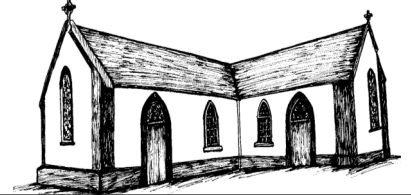
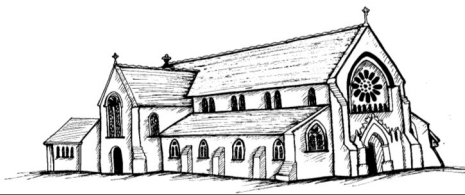
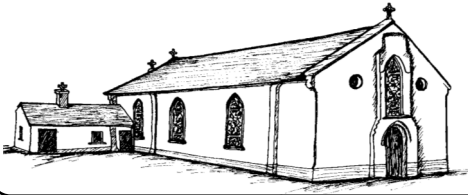


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LOVE FOR SCRIPTURE KEY FOR EVANGELISATION, SAYS POPE

The vast and diverse accomplishments of St. Lawrence of Brindisi were all inspired in his great love for sacred Scripture, says Benedict XV1.

The Holy Father mentioned how this Capuchin friar was able to reach people of all walks of life.

"An effective preacher, (Lawrence,) thoroughly knew not only the Bible but also rabbinical literature, such that rabbis themselves were amazed and admiring, manifesting to him their esteem and respect," the Pontiff explained. "A theologian versed in sacred Scripture and the fathers of the Church, he was also able to illustrate in an exemplary way the Catholic doctrine to Christians who, above all in Germany, had followed the Reformation."

Benedict XV1 reflected that Lawrence's success emphasises a lesson for today: that Scripture "read in the Tradition of the Church, is an irreplaceable element of fundamental importance."

The Pope suggested St. Lawrence as a model for the new evangelisation, saying that also today this effort "needs well-prepared, zealous and courageous apostles, so that the light and beauty of the Gospel will prevail over the cultural orientations of ethical relativism and religious indifference, and transform various ways of thinking and of acting into a genuine Christian humanism."

Though Lawrence gained great success in the apostolate, the Holy Father emphasised his "spiritual life of exceptional fervour."

Lawrence dedicated much time to prayer and the Mass, The Pope said, noting that sometimes his Masses took hours as the saint penetrated the passion, death and resurrection of the Lord.

"With the unmistakable ardour of his style, Lawrence moreover exhorted everyone, not just priests, to cultivate the life of prayer because through it we speak to God and God speaks to us," the Holy Father continued.

He cited Lawrence's exhortation: "O, if we only considered this reality! Namely that God is really present to us when we speak to him by praying; that he really listens to our prayer, even if we only pray with the heart and mind. And that not only is he present and listens to us, but that he can and desires to willingly comply, and with the greatest pleasure, to our requests."

The Bishop of Rome concluded his reflection by "underscoring that all (Lawrence's) activity was inspired in his great love for sacred Scripture, which he knew in great part by heart, and by the conviction that the listening and acceptance of the Word of God produces an interior transformation that leads us to holiness."

The Holy Father recalled Lawrence's description of the Word of God as "light for the intellect and fire for the will, so that man can know and love God."

"For the interior man," the Capuchin wrote, "who through grace lives from the Spirit of God, it is bread and water, but bread that is sweeter than honey and water that is better than wine and milk. It is a hammer against a hard heart obstinate in vices. It is a sword against the flesh, the world and the devil, to destroy every sin."

Baptisms: Next **Baptism preparation meeting** will take place in the **Parish Centre** on **Thursday, 5th May**, at **8.00p.m.** Baptisms in the parish take place in **Kingscourt Church** at **12.45** on **2nd** and **4th** Sundays of the month.

The New Missal

R. The peace of the Lord be with you always.

S. **And with your spirit.**

Each time the response was 'And also with you' in the old translation now becomes 'And with your spirit' in the new. This should make it easier to remember.

Congress 2012 invite people to volunteer for the Congress. 3000 people are needed to help during the preparations and at the actual Congress. Volunteers can register by completing the form on the 'Get Involved' page on www.iec.2012.ie

The Congress Bell, a symbol of the Call to prayer, to renewal, to reconciliation and to mission will shortly begin its pilgrim journey, which will take it through all the dioceses of Ireland over the next year. It is expected to be in this diocese in the Autumn. You can follow the progress of the bell on www.iec2012.ie

Congratulations to **Daniel McKenna**, Dunaree, and **Fiona Rafferty**, Carlow, on their recent marriage.

Fr. Gerry will continue visitation to the homes of the Rocks Road these weeks.

In recent weeks **parishioners who have donated over €250** to the parish in financial contributions would have received a tax rebate **CHY 2** form. You are asked to complete and return the form to the Parish Office at your earliest convenience. There is no personal cost incurred and the parish as a registered charity will receive a benefit from Revenue. Many thanks to all.

We welcome the **First Holy Communion Children** and their families at some of our parish Masses this weekend. Please remember them in your prayers.

This week's Collections:
Plate: €1,891. Envelopes: €6,992.
Many thanks to all.

LITURGICAL NOTES

9th/10th April.

Vigil 6 p.m.: Joe O'Reilly, Kells Road.
Vigil Muff 7.30p.m. Brendan Gorman, Dunaree.
9.a.m. Jimmy Donnelly, Cornamagh.
Month's Memory.
10.30: Brian & Eileen Hanratty & dec. family.
12.00: Special Intention.

16th/17th April.

Vigil 6 p.m.: James Martin, Collops.
Vigil Muff 7.30p.m. Kathleen Gartlan, Mohercrum.
First Anniversary.
9.a.m. Corlea: Roseann & Michael Lynch & dec. family., Leiter.
10.30: Julia McMahon, Edenagully. Anniv.
12.00: Maureen Shekleton. Anniv,
5 p.m.: Mass in Polish.

Tuesday 8 p.m.: James & Mary Reilly & dec. fam. Cornamagh.

Wednesday 10: Patrick, Catherine & John Freeman.

Wednesday 8 p.m. Muff: Owen & Rose Cooney.

Thursday 10: James & Bridie Carolan & dec. fam.

Thursday 8p.m. Lenten Mass in Corlea

Friday 10: James McCabe, St. Mary's Hill.

The **Parish Pastoral Council** meet on Thursday next at 8.30 p.m. at The Parish Centre.

The annual **Gypsum Mass** for deceased employees takes place on Friday next at 7.30 p.m. in Kingscourt Church. All are welcome.

The **Parish Finance Committee** meet on Friday night at 8.30 p.m. at the Parish House.

Congratulations to Catherine Burke, Chloe Di Falco, Muireann Farrelly, Michaela Fitzgerald, Rachel Gargan, Chloe Gilsean, Shauna Johnston, Nicole Martin, Aoife McArdle, Sorcha O'Reilly, Tara O'Reilly, Nicole Prendeville, Shauna Reilly, Alicia Weldon, Lauren Angell, Michaela Campbell, Celine Carolan, Rebecca Farrelly, Kim Gaynor, Niamh Kiernan, Naoise McDaniel, Leah McGivney, Shaonagh Smith, Katie Sexton, Grace O'Reilly, Wiktorja Pyrtek, Jean Sheenan, Emma Donnellan, Regina Muldoon, Pamela Tierney, Jemma McGrath, Shane McCullagh, Conor Carolan, Robert Brown, Shane Duffy, Ryan Clarke, Nathan Farrell, Jack Kelly, Michael McCann Power, Ben McDaniel, Patrick Tomczyk, Lee Whelan, Brian Caffrey, Ryan Cullen, Conor Gargan, Cieran Hickey, Kacper Juskiwicz, David Lekerauskas, Dylan McCabe, Richard McCann Power, Jamie McDowell, Scott Watters-Reilly, Sean Proudfoot, Pauric Reilly, Andrew Smith, Luke Smith, Graham Boylan, Aaron Canning, Pauric Murray-Jones, and Jonathan Fay, who celebrated their Confirmation last weekend with Bishop Michael. We thank their parents and teachers in the work of preparation. Thanks especially to Mary and Jackie and the Children's Choir, the stewards, Nuala McCabe, the parish sacristan, the servers and all involved in any way at the ceremony. We pray that God's Holy Spirit will guide and direct these young people throughout the years ahead.

Congratulations to **Emmet Carolan** and **John Tierney**, students at Patrician High School, and parishioners from Kingscourt, who recently received The John Paul 11 awards from Most Rev. Liam McDaid, Bishop of Clogher.

We welcome the appointment of **Sean Hanly** by Bishop Michael Smith to the post of Chairperson at Carricleck N.S.

Good luck to **Barry Reilly, Colm Smith, Barry Tully** and **Shane Gray** from Kingscourt who are on the Cavan U 21 team in the Ulster Final against Tyrone this week.

LENT IN OUR PARISH

1. **Lectio Divina "The Gospel in our lives and times"** continues on **Monday** evenings at 7 p.m. in the Parish Centre.
2. **Our Lenten Novena** continues on Tuesday next, at 8 p.m. The speaker is **Benedict Hughes, TCD**. Please 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 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.

COMMUNITY NOTICES:

For information on **2011 Lough Derg Pilgrimage season**, visit www.loughderg.org

Kingscourt Bridge Club: Annual charity night Monday, 11th April, in Cabra Castle at 7.30 p.m. in aid of local Cancer Services and local Social Services. Please support. Donations welcome.

Active Retirement Meeting on Friday, 15th April, at 8 p.m. in Parish Centre. Please note change of time.

The Priests perform at St. Ciarans Church, Carnaross, on 15th April, at 8 p.m. Bookings at 087/0554158.

All Hallows College Open Day Saturday, 16th April, 12 noon—3 p.m., Drumcondra, Dublin 9.

The Cherokee High School Girls Travelling Choir is a 30 member female ensemble from the United States and will perform in concert in Cabra Castle on Friday, 22nd April, at 8 p.m. Admission is free.

Dun A Ri Golf Society membership now open. Apply to Gerry Clarke, Clarkes Bar.

Congratulations to all involved in **An Taisce Spring Clean** which took place on 9th April. For info. contact Mary 086/3931280, Roisin 087/9638076, Anne 087/6363174, Matthew 087/7863965.

Congratulations to **The Tidy Towns Committee** on the very positive adjudication report for 2010.

Garden Club meeting in Blake's Wednesday at 8 p.m.

Found: A buggy was found on the Bailieborough Road on March 29th. Contact Parish Office.

LFC Supporters Club present **John Aldridge** in Murtagh's at 7.30 on Thur., 14th April. 087/2387877

Stars Lotto Result: 7, 16, 18, 27. Next week €4,000.

Minors V Castlerahan Sun. 4.30 p.m. **16s** V Ramor Tue. 7p.m.

Handball & Racquetball Lotto: 3, 12, 15, 26.