

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT 20th March

The call of God is always to become more like Jesus in how we treat his people. We know our failings: the call to repent in today's gospel is also the promise of God's forgiveness for our failings and sins.

MASSES

Vigil Saturdays 6p.m. Sundays: 9a.m. & 11a.m.
Weekdays: Monday to Saturday 10 a.m.

CONFESSIONS

Saturdays 10.30am and 5.30pm

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Feast days of the week in March

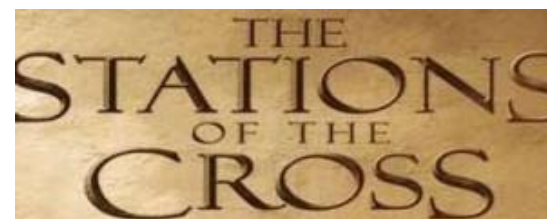
Monday 21st St. Enda. Enda was a warrior king of Oriel in Ulster, converted by his sister Saint Fanchea, a nun. About 484 he established the first Irish monastery at Killeaney on Aran Mór. St. Enda is described as the "patriarch of Irish monasticism". Most of the great Irish saints had some connection with Aran.

Wednesday 23rd St. Turibius of Mongrovejo, 1538-1606, was a layman when he was appointed archbishop of Lima, Peru by King Philip II. He combated all the abuses of the conquerors in Peru and built up the Church there.

Thursday 24th St. Macartan Belongs to a very early generation of saints in Ireland and is recognized as the first Bishop of Clogher. He is known as Patrick's 'Strong Man' for his dedication and faithfulness.

Friday 25th The Annunciation of the Lord, celebrates Angel Gabriel's appearance to the Virgin Mary and his announcement that she had been chosen to be the mother of the savior of the world.

Stations of the Cross Friday 25th March at 5p.m. Stations will be led by pupils from Our Lady of Lourdes School.



A second collection will be taken up next weekend 19th/20th for Episcopal Commissions. This collection helps fund the work of the Irish Bishops' Conference and its agencies and commissions.

Prayer for Peace in Ukraine

Risen Christ, as we remain in silence before you,
We let this ardent prayer rise up: may the firing of weapons in the land of Ukraine cease!
Welcome into your love those who are dying from violence and war,
Console the families in mourning, support those who have had to take the road of exodus.
Faced with incomprehensible suffering, we still believe that your words of love and peace will never pass.
You gave your life on the cross and you opened a future for us,
Even beyond death.
So we implore you: give us your peace. You are our hope.



Second collection will be taken up the weekend of the 26th/27th Of March in aid of UKRAINE.

Ballinlough Community Garden

With a little help we hope to create:

A sensory garden, an outdoor classroom and vegetable beds for our local schools, retirement home, Scouts & Guides.

Could You Donate the Following?

- ❖ Seeds
- ❖ Plants
- ❖ Fruit Trees
- ❖ Treated timber for raised beds
- ❖ Garden Tools
- ❖ Water butts
- ❖ A Polytunnel
- ❖ Seaweed
- ❖ Bark
- ❖ Compost



Check us out by the Gus Healy Swimming Pool, or you may contact us by email BallinloughRA@gmail.com to donate.
Thank You.

LOUGH DERG 2022

Pilgrimage Season re-opens Sunday 1st May 2022

ONE DAY RETREATS. THREE DAY PILGRIMAGE. QUIET DAYS. PILGRIM PATH DAY. Further information from the Lough Derg Office on info@loughdery.org

FRIDAY PENANCE

The following are suggested as ways of fulfilling Friday penance.

- **Abstaining from meat or some other food;**
- **Abstaining from alcoholic drink or smoking;**
- **Making a special effort at involvement in family prayer;**
- **Making a special effort to participate in Mass on Fridays;**
- **Visiting the Blessed Sacrament;**
- **Making the Stations of the Cross;**
- **Fasting from all food for a longer period than usual and perhaps giving what is saved to the needy;**
- **Helping the poor, sick, old or lonely.**

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Cast on 36 sts.

Knit 8 rows garter stitch.

Row 9 add 2 sts at each end of rows.

Row 10 knit.

Row 11 as 9

Row 12 knit.

Row 13 as 9 (42 sts)

Knit 3 more rows.

Cast off 11 sts at beginning of next 2 rows (20 sts)

Knit 11 rows.

Leave long string to draw through stitches. Fold in half and sew up.

Fill head with cotton, eyes and beak.

The Computer Swallowed Grandma

The computer swallowed grandma
Yes, honestly its true
She pressed 'control' and 'enter'
And disappeared from view.

It devoured her completely
The thought just makes me squirm
She must have caught a 'virus'
Or been eaten by a 'worm.'

I've searched through the 'recycle bin'
And files of every kind
I've even used the 'Internet'
But nothing did I find.

In desperation, I asked Jeeves
My searches to refine
The reply from him was negative
Not a thing was found 'online.'

So if inside your 'Inbox'
My Grandma you should see
Please 'Copy,' 'Scan' and 'Paste' her
And send her back to me!

