Read **Mk9:2-10** two or three times, slowly. It's the Gospel for the Second Sunday of Lent (**take home the Missalette or find it in your Bible.**) Come back to it a few times during the week. Is there a word, phrase, idea that strikes or surprises you? Maybe something about the Gospel story that you hadn't heard before? Stay with this for a few moments and ask yourself – Why is this significant to me, now? Consider the following: *The transfiguration experience was one that clarified Jesus' relationship with his Father. What have been the experiences, the moments of insight that have clarified your relationship with God? The encounter was a journey that involved the climbing and descending of a mountain, a moment of fear, awe, anxiety; a touch and comfort from a loved one and a mission – Who has comforted you in moments of uncertainty and anxiety on your journey? As you look back can you recognise the loving presence of Jesus who who was close to you even at times when you felt far from him? Give thanks for these moments.*



### Something to think about:

Prayer, put simply, is our relationship with God. But unlike any other relationship God never stops loving us, never stops caring – God never takes the hump! If you understand prayer as relationship with God, you can see how sometimes you are watching God at work, sometimes you're listening to God's voice, sometimes you're chattering away, sometimes you're arguing, and sometimes you're just sitting quietly together. An amazing thing about prayer is that our capacity for intimacy with God is also our capacity to be close to ourselves and others. It's all connected. And, as with any spiritual exercise, prayer benefits from practice, awareness, intention, reflection, and more practice. It's something we always need to refresh. But it's still as natural as breathing. By the way, God's voice is heard in creation, in nature, in human nature, in scripture, and in all forms of inspiration. We need to be open to it. When what you hear carries something like an electric charge, as a special dream does, that's a good clue. It captures your attention, pierces your confusion, arrests your presupposition. It thrills, convicts, consoles, directs. God does talk back, even when we don't listen!

**Suggestions for the week:** When you wake up in the morning: Stay in the silence of that moment without radio, mobile phone or T.V. Become aware of your breathing. Tune in to the sounds in your house; listen to the 'dawn chorus' of the birds. *I thank you, God, for the gift of life and creation.* What can I do this Lent to show that I am a steward of God's creation? Do I recycle? Could I walk/cycle instead of drive sometimes? **When travelling on your own in the car, on the road, or on your bicycle:** Open yourself to your environment and other pilgrims on the way; Look out for spring flowers; notice the colour and shape of buildings; observe the people around you. *I thank you, God, for your presence in every person, moment and place.* **When going to sleep at night:** Begin your preparations for bed earlier than usual and think of all the people you met today; Give thanks for all the blessings of the day; Let go of all hurts that have accumulated through the day ~ **Name** them and **give** them to God. *I thank you, God, for the gift of your companionship this day.*

**Thoughts for the Week:** *In my deepest, darkest moments, what really got me through was a prayer. Sometimes my prayer was 'Help me.' Sometimes a prayer was 'Thank you.' What I've discovered is that intimate connection and communication with my creator will always get me through because I know my support, my help, is just a prayer away. ~ Iyanla Vanzant*