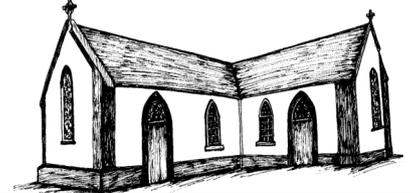
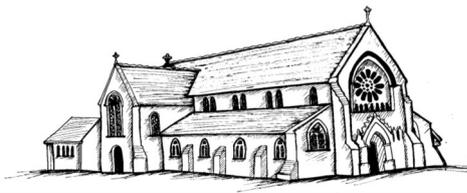
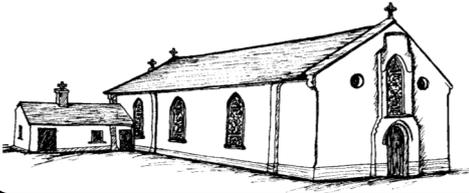


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SEEK WEALTH ONLY IF IT LEADS TO GOD, POPE SUGGESTS

Citing St. Robert Bellarmine, Benedict XV1 reminded the faithful that wealth, health and honour only serve a person if they lead to God.

The Holy Father outlined the main events and contributions of the Jesuit saint's life, all oriented toward putting Christ at the centre of everything. "In the writings of this man of government one sees very clearly, even in the reserve with which he concealed his sentiments, the primacy that he assigns to the teachings of Christ," the Pontiff noted. "St. Bellarmine thus offers a model of prayer, the soul of every activity: a prayer that listens to the Word of the Lord, is fulfilled in contemplating grandeur, does not withdraw into itself, finds joy in abandonment to God."

Benedict XV1 said that one distinctive sign of the saint's spirituality was his perception of the "immense goodness of God."

This, the Pope said, led him to a firm conviction that he was a "beloved son of God" and brought him great joy in prayer.

He went on to cite St. Bellarmine's affirmation: "Whoever finds God finds everything, whoever loses God loses everything."

The Bishop of Rome also noted how the Jesuit taught with clarity and his own example that "there cannot be a true reform of the Church if there is not first our personal reform and the conversion of our hearts."

The Holy Father mentioned one of Bellarmine's reflections from his "The Mind's Ascent to God": "If you have wisdom, understand that you were created for the glory of God and for your eternal salvation. Because of this, esteem as truly good for yourself that which leads you to your end, and as truly evil what makes you lack it. Prosperous or adverse events, riches and poverty, health and sickness, honours and insults, life and death — the wise man must never seek or flee from them for himself. But they are good and desirable only if they contribute to the glory of God and to your eternal happiness, they are bad and to be fled from if they impede it."

"These, obviously, are not words that have gone out of style," Benedict XV1 declared, "but words for us to meditate upon today at length in order to orient our journey on this earth."

The Pope said the saint's teaching is a reminder that "the end of our life is the Lord, the God that revealed himself in Jesus Christ, in whom he continues to call us and to promise us communion with him. (The saint's words) remind us of the importance of trusting in the Lord, of spending oneself in a life faithful to the Gospel, of accepting and enlightening every circumstance and every activity of life with faith and with prayer, always tending to union with him."

Eternal rest grant unto them, Lord:

Silvestre Fulay, Manilla, Tony McEntee, Nobber.

Next **Baptism preparation meeting** will take place in the **Parish Centre** on **Thursday, 7th April**, at **8.00p.m.**

Fr. Gerry will continue visitation to the homes of **Turner's Hill** this week.

The new translation of the Missal:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

The **Sanctus** highlights the glory of God which is found above all in his holiness. He is Lord of heaven and earth, of us and of the whole heavenly host of angels.

Eucharistic Congress 2012 Parish initiatives

The Eucharistic Congress 2012 and our Parish preparations emphasise the need for communion with Christ and with one another. We are encouraged to value neighbourliness, work for others and continue building a vibrant parish community. The Congress is an invitation to an interior journey of renewal.

The local parish congress 2012 committee agreed on the following four initiatives for our parish.

- Thanks to all those who have kindly agreed to host **Community Masses** in their home/area during the summer as part of our preparation for Congress 2012. The response has been very positive and 31 Masses will be celebrated in total.
- Thanks to all the grandparents who have sent in many prayers to be included in the forthcoming **Prayer Book**. The committee will be working on this project over the coming months.
- A special **Eucharistic Congress 2012 souvenir prayer card** will be available in the Parish on April 3rd, Mothering Sunday.
- The **parish pilgrimage** to Rome and Assisi takes places in October. Additional places have now been made available. Please contact Fr. Gerry.

The Diocesan Safeguarding Children Committee has prepared the annual report outlining work undertaken at parish and diocesan level to ensure the safety of children and volunteers. The report is available at [www.meathsafeguarding.ie/pdf.annual report2010.pdf](http://www.meathsafeguarding.ie/pdf.annual%20report2010.pdf)
The Parish safeguarding children team is **Jackie Faulkner** and **Áine Gogarty**.

LITURGICAL NOTES

26th/27th March.

Vigil 6 p.m.: Paddy Carolan, St. Mary's Road.
Vigil Muff 7.30p.m.: Mary Reilly, Clonturkin.
9.a.m. Corlea: The People of the Parish.
10.30: Patrick, Molly & son, Joe O'Reilly, Carrickleck Road.
12.00: Agnes O'Hagan, St. Mary's Road.
Month's Memory.

2nd/3rd April.

Vigil 6 p.m.: Philip McDaniel.
Vigil Muff: Owen & Ellie Russell & Michael Clarke.
9a.m. Corlea: James McConnon & dec. membs. of McConnon family, Clusnabraden.
10.30: Paul, Attracta & John Callan.
12.00: Joseph & Mary O'Brien, Drumgill, & their son, Paddy.
3 p.m.: Confirmation Mass.

Tuesday 8 p.m.: Patrick Clarke & his daughter, Laura.

Wednesday 10: Edward & Elizabeth O'Reilly & their son, Gerry.

Wednesday 8 p.m.: Lenten evening Mass in Muff.

Thursday 10: Carmel McKenna, Lisnagrew.

Thursday 8 p.m.: Lenten evening Mass in Corlea.

Friday 10: List of the Dead.

Friday 7 p.m.: *L.O.D. & Anniversaries occurring.*
Nellie & Joe McMahon, Corrygarry.

Owen, Mary & Margaret Yorke, Carrickleck.

Lizzie & Jimmy O'Reilly, Drumgill.

Pat Reilly, Mill Road.

Marian O'Halloran.

Tommy, Pat & John Reilly, Balloughly.

Patsy Hagan & dec. O'Hagan family.

John Smith, Drumcrin.

John & Margaret Greene & son, Mattie, Rathloghan.

Bernard & Bridget Shortt, Drogheda.

Michael & Mona Cusack, Enniskeen.

Kevin Daly, Church St.

Patrick, Elizabeth & Matthew Burns & dec. family.

Next Sunday **Bishop Michael Smith** will celebrate the **Sacrament of Confirmation** at 3 p.m. The Confirmation candidates, their sponsors and families are asked to be **seated by 2.50 p.m.** Please remember the students and their families in your prayers.

FACEBOOK AND YOUTUBE PAGES ON JOHN PAUL 11 BEATIFICATION

"In view of the beatification of John Paul 11 on 1 May 2011, Vatican Radio and the Vatican Television Centre have organised a number of initiatives and made a wide range of documentary material available.

"A new page dedicated to John Paul 11 for his beatification has been activated on Youtube. The page is available at the following address:

<http://www.youtube.com/giovannipaoloi> and includes video clips on the pontificate year by year, as well as video clips with the Pope's voice in various languages and situations (on trips and in the Vatican).

"The dedicated Youtube page—as well as the normal channel which has existed for some time in four languages www.youtube.com/vatican—will be supplied with video clips of current events and information concerning the days of the beatification.

"A new page has also been activated on Facebook concerning John Paul 11 in view of his beatification. It may be consulted at this address:

www.facebook.com/vatican.johnpaul2. All the video clips uploaded to the Youtube channel will be available at the same time on this page.

Kingscourt Bereavement Support Group: A five week Healing Programme continues in the Parish Centre at Kingscourt Parochial House, at 8 p.m. each Wednesday until 6th April.

If you have been bereaved you are most welcome to drop into the Parish Centre after 10 a.m. Mass on First Friday, April 1st.

LENT IN OUR PARISH

1. **Lectio Divina "The Gospel in our lives and times"** continues on **Monday** evenings at 7p.m. in the Parish Centre.
2. **Our Lenten Novena** continues on Tuesday next, Mar. 29th, at 8 p.m. The speaker is **Catherine Wiley**, founder of the National Grandparents Association. Note there is **No morning Mass.**
3. **Morning Prayer of the Church** is celebrated each morning in Kingscourt Church at 9.45 a.m.
4. We extend a warm welcome **Bernie Jennings** and **Selina Quinn** from **Trócaire** who will address us at all Masses on the work of Trócaire and in particular on the 2011 Lenten Campaign. **'Reflection to Action'** is a reflection day by Trócaire for young adults (18-35) April 8th-9th in Maynooth. Further info. from www.trocaire.org/lent/reflectionday
5. We encourage parishioners this Lent to **bring a stone/rock and leaving it at the altar**, symbolising the weights and the worries that many carry at this time and entrusting them to the Lord this Easter. Let us remember each other in prayer before the Table of the Lord.
6. Additional evening Lenten Masses on Wed. at 8 p.m. in Muff and on Thur. at 8 p.m. in Corlea.

This week's Collections:
St. Patrick's Day Plate: €1,536.
Sunday Plate: €1,533.
Envelopes €1,926.
Many thanks to all.

COMMUNITY NOTICES:

Carrickleck N.S.: Enrolment will take place on Monday, 28th March, at 2 p.m. Further details 9667746.

Active Retirement: Quiz in Blake's, Apr. 1st, 8.30 p.m. Table of 4 €20. Next meeting April 15th at 8 p.m.

Thanks from **Bright Stars** to all who supported their recent fundraiser which realised €1,900.

Thanks to all who supported collection which raised €825 for **Clogher House.**

Thanks from **Multiple Sclerosis collection** which raised €1,360. **Stars Lotto Result:** 10,16,22,23.

Pioneers monthly meeting Friday, April 1st, at 8 p.m. in the Parish Centre.

Foróige Youth Club: Fridays 7 p.m. Community Centre. **Handball & Racquetball Lotto Result:** 5,8,9,27.

World Youth Day: Young people (18—35) from the Diocese of Meath 15—22 Aug. 2011. Further info. at 044/9348841 or fionamccabe21@gmail.com