

Sunday 19th March 2023 –

Fouth Sunday in Lent

Laetare Sunday



Mass Intentions

Saturday 18th March
6.30pm Joe O'Reilly
John & Elizabeth Hurley

Sunday 19th March
8.30am Elizabeth & Kevin Craine
Rose Grehan
Liam Murphy

11.30am Marie Synnott
(1st Anniversary)
Sally & Peter Wolohan
Paddy & Martin Doyle
John Kinsella
Robert Sheehan
Tom Forde
Jim O'Neill

Castletown

Saturday 18th March
8pm Jack & Annie Kinsella

With Sympathy

Sympathies are extended to the family and friends of
Christina O'Driscoll
Peter Doyle
David Cooper
&
Brian McCarthy
who died recently may they rest in peace.

Chat N'Cha: Join us in the Árus Lorcáin after 6.30pm Mass on Saturday 18th March. All Welcome.



Liturgical Calendar

March



Monday 20th St Joseph
Tuesday 21st St Enda
Thursday 23rd St Turibius of Mongrovejo
Friday 24th St Macartan
Saturday 25th The Annunciation of the Lord



Congratulations to Sam Christopher Hillis Amera Ann Butler Kenny & Jaxon Byrne

who were baptised recently

Sunday 26th March 3pm

Legion of Mary Acies Benediction



The Legion of Mary Acies Ceremony will be held in St Mary & Peter's Church on Sunday 26th March at 3pm. All are welcome.

Consecration to Our Lady and Benediction. Followed by light refreshments in the Árus Lorcáin.

On Saturday 29th April

The Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock

The Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock which will be led by Archbishop Farrell will take place on Saturday 29th April, If you are interested in attending we are taking names in the Parish Office and if there are enough people interested we will organize a bus to travel to Knock on the Saturday morning. Please leave your name and number in the Parish Office before Friday 31st March if you are interested. No times or details will be available until we see if there is interest.



Sunday 19th March

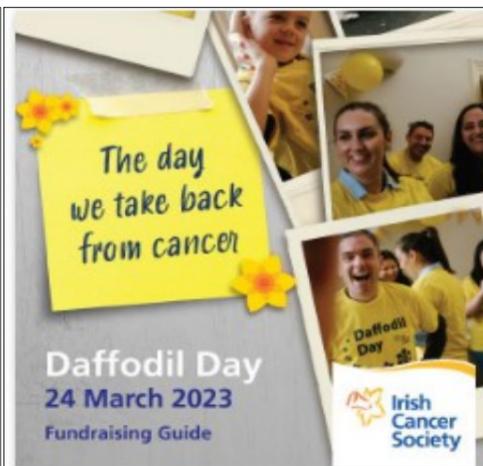
Prayers at St Patrick's Well (Tober Patrick) Castletown 3pm



Saturday 25th March

The Annunciation of the Lord

The Annunciation of the Lord, 'Giving her consent to God's word, Mary becomes the mother of Jesus. Espousing the divine will for salvation wholeheartedly, without a single sin to restrain her, she gave herself entirely to the person and to the work of her Son; she did so in order to serve the mystery of redemption with him and dependent on him, by God's grace.



Sunday 26th March Mass in St David's Johnstown for Grandparents of Confirmation Children

Mass in Johnstown on Sunday 26th March at 10am is a Special Mass for Grandparents of Children who are due to receiving their Sacrament of Confirmation in May. All are Welcome.

SeniorLine, Ireland's national confidential service for older people. We had over 20,000 calls last year and have remained open throughout Covid to support many lonely and anxious people. We are available every day of the year 10am-10pm. We now need to recruit more volunteers.

'Are you a good listener?

SeniorLine, Ireland's national telephone service for older people is inviting women and men aged 55+ to train as volunteers for our service. If interested, please contact 087-7450721. Thank you'.

Monday 20th March

St Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

The Virtues of St Joseph have been the object of ecclesial reflection down through the centuries, especially the more recent centuries. Among those virtues the following stand out, faith, with which he fully accepted God's salvific plan; prompt and silent obedience to the will of God; love for and fulfilment of the law, true piety, fortitude in time of trial; chaste love for the Blessed Virgin Mary, a dutiful exercise of his paternal authority and fruitful reticence.



A Mother's Day Prayer

To honour and Bless Mothers

Heavenly Father,
I speak this Prayer to you now in gratitude
And praise for the gift of mothers,
My mother, those of my friends, relatives,
Those I'll never know, all mothers.

Thank you for the role they play in the family unit, Thank you for their teaching, their wisdom, their patience, and understanding.

Thank you for the physical, emotional and spiritual gifts they possess.

I pray that you help mother all across the world to be a blessing upon their children.

Whether delivering affirmations of discipline. I pray that you help every word and action to be done in love.

And I pray that children throughout the world would take time to honour their mother that you would show them how to uniquely do so.

This Prayer is available on the altar rails if you would like to take one home.



Entrance Hymn:

'Christ be near at either hand'

Christ be near at either hand,
Christ behind, before me stand,
Christ with me where e'er I go,
Christ around, above below.

Christ be in my heart and mind,
Christ within my soul enshrined,
Christ control my wayward heart;
Christ abide and ne'er depart.

Christ my life and only way,
Christ my lantern night and day;
Christ be my unchanging friend,
Guide and shepherd to the end.

Recessional Hymn

Here I am Lord

I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry,
All who dwell in dark and sin,
my hand will save.

I who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?

Here I am Lord, is it I Lord.

I have heard you calling in the night. I will go Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

I the Lord of wind and flame. I will tend the poor and lame. I will set a feast for them. My hand will save. Finest bread I will provide, till their hearts be satisfied. I will give my life to them
Whom shall I send? R