

Newsletter March 2024.

Assumption Church Walkinstown.



Saint Patrick.

One of Ireland's 3 great co-patrons, Patrick was far from saintly to begin with. Before he was enslaved here for several years, he confesses that he was a sinner and, along with his friends, he didn't truly accept the faith. Aged 16, taken from all he knew and alone in captivity, he began to pray and gradually drew closer and closer to God. Young people in any difficulty might well ask Patrick to pray for them.



In the comfort of your love,
I pour out to you, my Saviour,
The memories that haunt me,
The anxieties that perplex me, The fears that stifle me,
The sickness that prevails upon me, And the frustration of all
the pain that weaves about within me.
Lord, help me to see your peace in my turmoil, your compassion in my sorrow, your forgiveness in my weakness,
And, your love in my need.
Touch me, O Lord, with your healing power and strength.



Dear parishioners,

Happy St Patrick's Day to you. May our beloved Patron intercede for us, our families, our Church and for Ireland. That the Catholic Faith that he brought may be renewed and that many people today may return to belief and trust in God, which is a treasure for us who believe. On Good Friday we'll pray for healing for those hurt in the church, that they may have peace. St Patrick, pray for us. Fr Paul.

What our Faith brings

The Catholic Church attracts a lot of criticism and some of it is deserved but we should not forget all the good She does! Here is just a sample;

It runs 150000 schools which educate 54 million students annually, 5500 hospitals, 16 000 health clinics, 16000 homes for the elderly and chronically ill.

It provides vital assistance to millions more people each year. Many of these places are run by religious orders and/or laypeople. Lay or religious they are united in seeing the face of God in each person. Two-thirds of these schools and hospitals are in the developing world. We should give thanks for the abundant fruit the Catholic Faith has brought and continues to bring to so many including our own country. [Based on information provided by The Iona Institute]

Holy Week and Easter

On Sunday 24th March we will celebrate Palm Sunday and Christ's triumphant entrance into Jerusalem. That begins Holy Week, the holiest week of the Church's liturgical year. On Holy Thursday morning all the priests of the diocese will gather around Archbishop Farrell for the Chrism Mass where the Holy Oils are consecrated for the year for each parish. In the evening begins the Easter Triduum with the celebration of The Last Supper. At the end of this mass there's no final blessing. The next day, Good Friday we'll celebrate the Passion Liturgy and reflect on The Cross in a special way. Holy Saturday is a quiet day where the Saviour sleeps and all of creation seems to notice. Then the climax is the Easter Vigil where with lighted candles we celebrate our Risen Lord with extra readings from the Scriptures as we mediate on salvation history and God's long and patient work of bringing us into communion with him through Jesus his Son.
Happy and blessed Easter to you all. Fr Paul.

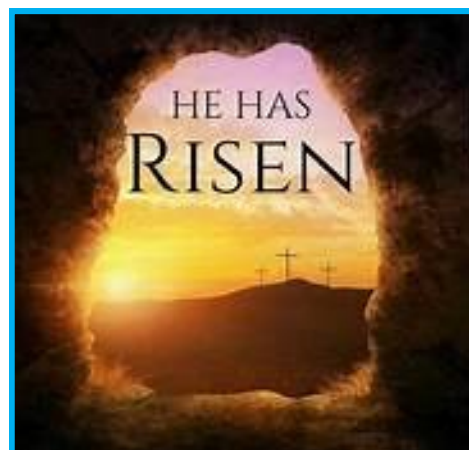
Church of the Assumption Walkinstown



HOLY WEEK & EASTER

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| Palm Sunday | Sat Vigil 6 pm, Sun 11:30 am |
| Tuesday of Holy Week | 7.30 pm Penitential and Healing Service |
| Holy Thursday | 10 am Morning Prayer 7.30 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper Followed by adoration and private prayer until late |
| Good Friday | 10 am Morning Prayer 12 noon Family Stations of the Cross 3 pm The Lord's Passion 7.30 pm Stations/Prayer around the Cross |
| Holy Saturday | 10 am Morning Prayer |
| Saturday Evening | 7.30 pm Easter Vigil |
| Easter Sunday | 11.30 am Mass |

*Fr. Paul and the Parish Team would like
to wish you a Blessed Easter.*



Mass Times

Monday — Friday 10am
Saturday - 6pm (Vigil Mass)
Sunday 11:30am

Holy Days – Mass at 10am

Vigil Mass 7pm previous evening.

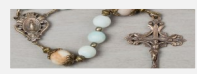
Confessions before weekend masses or on request.

Adoration takes place every Thursday morning after 10am Mass in the Church. All are welcome.

Rosary

We say the rosary every morning from 9.30am until Mass at 10am.

You are all welcome to come and join in.



Parish Priest

Fr. Paul Glennon.

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Sacristan

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Joe Morrison

Baptisms are the **3rd** Sunday of every month. If you would like to book a baptism please contact the **Parish Office 01-4502649.**

Mon - Fri 9.30am– 1130am.

Out of hours please leave a message and we will get back to you as soon as possible.

Parish website;

www.walkinstownparish.ie

Email;

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We remember our parishioners who have passed away recently.

Especially, **Brendan Redmond & Bernadette (Bernie) Kinch & Carmel O'Callaghan**

We will continue to keep them and their families in our prayers.



Holy Water

We have holy water at the side entrance of the Church, if you would like to bring some home with you.

Holy Water has been blessed by a priest and is called a sacramental as it is a visible sign that imparts invisible grace. It is extremely effective at protecting us from evil and temptation. Sprinkle yourself with it before leaving home in the morning and before you go to sleep.



Sunday Gospel Reflection

A small group of lay people meet every Friday after the 10 o'clock Mass to reflect on the gospel of the up-coming Sunday. We follow a simple format:

1. The gospel is read aloud.
2. We stay silent for a short time to allow the reading to speak to us.

Come and see, you would be very welcome. If you would like more information, please contact **John on 087 615 7795**



Cian Lynch, GAA Hurler and his Faith

Cian Lynch is a very talented GAA Hurler from Limerick, who plays as a centre forward for his club Patrickswell and where he has held the role of captain, and also with the Limerick senior team. Recognised for his exceptional skill level and selfless team play, he is widely considered one of the best players in the current game and has earned the nickname "midfield magician". He is one of only two players to win the 'hurler of the year' award more than once, winning in 2018 and 2021, with the other being Henry Shefflin, who achieved this feat three times. Cian comes from a strong Catholic background and has spoken about how his faith influences his life and sport. Cian has mentioned that his Catholic faith provides him with a sense of peace and strength, helping him to stay grounded in the midst of the pressures of being a sportsman.

Cian credits his Catholic upbringing with instilling in him values such as humility, perseverance, and teamwork, which he believes are essential not just in sport but in all aspects of life. He sees his faith as a source of inspiration and motivation, guiding him to be the best person and athlete that he can be.

<https://www.the42.ie/cian-lynch-limerick-drinking-religion-4274274-Oct2018/>

<https://www.offtheball.com/hurling/cian-lynch-limerick-1093793>

<https://www.thesun.ie/sport/2689996/devout-limerick-star-cian-lynch-hoping-his-prayers-are-answered-as-treaty-men-take-on-waterford/>



After Mass Hospitality .

Every Wednesday after 10am Mass and 2nd Sunday of the month after 11.30am Mass.



The Pope's Monthly Intentions for March: For the New Martyrs

Pope Francis invites prayer "for those around the world who risk their lives for the Gospel, to inspire the Church with their courage and missionary zeal."



Charismatic Renewal ARMY OF PRAISE Day of Praise and Worship

"THE BATTLE IS MINE"

(Says the Lord 2 Chron 20.15)

Sat 13 April 2024

John McCormack Hall

Technical University of the Shannon (TUS),

Dublin Rd, Athlone N37 HD68

Starts at 10.00am

Speakers/Testimonies

Fr Pat Scanlan, Stephanie McKittrick, Pastor Trevor Hall, Marie Beirne

Music: Rónán Johnston & Friends

Praise, worship, prayer for impartation of the Holy Spirit and

Healing

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Admission - Donations welcome.