

We remember all those who died recently.

Jimmy Kelly



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.

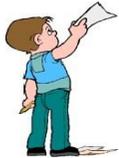
During Lent candles for "Healing & Renewal" are available at all Masses and from the Parish Office.

Offering €1.50

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.



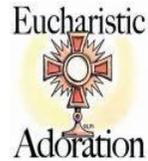
A copy of the Newsletter can also be downloaded from the Parish website. [www.mourneroad.ie](http://www.mourneroad.ie)

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

Pastoral Area Crumlin / Mourne Rd. / Clogher Rd.

Palm Sunday

29<sup>th</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.



A PRAYER FOR HOLY WEEK Lord Jesus Christ, in this sacred and solemn week when we see again the depth and mystery of your redeeming love, help us to follow where you go, to stop where you stumble, to listen when you cry, to hurt as you suffer, to bow our heads in sorrow as you die, so that, when you are raised to life again, we may share in your endless joy. Amen.

MASS TIMES: SUNDAYS 6.30pm Vigil, 9am, 10.30 Family Mass & 12 noon Choir  
7 p.m. Pastoral Area Mass St. Agnes  
7.30 am & 10 am MONDAY – WEDNESDAY HOLY WEEK  
Morning Prayer: 9.40 each morning.  
Confessions after 10 a.m. Mass Saturdays or on request.

### 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 2.30–3.30pm in the Oratory (except Good Friday)

### Advocate Collection 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> March

The Sunshine Fund of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul is holding its annual collection outside this Church at all masses **THIS** weekend. Please be as generous as you can.

*Easter Newsletter and Dues Envelopes are now available for collection by the distributors. We are short of people to help. If you have an hour to spare please and can help please drop into the parish office.*



### PARISH LOTO

Development Fund

There was no winner of last week's Jackpot.  
Numbers 1, 11, 16, 29.

Congratulation to last week's winners of the three €20 Prizes  
Next week's Jackpot will be €8,600.

The 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)

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w/e 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2015

### Church Collections

1<sup>st</sup> Priests: €1,021.00

2<sup>nd</sup> Share: € 822.00

### Envelope Collection

€1,343.00

Lourdes Pilgrimage: If anyone is interested in a Parish Pilgrimage to Lourdes on June 21<sup>st</sup> for 5 nights, please give your name to the Parish Office as soon as possible. Fare is €729 per person sharing.

### 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 FOR LENT: PALM SUNDAY AND HOLY WEEK.** Your Lenten journey is coming to an end as we approach Easter. During Easter week it would be good to finish your retreat by participation as fully as you can in the Holy Week services in your own local parish. *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.* **A WALK THROUGH OUR RETREAT :** We began by realising that we time to **Recover**, to remove ourselves from our hectic world for a few minutes each day, to give ourselves a little space and time. *Continue to gift some time for yourself.* We then took time to **Refresh** our relationship with God. *Keep up the prayer!* Remember God never takes the hump! There was then a challenge to **Renew** your vision of yourself, your community, your world, and indeed your God! Remembering *You are loved and you do make a difference!* **Reconcile** - Remembering our need for forgiveness and that forgiving yourself or others is not easy, even harder is recognising the need for or being open to forgiveness. But God is with us always, with open arms. Last week our challenge was to **Respond**. Prayer is important but we must also be open to action. *We are witnesses to the Good News!* Can you continue this during Holy Week and beyond? It can be hard at times but as Pope Francis Tweeted, (@Pontifex) *Having faith does not mean having no difficulties, but having the strength to face them, knowing we are not alone.* **PRAYER SUGGESTIONS FOR THE WEEK: You may have created a sacred space in your home for prayer during this Lenten retreat. Consider that space now:** Can you continue to use it as part of daily prayer, especially during Holy Week but also after Easter? Has it changed over the course of this Lenten journey? What have you added/taken out? Is there a symbol, a reflection, a word/phrase that has stood out for you over the past 6 weeks? What is it? Why is it significant for you? Perhaps you can place a palm branch in that space to symbolise the beginning of our journey into Holy Week. Also leave your stone/pebble in your prayer space this week – symbolising the journey that has brought you to this point and your openness to the week, the journey ahead.



DO NOT ABANDON YOURSELVES TO DESPAIR WE ARE THE EASTER PEOPLE AND HALLELUJAH IS OUR SONG.

**GOSPEL REFLECTION:** Mark 14:1-15:47 *The Passion of the Lord.* This Sunday's Gospel is often known as 'the long Gospel'. Don't let that put you off otherwise you miss the drama of the journey that this week offers you. It is a story that most know and reveals the drama of the week ahead. It is also the only gospel during the year that the congregation plays an active role in. Try to read the Gospel, or part of it, this week. Read it as if hearing the story for the first time! We hold up our palms singing "Hosanna, Hosanna" as we prepare to follow Jesus into Holy Week. *How can we enable this to be a personal 'moment of opportunity' for us too?* What does it actually mean to be a follower of Jesus? *What does this self-emptying on the cross challenge us to do this Easter season?* (Amanda Dillon ~ Intercom) What parts of the story are uncomfortable? What parts are easier to read? *Why?* The cross looks shameful, not glorious. It is scandalous and a stumbling block for many. It does not seem to make sense to us. But Jesus' cross displays the glory of his love - love for you personally. Think about the fact that Jesus' love, his love shown on the cross is the ultimate sign of his love, mercy and his glory. Remember that suffering is never the will of God, but the cross shows us that God is *with us* in our suffering – we are never alone. *What will the love of God, the mercy of God, as revealed by the cross, empower you to do?*

**SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT:** **Holy Week** is not an event but a profound journey. It encompasses all our human and spiritual feelings, emotions and longings. It is a journey that ebbs through darkness and light, from lows to highs, from suffering to joy, from devastation to glory. Our natural reaction may be to move quickly to the resurrection and skip past the rest. But try, this Holy Week, to stay a moment with the story of each day as it is unfolding. Feel the emotion, the drama, the fear & the elation - Allow it to speak to your own story. **Monday** ~ Reflect on the story of the Passion. There are so many characters in this story, disciples, friends, bystanders and betrayers. We can recognise bits of ourselves in each of them. Place yourself in the story as it unfolds each day. Be honest with yourself and think about what you would have done as one of Jesus' followers. Lord help me to follow you more closely **Tuesday** ~ Wear or carry a small cross in your pocket today as a reminder of God's great love for you. Lord, thank you for your love for me. **Wednesday** ~ Make a small sacrifice for someone today. Make a special effort to be respectful to those you encounter today. Lord, help me to see you in others **Holy Thursday** ~ What did you hope to achieve and experience this Lenten season? What steps can you take today to bring yourself closer to that goal? Do one thing of service today for another – joyfully! Lord, guide my steps **Good Friday** ~ When you make the sign of the cross today, remember that God is with us in our suffering with endless mercy & love. As you walk through today look around your community – can you see 'the Crucified One & the crucified ones in your community?' – Notice those who are outcast & suffering. Lord, open my eyes to see and respond to you suffering today **Holy Saturday** ~ Tonight, light a candle as a symbol of Christ's light in your life, a light that dispels darkness. If possible light this candle during your prayer time in the Easter season. Lord, you are my light. **Easter Sunday** ~ New life! Is there a change you want to make in your life? The joy of the resurrection is to be shared – so smile! How can you share this Good News? Write a brief note to yourself on this day of transformation. And, enjoy the chocolate!! Lord, may I be a witness of your Good News for others, Alleluia.

### **HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SCHEDULE**

**Holy Thursday 2nd April 7.30pm Solemn celebration of the Lord's Supper, with *Procession to the Altar of Repose* followed by 'Watch and pray' for an hour. **Good Friday 3rd April Mass is not celebrated today. 10.00am, Morning Prayer 12noon, Dramatised Stations of the Cross (outdoors, weather permitting). 3.00pm Solemn Celebration of the Lord's Passion with Veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion. 9.00pm Prayer around the cross with Confessions. Holy Saturday 4th April 10.00am Morning Prayer. Confessions 10.30 am - 12.00noon & 3.00 pm - 4.30 pm Mass of the Easter Vigil 9.00pm. Easter Sunday 5th April Masses : 9.00 am, 10.30 & 12.00 noon****