



Parish of Abbeyside Ballinroad & Garranbane Newsletter

Saturday & Sunday 19th & 20th February 2022

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

The readings for the 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C lead us to think about mercy and justice. This is a good time to think about the way we think and act toward each other. Are we merciful as God is merciful to us?

In the first reading David has the opportunity to kill Saul, but he does not do it. In the second reading Paul tells us we shall bear the image of Christ. In the gospel Jesus tells us we must love our enemies, forgive each other, and stop judging.

Online Donations

You can now donate online via our website:

<https://abgparish.ie/donations/>



If Elderly or Sick and Housebound

If you know of someone who would like the priest to visit with Holy Communion on First Fridays or at any other time, please let us know at the parish office 058-45787.



Notices/Short Articles for Newsletter

If you would like to write a brief piece or include a notice in the Newsletter, please submit to the Parish Office by 12 noon on Wednesday. You can do so by physically handing it in or by email to abgparish@gmail.com

The Meaning of Lent

The English word 'Lent' comes from the Anglo-Saxon word Lencten, meaning 'Spring'. In other languages the word comes from the Latin, *Quadragesima* – a period of 40 days. In the Christian tradition the forty days is understood to refer to a time of intense prayer and preparation; we remember the biblical stories of Noah and the flood of 40 days, the forty years the Israelites spent wandering in the wilderness and Christ's forty day fast in the desert in preparation for his earthly ministry.



Ash Wednesday – 2nd March 2022. Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the Season of Lent. It is a season of penance, reflection, and fasting which prepares us for Christ's Resurrection on Easter Sunday. Ash Wednesday is a day of fast and abstinence. Why we receive ashes on Ash Wednesday.

“Remember, Man is dust, and unto dust you shall return.”

Ashes are a symbol of penance made sacramental by the blessing of the Church, and they help us develop a spirit of humility and sacrifice. The ashes are made from the blessed palms used in the Palm Sunday celebration of the previous year. The ashes are christened with Holy Water and are scented by exposure to incense. While the ashes symbolize penance and contrition, they are also a reminder that God is gracious and merciful to those who call on Him with repentant hearts. His Divine mercy is of utmost importance during the season of Lent, and the Church calls on us to seek that mercy during the entire Lenten season with reflection, prayer and penance.

The Lenten Station Mass

The Lenten Station Mass takes place on Sunday 6th March in:-

- Ballinroad at 10am,
- Garranbane at 11am
- Abbeyside at 12noon

The Station envelope is the purple-coloured one in our box of envelopes. Extra envelopes are available at the back of each church. The envelopes can be returned to the sacristy, Parish office, or dropped into the Collection boxes in each church. Online donations accepted also through our website abgparish.ie and clicking on the Donations button. We thank you in advance for your generosity.

Distributors

We ask all our distributors to call to the office on Thursday next to collect Trocaire Boxes/Lenten Station envelopes that need to be delivered to each house in the Parish.

Upcoming Events

Encounter:

New event for Young Adults (aged 18-35), Friday 11th March at 8pm, St John's Church, Parnell Street, Waterford. Talk, Music, Prayer, Refreshments. Free Admission. More info: www.waterfordlismore.ie



Trócaire Lenten Workshops

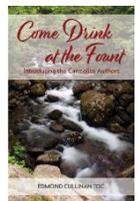
It is this time of the year again and we are delighted to tell you that Trócaire will be hosting four Lent workshops again this year. The first workshop is on Tuesday, 22nd of February at 2pm and this workshop is on Lent parish resources and the context in Zimbabwe.

You can register here for workshops: <https://forms.gle/jbb8mxLt8t1NpSzU8>

In preparation for these workshops- please have a look at our resources for Lent on our parish page;
<https://www.trocaire.org/our-work/working-in-ireland/parishes/lent-2022/>

Book Launch – 'Come drink at the Fount' by Fr Edmond Cullinan

'Come drink at the Fount' by Fr Edmond Cullinan will be officially launched on Tuesday 22nd February. This is an online launch via Zoom. I am sure you will support Canon Edmund on this wonderful achievement Please click on the link outlined below to register.



<https://www.veritasbooksonline.com/25356/come-drink-at-the-fount-book-launch-22-february/>

Interfaith Walk – Celebrating all Faiths

An interfaith Walk will take place on Sunday 27th February starting at 3.00pm from The Apple Market and walking to City Hall.

New Pilates '777 FOR LIFE' Classes

When: 6pm on Wednesdays.

Where: Dungarvan tennis club (All levels welcome!).

Contact: (089)2380382 / www.pilateswithhannette.ie



Parish Contacts

Parish Office: 058-45787

Opening Hours Monday -Thursday 9:00am - 1:00pm

Friday 9:00am -12:30pm

Parish Website: www.abgparish.ie



Mass Times in our Parish

Saturday (Vigil)	7.00pm	Abbeyside Church
Sunday	9.30am	Abbeyside Church
	10.00am	Ballinroad Church
	11.00am	Garranbane Church
	12.00 noon	Abbeyside Church

Weekday Masses Monday to Friday @ 10 a.m from Abbeyside Church

Masses will be live streamed from Abbeyside Church and can be accessed on our parish website: abgparish.ie/live

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