

Tralee & Dingle Newsletter, March 2020

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Date	Ballyseedy 9.45 am	Tralee 10.45 am	Ballymac 12 noon	Kilgobbin 10.00 am	Dingle 12 noon
1 st March	HC	MP	MP	HC	MP
8 th March	MP	HC	MP	MP	HC
15 th March	MP	MP	HC	HC	MP
22 nd March	N/A	Mothering Sunday	Service in Tralee	MP	HC
29 th March	N/A	United Service	N/A	HC	MP

Lent: Signs and symbols can be very powerful, Christians of many traditions receive the sign of the cross made from ashes on their foreheads. The dust of ashes speaks of many things, including a reminder of the fragility of life. They are a reminder that we are continually called to self examine, to turn our lives back to God and to realign ourselves with him and his will for us. The words that accompany the signing with ashes call us 'to change and to believe in the Good News'.

The season of lent began on Ash Wednesday with an evening service in Kilgobbin and a morning service in Tralee. The service in Tralee was a joint service with St Johns National School and Kiltallagh National School from Castlemaine. The liturgy was a service of the word and it was led by the children. Both sets of pupils were well prepared by the teachers and the staff in the respective schools. Just before we left the Church the children had an impromptu sing a long led by Paula Ni Bhriain from Castlemaine. Someone suggested that it would be lovely if we could do something like a concert together again at some stage in the future, Fingers crossed.

The children returned to Teach an tSolais for some fun and games and meat free pizza which was very kindly organised by David and Jackie Tough. It was a really enjoyable experience and it demonstrated and how good it is when small groups and schools come together.

Opportunities during lent

1. It is planned to have a mid week activity in Ballymacelligott on the Tuesday evenings at 7.30pm. It has been recommended by the Bishop that we follow the BACI Lenten Bible Study, Caring for the garden of creation.

There will a Lenten gathering in Camp Rectory beginning on the 6th March at 11am.

2. Bishops Appeal Envelopes will be available in the pews and you are encouraged to take one and return as we get closer to Easter. The Bishops Appeal support people and projects in the developing world.

3. Try to make it to Church either mid week or on Sunday during lent esp if you have slipped from the habit of Church going. This can be a time of encouragement and support not only for your self but for those who worship week by week.

4. Taize St Johns Parish have very kindly invited us to a Taize service in St Johns which will run every Sunday evening in the church beginning at 7pm

5. Youth Alpha St Johns Parish have very kindly invited us to share and partake in the Alpha program that has just begun on Wednesday evenings in the pastoral centre in Castle Street. It

begins at 8pm and last for about 50mins.

St Patricks Day. Thoughts turn to our national holiday and the local parades. Traditionally the Boys and Girls from our BB group in Tralee take part in the Tralee parade and Collette our very creative captain and her team are very busy preparing costumes with the children which they will wear in the parade.

Thank you to everyone who dropped in recycle materials for our costumes for the St. Patrick's Day parade. The children have been very busy designing and creating their costumes. Thank you to Mary Larkin, who made our superhero capes and eye masks. We are looking forward to the parade, and we hope you will come out and give us a cheer.

The Holy Communion will be celebrated in St Johns at 11am

Mothering Sunday:

A united service will be held in Tralee Church on the 22nd March. The Boys and Girls from the BB together with other young people will take part in this service. It is always a lovely occasion when we gather to give thanks to God for all who mother us in so many ways.

Mothering is not just confined to mothers but is shared by so many people, from parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles, teachers and parishes. Is nt there a saying which says that it takes a village to raise a child.

Property Matters:

No's 1 & 2 The Mall Dingle, At long last we have seen movement with the sale of No 2. Hopefully No 1 will be sold in the near future. These two small properties while a blessing to the parish and much needed source of income for a small community were also a drain on time and resources and have been in need of refurbishment for some time. The parish will be delighted when both are sold.

Well done to Rev Phyllis Jones and the Select Vestry of Camp and Dingle for being so proactive on this issue.

Mid Week Holy Communion: The Holy Communion is celebrated every week at 11am in St Johns Church. This is a short and informal service and is followed by tea and coffee in the Ashe hotel which enables fellowship and leads to friendship.

The healer prayer service has been incorporated into the service and the next service will be on the 5th March. We are joined once a month by the staff and children in St Johns school. So if you are free for thirty minutes on a Wednesday morning then we would love to welcome you.

The Links ladies met on Monday last, beginning the evening with a short reflection in preparation for Lent. We also took time to make plans for the coming months and we finished off with the all important tea and a chat. On Sunday March 15th a group of 17 will be attending a concert in Siamsa featuring songs and stories recounting the life and times of Vera Lynn. We are also planning a trip to the beautiful Doneraile Court to visit the house and gardens on Sunday April 19th, leaving from Ashe Street following the service in St. John's and stopping off for lunch along the way. If anyone wishes to join us for this trip please let Olive know asap. As we were really in planning mode on Monday evening, we've also arranged a weekend away to round off our Links season. This year we're off to Doolin, Co Clare from May 22nd to 24th. More details on this nearer the time.

Parachute Jump: Every best wish to Eleanor Groves Feeney who will make a parachute jump next weekend in Recovery Haven. If you would like to sponsor her she has a donation card in the shop, or else Betty or Robert will accept donations for her.