FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT 17th March **ST. PATRICK, BISHOP, PRINCIPAL PATRON OF IRELAND** Jesus was destined to die so that we would have life. We must die to sin, die to our selfish ways, if we are to be alive to Christ and alive for his kingdom.

MASSES

Vigil Saturdays: 6pm Sundays: 9am & 11am Weekdays: Monday to Saturday 10am

CONFESSIONS Saturdays 10.30am and 5.30pm

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Feast Davs of the Week.

Monday 18th St. Cyril of Jerusalem Bishop of Jerusalem. He excelled as a catechist and administrator and suffered exile in his fight against Arianism.

Thursday 21st St. Enda is one of the three great late vocations of Ireland. His sister Faenche, a num, set his thoughts on a religious vocation. He made a small foundation in Co. Lough, and, after studies in Scotland under Ninian, made several foundations in the Boyle valley. On his sister's advice he went to Aran. He died in 520 and is considered as one of the early models of ascetic monasticism in Ireland.

Friday 22nd March 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.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS FOR LENT IN **OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH**

Friday 22nd March at 1pm with St. Anthony's pupils.



The Mondays of Lent in The Way of the Cross Church, Togher at 7.30pm

18th March: Fr. John Walsh Co. P.P. Togher Parish.

25th March: Olive Foley, wife of the late Anthony Foley, Munster Rugby Coach, and an ambassador for the Children's Grief Centre. Fr. John Walsh will be the celebrant. www.churchservices.tv/togher

Cork Lions Club are holding their annual Patrick's Hill Ball Run in aid of the People of Gaza and Local Cork Charities at 2pm on Monday 18th March. It is a fun family event, and all are welcome. We will also be collecting old spectacles for recycling to the Third World so bring along any old glasses and give them a new lease of life. Please support the fundraiser by buying balls on www.corklionsclub.ie

We are delighted to welcome THE CARRIGALINE FOLK GROUP to sing the 11am Mass on Sunday 24th March. All are welcome.

Chrism Mass: Bishop Fintan invites parishioners to join in the celebration of the Mass of Chrism on Holy Thursday (March 28th) at 10am at the Cathedral of St. Mary and St. Anne, Cork. At Please Note! this Mass with priests and parishioners from the Diocese the Oils of Baptism and the Sick are blessed. Bishop Fintan will also consecrate the Oil of Chrism which will be used in parishes during the year. Bishop Fintan and the Priests of the Diocese will renew their priestly promises during this Mass. Everyone is most



welcome to attend.

Come to Lourdes as a Young Adult Helper in September. A special Information Evening will take place in Mardyke House, (T12 W8RP) for those aged between 18 and 25, who would like to travel with the Diocese of Cork and Ross to Lourdes (September 20th to 25th) as a Young Adult Helper. For more information call Sheila on 021-490 2459 or email sheilakelleher@ucc.ie

