

PARISH CENTRE PROGRAMME for week;Feb.21st.to. Feb.28th.

Sunday 21st. Pioneer Quiz.MCH. 2.30.p.m. to 5.30.p.m.

Monday 22nd..Bowles. 8.p.m. MCH.Room I 9.p.m. Tidy Towns.

Tuesday 23rd.Dancing Class 8.30.-10.00.p.m.MCH.8.30.p.m. A.A.

Meeting .Room 1.

Wednesday 24th.Dancing Class 4-5.p.m. MCH.8.p.m. Bowles.MCH.

Thursday 25th.10.30.a.m. to 12.30.p.m. MCH Art Class.Dancing Class

4-6.p.m.Legion of Mary Meeting Room I.2.p.m.Gardening

Club.7.30.p.m. to 9.30.p.m.MCH.

Friday 26th. Evolution Dancing Club. 3-6.p.m.8 p.m. MCH.A.G.M.

Gardening Club.

Catholic Newspapers Available on sale and through the Legion of Mary in the Parish.Irish and English papers available each weekend. Please purchase the paper in the church or from the kind members of the Legion of Mary who sell them in the parish.We thank them for this.

Altar Servers Group for the week.Feb.'21st.Group 1.Girls.Lucy Murray, Shannon Daly and Julia Kwiatkowska. Servers are expected to be present on their week of duty and provide a substitute, if ill or excused.

Alcoholics Anonymous Group weekly meeting in Parish Centre. AA group will continue here on Tues 23rd.at 8.30.p.m. in Room I. Parish Centre.To get information,please tel. 087.6282646 Bill or Jim.9661887.

Pioneers thank you for support annual collection last weekend .

The collection amounted to €548.50.This is really appreciated to support their work, especially with young people. The Quiz is on Sunday next, please support.The Confirmation youngsters will be invited to take the pledge by the Bishop and will be enrolled in The Pioneers in subsequent weeks.Notification will be duly given.

Calendar for some of the time ahead with regard to parish events.

Confirmation Talk Coole Hall 15th.at 7.30.p.m.Confirmation Practice Monday 22nd at 8.30 with Confessions before and afterwards Coole Church.Confirmation,Thursday 25th at 11.00.a.m. Coole Church.Parish Novena commences March 18th. Ends March 30th. on weekdays only.The Novena is in honour of Our Blessed Lady, Mother of Perpetual Help and St John Baptist- Marie Vianney for the Year of the Priesthood.It will commence at 7.30.p.m. each night with a different speaker involved in preaching the theme.There will be Confessions each night

Trip to Lourdes for 4 days.18.04.2010. €599 all in. Rover Coaches.

Please phone Paddy O'Brien.9342449/0862571645 if interested.

Umbra Clothing Collection supporting education in Kitui,Kenya.

This collection will be in the Parish Centre Car Park,12 noon 25th Feb.

The whole parish community is saddened at the recent passing of Maureen Merriman and appreciate deeply the work she did with and for senior citizens.We offer deepest sympathy to Reggie,Michael,Maria and her sisters Patsy and Nellie and all relatives and friends



ST. ADRIAN



The Chair of St. Peter.



NEWSLETTER



CASTLEPOLLARD, CASTLETOWN & FINEA PARISH

Sunday 21st.February 2010.FIRST SUNDAY OF SACRED SEASON OF LENT and Feast also of Sts.Peter Damian,Eucharius and Fortunatus.Third Sunday of the Month dedicated to the Purity of Mary, the Sacredness of Human Life and the gift of God's Creation.Pioneer Quiz,Parish Centre 2.30.p.m.

In his Lenten message this year,Pope Benedict has a very powerful meditation on justice in our lives.Justice very often is seen as being outside a person and relating to material things.Justice should be inside a person too, he teaches. Jesus told us that all evil comes from inside a person, from the human heart and mind.So, too,above all, can good and especially justice.If we see justice as an outside thing, we could in simplicity of thought, get the impression that if we remove the externals that seem to cause it, we bring a just situation about.This is short-sighted.Injustice has its roots inside, in the human heart.It is enshrined in unloving thoughts, in egoism, in turning into oneself and affirming oneself as above and against others.It is only faith in God that can lift injustice from our hearts and make us just. If this justice reigns in our hearts and minds then, in God's name, we reach out to those living in states of injustice.This justice is obtained by our faith and our response to God in prayer and particularly the Sacraments of Penance and Eucharist.It comes into our lives as grace and makes us act justly. To do so is truly the sign of the genuine disciple of Jesus.We pray that this Lent we will work on ensuring we have this justice within.Meditating on the Lenten Liturgy helps.

Over the Lenten Sundays, we can enter into the spirit of the Liturgy for each Lord's Day by familiarising ourselves with the Holy Word proclaimed on that day.Each Sunday carries its theme.First Sunday;The Temptation of Jesus; He is like us in all things but sin.Second Sunday; The Transfiguration of Jesus; He is the beloved Son, the Holy One, listen to Him;Third Sunday; The Fruitless Fig Tree;He has great patience with us, but we must respond. Fourth Sunday;The Prodigal Son; His Mercy forgives even the greatest sin.Fifth Sunday; The woman taken in adultery;The Justice of God is in His Compassion. Palm Sunday; This truly is the Son of God, have faith in Him.If we walk the path on each of the



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weeks of Lent, with the Sundays on the Sundays with Christ, then, we will achieve that inner justice, which mirrors His love and understanding for each of us, sinners, and His plan for each of our lives now and into eternity.

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Sunday Masses

9.30 a.m. St. Peter's Centre.
10.30 a.m. Castletown or Finea
11.30 a.m. St. Michael's
Vigil 6.30 p.m. St. Michael's
Vigil 7.30 p.m. Castletown or Finea.
Adoration. 3-8 p.m. Mon-Thurs incl. 10 a.m.-12 noon. Tues and Wed.

Confirmation Details for Feb 25th.
Practice for Ceremony Feb. 22nd.
Coole Church. 8.30 p.m. Confessions.
after the practice for parents and families.
Ceremony 25th at 11 a.m. Coole Church.

Weekday Mass 8.15 a.m. St. Michael's for Lent
Saturday Mass at 10 a.m. St. Michael's
Confessions. 10.20 a.m.; 3.00 p.m. &
6.15 p.m. Saturdays.



TROCAIRE

LITURGICAL CALENDAR FOR THE COMING WEEK

Pope's Intentions for Prayer during the month & Feasts of Saints and Important Celebrations.

Collection for Feb. 6th/7th.. Envelope €784.00 and Offertory Collection €Candlemas. St. Peter's. €Candlemas Offerings. Feb. 13th/14th. Envelope. €1533.00. Offertory Collection. €550.55. St. Peter's €47.90. Thanks to all who generously contributed to the Candlemas Offerings and every week to each collection, We are still accepting donations to defray the remaining €4000 debt on Sacristy Renewal work. Thanks also to those who have handed in donations to Trocaire Haiti. February; Month dedicated to the Purity of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the Sacredness of Human Life. Year of St. Luke in the Liturgy. Year of The Priesthood in the Universal Church. 2010 is set apart as the U.N. Year of International Biodiversity by the United Nations Organisation.



ST. POLYCARP



Sunday 21st. FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT and Feast also of Sts; Peter Damian, Eucharius and Fortunatus. Pioneer Quiz 2.30 p.m.

THE SEASON OF LENT CONTINUES.

Monday. 22nd. Monday First week of Lent and Feast of THE CHAIR OF ST PETER and Sts; Margaret of Cortona and Margreta. Confirmation Practice at 8.30 p.m. Coole Church followed by Confessions for Parents and families.

Tuesday 23rd. Tuesday First week of Lent and Feast of Sts; Polycarp of Smyrna.

Wednesday 24th. Wednesday first week of Lent and Feast also of Sts; Walburgha, Praetextatus and Edelbert. Meeting of St. Joseph's Young Priests' Society at 7 p.m. Room I. Parish Centre.

Thursday 25th. Thursday first week of Lent and Feast of Sts; Ethelbert, Tarasius, Gerard and Nestor. Confirmation Ceremony in Coole at 11.00 a.m. Legion of Mary Meeting Room I at 2 p.m.

Friday. 26th. Friday first week of Lent and Feast of Sts; Victor, Alexander and Porphyrius. Lenten Mass Castletown at 7.30 p.m.



Saturday 27th. Saturday first week of Lent and Feast of Sts; Gabriel Possenti, John of Gorse, Ann Line. Leander and Irena. Mass at 10.00 a.m. Confessions after Mass and at 3 p.m. and before and after 6.30 p.m. Vigil Mass. Vigil Mass. Finea. 7.30 p.m.
Sunday 28th. SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT and Feast also of Sts; Emina, Justus and Hilarus. Lenten Offerings Weekend.



ST. POLYCARP



ST. GAUDILY



MASS INTENTIONS (21st.Feb. 2010 to 28th.Feb.2010.)

Sunday. 21st. Readings. Deut. 26.4-10. Ps. 90. Rom. 10.8-13. Lk. 4.1-13. (Sat 20th. 11.00 a.m. Ann. Thomas Smyth. Vigil Mass at 6.30 p.m. Ann. Mary and Dan Devine. Mass at 7.30 p.m. Castletown. Ann Brian Gaffney.)

Sunday. 9.30 a.m. St. Peter's. St. Michael's 11.30 a.m. Ann. William Masterson. 10.30 a.m. Mass in Finea. Ann. Semaus og Fitzsimons.

Monday: 22nd. Readings; I Pet. 5.1-4. Ps. 22. Mt. 16.13-19. Mass at 8.15 a.m. Ann. decd. members Blacoe Family, Loughpark. Confirmation Practice, Coole Church at 8.30 p.m. Confessions afterwards.

Tuesday 23rd. Readings. Is 55.10-11. Ps. 33. Mt. 6.7-15. Mass at 8.15 a.m. M.M. Rita McGlynn, Water St.

Wednesday 24th. Readings. Jon. 3.1-10. Ps. 50. Lk. 11.29-32. Mass at 8.15 a.m. Ann. Mary B. and Bernard Lynch, Church St. St. Joseph's Young Priests' Society Meeting at 7 p.m.

Thursday 25th. Readings. Esth. 4.17. Ps. 137. Mt. 7.7-12. Mass at 8.15 a.m. Confirmation Ceremony 11.00 a.m. Coole Church. Legion of Mary, Parish Centre Room 1. 2 p.m.

Friday 26th. Readings. Ezek. 18.21-28. Ps. 129. Mt. 5.20-26. Mass at 8.15 a.m. 7.30 p.m. Lenten Mass in Castletown.

Saturday 27th. Readings. Deut. 26.16-19. Ps. 118. Mt. 5.43-48. Mass at 10.00 a.m. Ann. Joe Murtagh, Mullingar Rd and Lily and Matty Fagan, Dublin Rd. Confessions after Mass. Confessions at 3 p.m. and before and after Vigil Mass at 6.30 p.m. Ann. Peadar Earley, Roscommon.

7.30 p.m. Finea. Ann. John Crudden. Lenten Offerings Weekend. 2.30 p.m. Baptism.

Sunday 28th. Readings. Gen. 15.5-12., 17-18. Ps. 26. Phil 3.17-4.1. Lk. 9.28-36. Mass at 9.30 a.m. St Peter's. Mass at 11.30 a.m. St. Michael's Ann. Patrick and Mary O Reilly and Emyln Daly, Water St and Carrick, Finea. 10.30 am. Castletown. Please continue to pray for all who are ill in the parish and for those who care for them.

R.I.P.

Please pray for all who have died recently, **Maureen Merriman**, Freighmore, **Micéal Flynn**, Dublin and Glenidan, Collinstown, all whose anniversaries occur around this time and all whose remains are interred in our cemeteries, May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.

Year of the Priesthood

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND NOTICES FOR THE WEEK.

Baptism preparation course on Third Wednesday at 8 p.m. Those with babies for Baptism should register for this course in the Parish Centre, two weeks beforehand. It will be run by the Castletown Group, Wed, March. 24th at 8 p.m. Parents, who have no babysitters, may take the baby along.

