Collection: 9/10 March 2019 €1,720

Parish Envs: €174

Standing Orders etc: €250 (Approx)

# **St Patrick's Day Holiday** Please note that Masses on Monday, 18 March, are at 9.00 and 11.00 am only.

## **Exploring the Gospel** of the Passion

Father Anthony O'Leary CP will give two scripture talks for Lent on *Exploring the Gospel of the Passion*. On Wednesday of this week, 20 March, he will speak to us about the Passion of Christ in the Gospel according to Mark and on Wednesday, 10 April, Father Anthony's second talk will be on the Passion in the Gospel according to John. Both talks will take place in the Upper Room at 7.30 pm.

## Praying the Journey of Lent

On the Fridays of Lent we will have an hour of prayer and reflection in the Upper Room from 7.30 to 8.30 pm. This week's theme is *Renewed by God's Word*.

## **Lent Mass for First Communicants**

On Sunday, 31 March, the 11.00 am Family Mass will be a Welcome Mass for Children who are making their First Communion this year, with the children taking part in the readings and prayers of the faithful. At the end of Mass there will be a special Blessing for those who will make their First Communion this year.

## MOUNT ARGUS PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission is to be a living parish where

- All will feel welcome
- Everyone will be appreciated and encouraged to use their gifts
- People and priests work together to develop a community of faith and compassion.

#### Passionist Jubilee Icon

This weekend we welcome the Passionist Jubilee Icon which is visiting Passionist communities throughout the world in preparation for the third centenary of the Passionists in 2020. Here is a description of the Icon by Fr Frank Keevins CP: The icon has 3 panels. The centre panel shows the Crucified Christ and, on either side of Christ's cross, stand Mary, Mother of Sorrows, Patroness of the Passionist Congregation, and St. Paul of the Cross, Founder of the Passionists. The side panels show four figures representing four aspects of the Passionist Vocation. There is St Gemma Galgani, who represents the Passionist laity; St. Gabriel who represents Passionist students; Blessed Isidore de Loor who represents the vocation of the Passionist Brother, and Blessed Dominic Barberi who represents the Passionist missionary vocation. Blessed Dominic was a missionary to England and is best known for receiving Blessed John Henry Newman into the Catholic Church. Here is what each of them had to say about each other in that very famous incident: Blessed Dominic said "The door opened and what a spectacle it was for me to see, at my feet, John Henry Newman, begging me to hear his confession and to admit him into the bosom of the Catholic Church." Blessed John Henry Newman said of Dominic: "When his form came within sight, I was moved to the depths in the strangest way. The gaiety and affability of his manner, in the midst of his sanctity, was itself a holy sermon." The icon also shows the hand of the Father, and the Holy Spirit in the form of a dove, above the cross, as well as angels bearing the symbols of the Passion, and other angels watching over. It's very beautiful and rich in colour, as icons always are.

#### **Benedictine Monks Vocation Retreat**

The Benedictine Monks, Rostrevor, County Down, invite men (18-40) to an Easter Triduum Retreat from Holy Thursday, 18 April until Sunday, 20 April 2019. Take time to reflect. Examine your life and consider your call. If interested, please contact Fr Thierry: benedictinemonks@btinternet.com/+44 (0)28 4173 9979 / Facebook: Benedictine Monks Rostrevor / Twitter: @rostrevormonks

Kindly remember the recently deceased:

Gerard Derwin Joe Byrne

May they rest in peace

#### Scripture for Lent

Our Lady of the Rosary Parish presents the final Lenten Talk by Fr Kieran O'Mahony O.S.A. (Scripture Scholar) on Monday, 18 March at 7.30 pm in the Pastoral Centre, Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, Harold's Cross. All welcome.

#### **Legion of Mary Acies**

The Legion of Mary will hold its Acies Ceremony for active and auxiliary members in Our Lady of the Rosary Church, Harold's Cross on Sunday, 24 March at 3.00 pm. All are welcome.

#### **Young Adult Retreat**

The community Alliance of Mercy is having a young adult retreat called Thalita Kum Weekend (meaning: Young, get up!) -a joyful and musical retreat, where you can meet new people and experience God's love. The Retreat will be held in St Bernadette's Parish Centre, Clogher Road on 23 and 24 March. For more information, contact Herick & Erika on 089 9648642 or go to facebook.com/allianceofmerc y.ie

## **Trocaire Lenten Boxes** are available on the tables at the back of the Church.

#### **Lent 2018**

A leaflet containing Mass, service and special event times for Lent is available at the back of the Church. Please note that there is an extra Mass on weekdays during Lent (i.e. from Monday to Friday) at 7.00 am.

