

MASS INTENTIONS

(Saturday 18th March to Sunday 26th March 2023)

MYNA CHURCH

- SUN 11.30am. Paddy and Mena Burke, Cornanool and Drunnagh and deceased family members.
Isabella Mary Cooper, Myna and deceased family members.
- TUE 2.00pm. Confirmation Mass.
- WED 9.30am. Mass.
- FRI 8.00pm. Paddy Golden, (A) Carrowholly and deceased family members.
- SUN 11.30am. Agnes Cox, Mayour and daughter Marie Bourke and deceased family members.

FAHY CHURCH

- SAT 7.00pm. Mike and Babs Duggan, Derryribbeen and son Martin and deceased family members.
- TUE. 11.00am Confirmation Mass.
- THU 9.30am Mass.
- SAT 7.00pm. Mass.

MINISTERS OF THE WORD:

- Myna Church: -
Sunday 19th March Patrick Sammon.
Sunday 26th March Margaret Duffy.
- Fahy Church: -
Saturday 18th March Carmel Keane.
Saturday 25th March Sarah McDonald.

MYNA CHURCH OFFERTORY COLLECTORS:

- March - Damien Feehan and Pete Feehan

TRÓCAIRE and LENT:

Gratitude is the acknowledgement that all I am and all I have is given to me. This Lent, as we journey to Easter as a pilgrim people, we pray that this gratitude will be celebrated and will also lead us to be people who love others as we have been loved. We can show that love in our support of Trócaire's work in the Third World. Trócaire boxes are available in the church porch.

KILMEENA - FAHY PARISH

NEWSLETTER

Sunday 19th March 2023

Fourth Sunday in Lent



ST. BRENDAN'S CHURCH, MYNA.



CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAMILY, FAHY.

Jesus says in today's Gospel: 'As long as the day lasts I must carry out the work of the one who sent me: the night will soon be here when no one can work. As long as I am in the world I am the light of the world'. Jesus not only gives sight to the physically blind but the light of faith to the spiritually blind.

Fr. Jim Walsh, P.P.

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PARISH NEWS

LAETARE SUNDAY:

The Fourth Sunday in Lent is known as 'Laetare Sunday'. Traditionally this Sunday was a day of celebration within the austere period of Lent. It gets its name from the first word of the entrance antiphon to the Mass. 'Laetare' which is Latin for 'rejoice'.

SEASON OF LENT:

Lent is a season of 40 days of preparation for Easter. It commemorates also the forty days that Jesus fasted in the desert. It is a time for penance which should be inward and individual but also outward and social. So, it is a time for self-denial and helping the poor. Many people cut back on eating, drinking, smoking or alcohol during Lent. It is also a time for prayer e.g. by attending Mass once or twice a week, doing the Stations of the Cross, Scripture Reading, Rosary, Holy Hour, etc., etc.

FEASTS OF THE WEEK:

- Monday:** **St. Joseph, Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary.** He is seen as the natural protector of Christian families and of those whose daily bread is uncertain. His holiness is the ordinary man's holiness.
- Tuesday:** **St. Enda, abbot.** He was a soldier who became a monk who founded several monasteries in the Boyne Valley before going to Aran to found his most famous monastery and earn a reputation as one of the founders of ascetic monasticism in Ireland.
- Friday:** **St. Macartan.** He was the first Bishop of Clogher. He is known as Patrick's 'Strong Man' for his dedication and faithfulness.
- Saturday:** **The Annunciation of the Lord.** In giving her consent to God's word Mary becomes The Mother of God.

FIRST CONFESSIONS AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:

First Confessions for Fahy school children will be heard in Fahy Church at 10.00am on Thursday, 30th March. First Confessions for Carrowholly and Myna school children will be heard in Myna Church at 10.00am on Tuesday, 28th March.

First Holy Communion for the pupils of Fahy National School will be on Saturday, 6th May 2023 at 12 noon. First Holy Communion for the pupils of Myna and Carrowholly National Schools will be in Myna Church on Saturday, 13th May 2023 at 12.00 noon.

CONFIRMATION IN THE PARISH:

Archbishop Francis Duffy will administer the sacrament of Confirmation to 28 children from Fahy school on Tuesday at 11.00am 24 children from Myna NS and 22 children from Carrowholly N S at 2.00pm on Tuesday, 21st March 2023

TUAM DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE:

The Tuam Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock, led by Archbishop Francis, will take place on Sunday 7th May. Ceremonies commence at 2.30pm with the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick.

MOTHER'S DAY:

This Fourth Sunday of Lent is Mother's Day. It is traditional to honour our mothers on this day, treasuring those still with us and praying for those who have died. Congratulations to all mothers in the parish and those visiting the parish today. It is a day for you to enjoy the congratulations, love and good wishes of your families.

A Mother's Day Prayer

Thank you, Lord, for all our mothers.

On this day, let us think of them,

whether they are with us or gone to their heavenly home.

We pray that you will watch over them

and support them in the joys and struggles of their everyday lives.

This, we ask, through Christ our Lord. Amen



KILMEENA COMMUNITY ALERT CHURCH GATE COLLECTION:

The church gate collection will take place on this Sunday, 19th March. Please be generous to this worthy cause.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY EMIGRANT COLLECTION:

On St. Patrick's Day we remember in a special way and pray for all Irish emigrants, especially those who have left our communities and might be struggling. We think particularly of isolated, elderly Irish abroad, the undocumented, Irish prisoners overseas and those dealing with addiction and mental health problems. The Offertory Envelope collection this weekend will be devoted to this special collection. Please be generous.

PRAYER FOR EMIGRANTS

Lord, No one is a stranger to you

and no one is ever far from your loving care.

In your kindness watch over refugees and exiles,

those separated from their loved ones,

your people who are lost,

And those who have left or run away from home.

Bring them back safely to the place where they long to be.

And help us always to show your kindness to strangers and those in need.

AMEN