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*Clogherhead &
Walshestown Parish*



SS Peter & Paul, Walshestown

To build bridges, bring together and renew the parish community in a spirit of faith, trust and hope through loving service of God and of our neighbour

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS Tuesday 9.30am-12.30pm & Thursday 3pm-5pm

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EASTER GREETINGS

I wish you all a happy and blessed Easter. The challenges and sacrifices of Lent are behind us and we can joyfully acclaim "ALLELUIA". We can look forward in this Easter season to longer days and hopefully some drier ones as well. Also we can look forward to the celebrations of 1st Holy Communion and Confirmation throughout our pastoral area and across the country. We welcome all those who were received in the Church recently and all the newly baptised. As you are all aware, within the last few weeks new challenges have come upon us that has meant interim changes to the Mass times and schedules in our parishes. I want to take this opportunity to express my appreciation for the understanding and support I have received in relation to accommodating this new interim programme. In consultation with the pastoral councils of both parishes, this programme will be reviewed at the end of May. But from 7/8th April until the beginning of June the weekend Mass programme will be as follows:

Saturday Vigil Mass: Termonfeckin 7pm

Sunday morning Masses: Sandpit 9.15am

Walshestown 10.45am

Clogherhead 12.00 noon

I apologise for any inconvenience this may cause, but I ask for your patience and understanding. I encourage everyone to pray for each other in these times so that we may all benefit from knowing that we are all being kept in prayer.

Fr Paul

The Parish List of the Dead, deceased benefactors and the recently deceased: Christy Gargan.

Mass Intentions This Week

Sunday 31 March @ 10am Ss Peter & Paul's ~ ***Easter Sunday***

Sunday 31 March @ 11.30am St Michael's ~ ***Easter Sunday*** -
Mary, Laurence & Patrick Burke & family deceased.

Saturday 6 April @ **7.00pm** Immaculate Conception, Termonfeckin ~
Christy Gargan (*Month's Mind*) • Peter & Winnie Murphy +Margaret
Moran • Anne & Fintan Rafferty

Sunday 7 April @ **9.15am** Assumption, Sandpit ~

Sunday 7 April @ **10.45am** Ss Peter & Paul's, Walshestown ~
Patrick Devlin

Sunday 7 April @ **12noon** St Michael's, Clogherhead ~
Daphne Branigan (*Month's Mind*) & Mickey Branigan • Christy
Gargan (*Month's Mind*) • Deirdre Delaney • Peter & Lizzie Kirwan

Tuesday Holy Hour: Adoration from 10-11am St Michael's

First Friday Calls Will take place during the week beginning 7 April.

Trocaire Boxes Can be returned at any of the services in the church this week. Thank you

Parish Envelopes Please be assured that parish envelopes will always be returned to their parish of origin.

Ministers of the Word for April

- **St Michael's @ 12noon** Peter McCloskey

- **Ss Peter & Paul's @ 10.45am** Miriam McCabe

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist for April

St Michael's @ 12noon Veronica Mulroy

Church Altar Society Team – Jean Boylan & Mary King

Sincere thanks to our March teams.

Parish envelopes 2024 Boxes of parish envelopes for the coming year (starting Sunday 7th April) are available at the back of the church, please take your box home with you.

Pope's Intentions for April

For the Role of Women:

We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognised in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world.



We welcome into God's family—**Oisín Jack Kirwan**
Oriel Cove & Tess Maggie Byrne O'Donnell Park

On Sunday 17th March you gave €835.00 (€545.90 in 68 envelopes and €289.10 on the plate) and on **Sunday 24th March** you gave €843.30 (€572.00 in 71 envelopes and €271.30 on the plate) *Grateful thanks for all your support.*

Message from Archbishop Eamon (abbreviated) The State is currently facing significant difficulties in providing accommodation for those who have come to Ireland seeking International protection. The Government has requested our assistance in sourcing additional temporary accommodation for these vulnerable people and are open to a variety of solutions including A) Very short term use of buildings or empty space. B) Medium term options –properties that would be ready to provide overnight accommodation C) Long term opportunities that may be sustainable well into the future. If you can help please contact Ann in the parish office for more information.

Alpha At Alpha Ireland, we are really excited for Spring! We're eagerly anticipating a season of new growth and great new possibilities. If you are a young adult in your 20s or 30s and would like to explore life, faith & meaning, join us for Alpha online this April, . Alpha explores the basics of the Christian faith, with time for open discussion in a safe and all-inclusive environment. Join us on Zoom, starting on Wednesday 10th April, from 7.45pm and running till 9pm .



Verbum Domini—The Gospel of the Lord John 20: 1 - 9

In some ways this gospel is a difficult one for prayer. It only presents a part of the story and the full unfolding of the good news the story contains lies in the next part of the text. However, even with this section there is plenty of material for reflection and for prayer.

1. The disciples are in a state of shock and suffering from a traumatic loss. Jesus, the one in whom they had placed so much hope, has been murdered and buried. Then, before they have time to recover comes another shock - the body of Jesus is missing. In recent years, information in newspapers and on TV is at times dominated by bad news. What was that like for you? How did you cope? What, or who, sustained you then?

2. Mary and Peter, and possibly others, came and discovered that the tomb was empty. The part of the story we have in this text gives no explanations of what has happened. They are left in a state of bewilderment 'for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead.' Have you been in that kind of a situation, faced with events you cannot explain, possibly events which have dashed your hopes in another person, or in God ? What has that been like for you?

3. Yet in spite of the lack of explanation, the beloved disciple 'saw and believed'. Have there been times when others have done something that you could not understand, and which they could not explain at the time and yet you believed that all was not as it seemed?...times when you decided to trust in spite of the evidence? Have there been times when others have shown this kind of faith in you when you were not able to offer satisfactory explanations, and all you could say was 'trust me'? Have there been times in your relationship with God when you felt that you were faced with an empty tomb and still you believed? Where have you found life in such experiences?

John Byrne OSA

'Synodality Explored: Facing the Future Together' International Conference at Knock Shrine in association with Notre Dame University, Australia. Keynote Speaker: Cardinal Mario Grech, Secretary General of the Synod of Bishops on Friday 19th and Saturday 20th April 2024 at St. John's Welcome Centre, Knock Shrine. This is a free event, open to the public and all are welcome. Further details are available on www.knockshrine.ie Tel: 094 93 88100 email: communications@knockshrine.ie