

## FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT 18<sup>th</sup> February

As Jesus was ever faithful to his father's will and to his vocation to bring the Good News, we too are promised the strength to resist temptation and be true to our faith.

### MASSES

Vigil Saturdays: 6pm

Sundays: 9am & 11am

Weekdays: Monday to Saturday 10am

### CONFESSIONS

Saturdays 10.30am and 5.30pm

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### Deaths

We remember in our prayers.

Phil (Philomena) Keane, Marble Hall Gardens and Adrian Keating, Boreenmanna Road, may they rest in peace.

Our sympathies to their families, friends, and neighbours. Eternal rest is granted unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen

### Finding hope in a hopeless world – Lent 2024

This is a seven-week programme for Parish groups or individuals which will be available on the Diocesan website ([www.corkandross.org](http://www.corkandross.org)) from Ash Wednesday February 14<sup>th</sup>. This programme explores how we can still be people of faith and hope in today's world. It includes a series of reflections, Scripture, readings and prayers, and a guide on how to use this resource in your Parish/Family of Parishes.

### Trócaire's Lenten Campaign 2024

The Diocese of Cork and Ross together with Trócaire will host an evening to reflect on Trócaire's Lenten Campaign for 2024 in the S.M.A. Parish Centre, Wilton on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February commencing at 7.30pm. This year's campaign will explore the issues of water justice and climate change. Bishop Fintan will attend.

### Prayer for the Formation of a Parish Council

Heavenly Father, we come before you with grateful hearts as we embark on the journey of forming our parish council. We seek your guidance, wisdom, and grace to build a vibrant parish council that reflects the love and teachings of your Son, Jesus Christ.

Lord, bless our efforts and help us to recognize the unique gifts and talents you have bestowed upon each of us.

May we be open to the promptings of the Holy Spirit as we discern the needs of our community and strive to fulfill your mission here on Earth.

We entrust the formation of our parish council to the intercession of Mary, our mother, who stood by your Son in moments of joy and sorrow. May she guide us in imitating her example of faith, humility, and loving service.

We offer this prayer in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Should anyone wish to become a member of our new Parish Council, please leave your name in at the Sacristy.

### Cork event for young people – Faith, Friendship, Fun

CONNECT 4, a diocesan event for young people (18-35) is taking place at UCC on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> February.

The dynamic Catholic American presenter, Monsignor James Shea, will be the keynote speaker. There will be Mass, Adoration, and the opportunity for confession. Lunch is part of the day.

Fee €10. More information at [corkandross.org](http://corkandross.org)

Register on [eventbrite.ie](http://eventbrite.ie)



The next Garda Forum Meeting will be on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February at 8.00pm in the Community Centre. Come along if you have any concerns in your area that you wish to discuss. Get the latest updates from our Community Gardai. Local Councillors have been invited to attend. Light refreshments will be served.

The Mass and Novena Prayers in honour of Matt Talbot will begin on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30pm in the Way of the Cross Church, Togher and will continue each Monday in Lent. In our Novena we pray for individuals and families who are suffering because of addiction, but also for those who are dealing with crosses or challenges of any kind. The Novena can be viewed online at [www.churchservices.tv/togher](http://www.churchservices.tv/togher).

