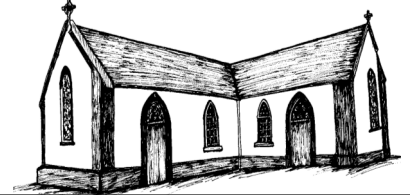
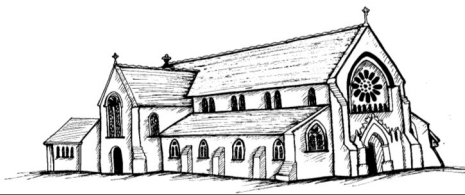
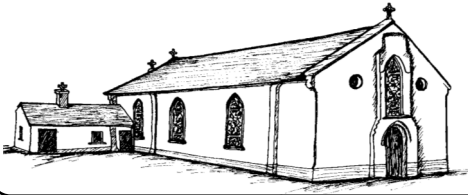


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BENEDICT XV1 REFLECTS ON ST. FRANCIS DE SALES

Some of the protagonists of modern spirituality and the teachings of the Second Vatican Council can be traced to the contribution of a 16th century bishop and doctor of the Church.

Francis developed a conviction about the love of God early in life, the Pope explained, when the 20 year old youth overcame a period of extreme anguish about his eternal salvation and predestination, a theme much under discussion in the Calvinist epoch.

The future saint came to peace "in the radical and liberating reality of the love of God," the Holy Father said, "to love him without asking anything in return and to trust in his divine love; not to ask any longer what God will do with me: I will simply love him, regardless of what he does or does not give me."

Francis "no longer sought what he could have from God; he simply loved him, abandoned himself to his goodness. And this would be the secret of his life, which would shine in his principal work, 'Treatise on the Love of God,'" the Pope continued.

Francis de Sales would eventually become the bishop of Geneva, "at that time a stronghold of Calvinism," the Holy Father noted. "His fine education, his personal gifts of charity, serenity and openness to dialogue, together with his brilliance as a spiritual guide, made Francis a leading figure of his age."

Benedict XV1 pointed out how Francis' spirituality proposed an appeal to the laity, a "care to consecrate temporal things and sanctify the every day, on which the Second Vatican Council and the spirituality of our time insist."

"His spiritual writings include the celebrated 'Introduction to the Devout Life,' which insists that all Christians are called to perfection in their proper state of life, foreshadowing the insistence of the Second Vatican Council on the universal call to holiness," the Pontiff observed. "His 'Treatise on the Love of God' develops this teaching, stressing that we find ourselves and our true freedom in the love of God."

"At the origin of many paths of pedagogy and spirituality of our time we rediscover the stamp of this teacher, without whom there would be no St. John Bosco or the heroic 'little way' of St. Thérèse of Lisieux," Benedict XV1 asserted.

The Pope emphasised Francis' relevance for today, particularly in his Christian humanism and teaching on freedom.

"In an age such as ours that seeks liberty, even with violence and disturbance," the Pope said, "the time-lines of this great teacher of spirituality and peace should not be missed, a teacher who gave to his disciples the 'spirit of liberty,' the true one, as the culmination of his fascinating and complete teaching on the reality of love. St. Francis de Sales is an exemplary witness of Christian humanism; with his

accessible style, with words that at times have the touch of poetry, he reminds that man bears inscribed in his deepest self nostalgia for God and that only in him is found his true joy and most complete fulfilment."

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord:

Matt O'Connell, Dublin, **Mary Suski (nee Reilly)**, Lisagoan & Philadelphia, **Jane Marron**, Knockbridge.

Reborn through water and the Holy Spirit:

Sorcha Mary Kieran, Rolagh, **Cliona Catherine Malone**, Dun A Ri Gardens, **Cillian Philip Clarke**, Bracklin.

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

Fr. Gerry will begin visitation to the homes of **The Rock's Road** these weeks.

The New Translation of the Missal

Priest: **The mystery of faith.**

People: A—**We proclaim your death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.**

Or B—When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your death, **O Lord, until you come again.**

Or C—**Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection, you have set us free.**

The mystery of faith sums up in a line what the Lord has done for us and our hope in his return.

We welcome **Bishop Michael Smith** on the occasion of the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation on this Sunday afternoon at 3 p.m.

Today is **Mother's Day**. To mark the occasion the Parish Congress 2012 committee have prepared a special **Prayer Card** available to all this weekend.

We wish all Mothers a **Happy Mother's Day**.

Fr. Gerry will bring Holy Communion to the sick and housebound on Wednesday next, April 6th.

The **Parish Pilgrimage** is now fully booked out.

Kingscourt and Nobber Parishes are providing a free bus for parishioners who wish to travel to the **Chrism Mass** in Mullingar on Wednesday, 20th April. Please contact Nuala McCabe to book a place. 087/2825102.

Kingscourt Bereavement Support Group: Five week Healing Programme concludes in the Parish Centre at 8 p.m. on Wednesday next.

This week's Collection: Plate: €1,434. Envelopes €1,965. Many thanks to all.

LITURGICAL NOTES

2nd/3rd April.

Vigil 6 p.m.: Philip McDaniel.

Vigil Muff 7.30p.m. Owen & Ellie Russell & Michael Clarke.

9.a.m. Corlea: James McConnon & dec. members of McConnon family.

10.30: Paul, Attracta & John Callan.

12.00: Joseph & Mary O'Brien, Drumgill, & their son, Paddy.

3 p.m.: Confirmation Mass.

9th/10th April.

Vigil 6 p.m.: Joe O'Reilly, Kells Road.

Vigil Muff 7.30p.m. Brendan Gorman, Dunaree.

9.a.m. Corlea: Jimmy Donnelly, Cornamagh. Month's Memory.

10.30: Brian & Eileen Hanratty & dec. family members.

12.00: Special Intention.

Tuesday 8 p.m.: Richard Owens, Cabra View & Barley Hill. Month's Memory.

Wednesday 10: Terence & Ellen Tinnelly.

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

Thursday 10: Patrick, Esther & Aidan Kellett.

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

Friday 10: Morning Mass.

PARISH CALENDAR FOR APRIL

3rd April: Celebration of Confirmation at 3 p.m.
 5th April: Lenten Novena speaker is David Quinn.
 6th April: Fr. Gerry will bring Holy Communion to the sick and housebound.
 Lenten evening Mass in Muff at 8 p.m.
 Meeting of new Ministers of Holy Communion in Kingscourt Church
 7th April: Lenten evening Mass in Corlea at 8 p.m.
 Parish Baptism meeting at in the Parish Centre at 8p.m.
 8th April: PPC hosts a reception for the Kingscourt Stars who are the County Champions.
 9th/10th April: We welcome the First Holy Communion children and their parents at Mass.
 12th April: Lenten Novena with Benedict Hughes.
 14th April: Parish Pastoral Council meeting at 8.30p.m
 15th April: Annual Gypsum Mass at 7.30 p.m.
 Parish Finance Committee meeting at 8.30
 17th April: **Palm Sunday.**
 18th April: **Evening of Reconciliation and Healing** with Eddie Stone at 7 p.m.
 19th April: Conclusion of **Lenten Novena** with Bishop Michael Smith at 8 p.m.
 21st April: **Holy Thursday:** Mass of the Lord's Supper with commissioning of new Ministers of Holy Communion at 8p.m.
 22nd April: **Good Friday:** 10 a.m. Stations of the Cross in Corlea.
 11 a.m. Stations of the Cross in Muff.
 12.00: Interdenominational Walk of Witness.
 3 p.m. The Lord's Passion.
 8 p.m. The Lord's Passion.
 23rd April: **Easter Vigil in Kingscourt.**
 24th April: **Easter Sunday:** Special Dawn Mass at 6.00 a.m. at the Mass Rock on Lough an Lae.
 27th April Parishioners are invited for Easter refreshments at The Parish Centre.

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 night, at 8 p.m. The guest speaker is **David Quinn**, former editor of the Irish Catholic, columnist with Irish Independent and founder of the Iona Institute. 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.

We welcome the First Holy Communion children and their parents at some of the Masses next weekend.

A meeting of the new **Ministers of Holy Communion** takes place on Wednesday at 8.30 p.m. in Kingscourt Church.

The PPC hosts a reception for our **County Champions, Kingscourt Stars**, on Friday night.

Memorial Mass for deceased employees of Gypsum Industries in Kingscourt Church on Friday, 15th April, at 7.30 p.m. There will be tea/coffee and light refreshments afterwards in Matt Talbot Hall.

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

COMMUNITY NOTICES:

Matt, Pat, Florence Donagh & family thank most sincerely all the kind people who prayed for **Florence** during her recent illness. Mass has been offered.

Foróige Youth Club: Fridays 7 p.m. Community Centre.

The Priests performing at St. Ciarans Church, Carnaross, 15th April, at 8 p.m. Booking at 087/0554158.

Days of Prayer in Dowdstown House, April 12/13th. Further information from 046/9021407.

4 week stability ball course starts Wed. 6th April, at 7.15 p.m. in Gym An Ri.

Kingscourt Spring Clean—Saturday, 9th April, meet at Market Square at 9 a.m. Gloves provided. Skip available to dispose of rubbish.

You are cordially invited to the rescheduled presentation of funds raised for Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital, Crumlin Children's Hospital & The Make a Wish Foundation in Malone's on Friday, 8th April at 9 p.m.

Stars Lotto Result: 8, 17, 22, 27. No winner. Next jackpot €3,800.

Handball & Racquetball Lotto Result: 3, 5, 8, 14. Winner: Kenneth O'Reilly. Next jackpot €2,000.