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THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT— March 23rd, 2025

MASS TIMES — Church of Our Lady Assumed into Heaven, Enniscrone

Sat.	March 22nd	8pm:	Jim (Anniv.) & Aggie McDonnell & sons Sean & Seamus
Sun.	March 23rd	10am:	Mattie Carden; Antoinette Hallinan & deceased family
Mon.	March 24th	9.30am:	Josephine, William & Michael Tuffy
Tues.	March 25th	9.30am:	Maureen & Willie Rouse
Wed.	March 26th	9.30am:	Margaret O’Connor
Thurs.	March 27th	9.30am:	Michael O’Rourke
Fri.	March 28th	9.30am:	Edward (Ned) Kilcullen
Sat.	March 29th	8pm:	Peggy Quigley(2nd Anniv.)
Sun.	March 30th	10am:	Martin Freeman

MASS TIMES — Church of the Holy Family, Kilglass

Sat.	March 22nd	12noon:	Personal Intention
Sun.	March 23rd	12noon:	Mikie & Johnny Nealon, dec’d Nealon & Murray families; Myra & Paddy Sheridan
Mon.	March 24th	7pm:	Maura, Brendan & Seamus Boland, Paddy Murray, Dec’d Murray & Boland families
Tues.	March 25th		No Mass
Wed.	March 26th		No Mass
Thurs.	March 27th		No Mass
Fri.	March 28th	7pm:	Rita (Anniv.) & Bernard Kavanagh & dec’d families
Sat.	March 29th	12noon:	Della Hanley (3rd Anniv.) & dec’d Hanley & Weir families
Sun.	March 30th	12noon:	Tom Ryan & dec’d Ryan & Caffrey families; Christy (Anniv.), Delia, Joseph & Bernard Kilcullen & dec’d families

We pray for recently deceased:

Peter O’Grady, Fortland, Easkey

We welcome into God’s family recently baptised:

Donnacha Thomas Nee, Williamstown, Co. Galway

Rosary recited—9am to 9.20am- before the daily 9.30am mass in Enniscrone Monday to Friday

Adoration Chapel (Enniscrone) is open daily from 8am to 8pm. It is accessible from the outside at the rear of the Church.

Readings for next Weekend —Fourth Sunday of Lent — March 30th, 2024

First Reading: Joshua 5:9-12

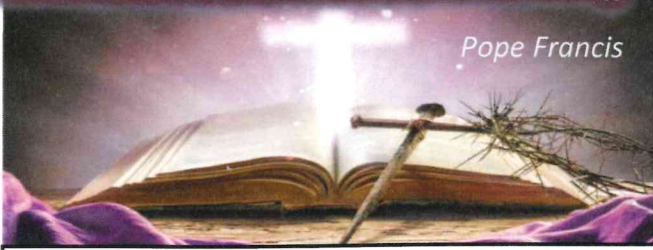
Psalm 33: 2-7

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:17-21

Gospel : Luke 15: 1-3, 11-32

"Lent comes to awaken us and shake us from our lethargy"

Pope Francis



You are invited to an evening of Prayer and Reflection for Lent from 7.30pm to 8.00p.m. in Enniscrone Church this Wednesday night March 26th. The chosen theme is Peace. Everyone welcome.

PLEASE NOT THAT THE VIGIL MASS TIME IN ENNISCRONE IS AT 8PM

Enniscrone Tidy Towns need new members. If you have some free time and would like to help with summer planting and keeping the town tidy, phone 086 8934188.

Jesus & Mary Secondary School, Enniscrone, Parents' Association is holding a fund raising **Table Quiz** on **Friday March 28th** in the **Diamond Coast Hotel @ 8pm**. All proceeds from the night will support the TY student Gaeltacht trip to Colaiste Achail. Cost per team of four is €40. Everyone over 18 is welcome. Raffle & Spot Prizes on the night. Your support for this important fundraiser is very welcome.

Enniscrone Bingo: Bingo in the Old Church in Enniscrone continues each Tuesday evening at 8pm sharp. Doors open at 7pm with free tea and coffee served. Great prizes to be won every night. All proceeds in aid of Western Gaels. Please support.

Dance fitness every Friday morning at 11 am in Enniscrone Resource Centre. €8 per session. All ages welcome. Proceeds go to the upkeep of the Centre. Contact 096-37444 for more details.

The Tuam and Killala Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2025, led by Archbishop Francis Duffy, Apostolic Administrator of Killala, will take place from 29th August to 4th September, 2025. Cost €995 pps in the Hotel Agena. Enquiries and Booking to 01-2410800. For the Assisted Section, Contact Eileen on 086-4013897."

"**The North West Hospice Memorial Walk** will take place on Sunday April 6th at 12 midday in Sligo town. Walk in memory of a deceased family member, friend, neighbour or work colleague. Register before Thursday March 27th at 5pm and get a personalised t-shirt with the name of your loved one on it. The walk is open to all who have been bereaved. Register at <https://northwesthospice.ie/memorialwalk/> or call (071) 9170523."

'**ALL MY LOVE UNTIL THE END OF TIME**' : A collection of poems by John Flynn in memory of the late Chris Flynn RIP is now on sale in Milo's Newsagents, Main St., Enniscrone @€20. Proceeds go to Pieta House. Thanks to all who supported the book launch at Abhainn Studios on Pier Rd. last October.

Second Collection for the Building Fund to cover repair work on Enniscrone Church came to €662.07 last Sunday. €37232.14 has been donated so far. The cost of the repair work to date is €38, 635.40. Replacing the water-damaged ceiling of the front section of the Church and updating the lighting and wiring-not yet costed-will be undertaken within the next month or so.

Would you like to learn how to use your Community Defibrillator? A class is being organised on how to use a defibrillator and do effective CPR on Saturday April 5th in Kilglass Hub. It is easy to learn, will only take a few hours of your time and the certificate will last for two years. If you are interested, please contact Gail on 0868138068

Enniscrone Indoor Market returns every Saturday from 11am to 3pm in The Old Church, Enniscrone. You can get freshly brewed coffee & tea, fresh homemade baking & treats. Come to see homemade crafts, paintings, jewellery & much more. Fresh fruit & vegetable also available. Please support this local venture.



Webpage link to churchtv.ie/enniscrone to view parish newsletter, daily mass intention list or to watch services by webcam.



Donation link if you wish to make a donation via the churchtv.ie/enniscrone or kilglass webpage



SUNDAY LETTER

Series: Salvation History; Third Sunday of Lent, Year C; 23 March 2025

The thought of Moses, standing barefoot on holy ground, transfixed by the Burning Bush on Mount Horeb, evokes in me memories of struggling without shoes and socks on the sharp stones of the holy island of Lough Derg, and the rocky path of the High Stations in the sacred sanctuary of Lourdes.

“Adonai”, the Hebrew word for “Lord”, discloses to Moses that the Lord’s name is “I Am who I Am”. There is an air of mystery, wonder and awe in this profound encounter.

Psalm 102 reveals some of the everlasting and tender qualities of “I Am” –

“The Lord is compassion and love ... who forgives all your guilt ... who heals every one of your ills ... who is slow to anger and rich in mercy.”

Summary

Living in the present challenges us to ask God constantly what he wants us to do in the here-and-now.

When we take off our shoes and bare our souls and cry: “O let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleading”, “I Am’ gives us the grace to pick ourselves up and begin again.

Question

Why should we give the fig tree one more year?

Prayer

Lord, take me by the hand and lead me where I need to go.

Fearful and disheartened, Moses was ordered by “I Am” to return to Egypt and demand that Pharaoh release the People of Israel from slavery. The dialogue with “I Am” at the Burning Bush reminded Moses (and, indeed, reminds us all), that the past teaches us to trust in God and that everything has a purpose. Living in the present challenges us to ask God constantly what he wants of us in the here-and-now. Facing the future, we are never alone, because ‘I Am’ is always watching over us, walking by our side.

Trust

Moses left Mount Horeb, placing himself trustingly in the hands of “I Am”. He set out on the arduous adventure that would culminate in him leading the Chosen People to the Promised Land. The poet Andrea Skevington writes:

*“In a moment
your reality peeled open,
revealing fire within,
the truth within,
giving you back
the discomfort of hope,
giving you back
your people,
and your way.”*

(Andrea Skevington: *Moses and the Burning Bush*, 2020).

An Open Invitation

Pausing with Moses before the Burning Bush, we think about, we savour, moments when we have felt embraced in a loving and life-giving space, knowing and believing that “I Am” was inviting us into the closeness of his gentle, fatherly, presence. We allow these memories fill us with joy and wonder in the spirit of Psalm 102 –

My soul give thanks to the Lord; all my being bless his holy name. (Psalm 102)

Don't Give Up

Sometimes, it is in situations of crisis that we discover a sacred space – a Burning Bush, where, in the silence of our imploring, ‘I Am’ is waiting to take us by the hand. At such moments when we take off our shoes and bare our souls and cry: “O let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleading”, ‘I Am’ gives us the grace to pick ourselves up and begin again.

As we journey through Lent, Jesus, the Word made flesh, the human face of ‘I Am’, encourages us not to give up trying, just like the gardener beseeches the owner to give the fig-tree one more year. Pope

The Burning Bush



Francis says it so well:

“I like to think that a nice name for God could be ‘The God of another possibility’. God always gives us another opportunity, always, always ... He is close with mercy and tenderness.” (Angelus 20 March 2022)

“O Adonai, come to us here who would not find you there ... Touch the bare branches of our unbelief And blaze again like fire in every leaf.”

(Malcome Guite : *Burning Bush*)

The Mass

Third Sunday of Lent Year C; 23 Mar 2025



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

My eyes are always on the Lord,
for he rescues my feet from the snare.
Turn to me and have mercy on me,
for I am alone and poor.

PENITENTIAL ACT (3)

Brothers and sisters, let us acknowledge our sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

Priest: You were sent to heal the contrite of heart:

Lord, have mercy.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Priest: You came to call sinners:

Christ, have mercy.

People: Christ, have mercy.

Priest: You are seated at the right hand of the Father to intercede for us:

Lord, have mercy.

People: Lord, have mercy.



FIRST READING Exodus 3:1-8, 13-15

A reading from the book of Exodus:

Moses was looking after the flock of Jethro, his father-in-law, priest of Midian. He led his flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in the shape of a flame of fire, coming from the middle of a bush. Moses looked; there was the bush blazing but it was not being burnt up. "I must go and look at this strange sight," Moses said "and see why the bush is not burnt." Now the Lord saw him go forward to look, and God called to him from the middle of the bush. "Moses, Moses!" he said. "Here I am" he answered. "Come no nearer" he said. "Take off your shoes, for the place on which you stand is holy ground. I am the God of your fathers," he said "the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob." At this Moses covered his face, afraid to look at God.

And the Lord said, "I have seen the miserable state of my people in Egypt. I have heard their appeal to be free of their slave-drivers. Yes, I am well aware of their sufferings. I mean to deliver them out of the hands of the Egyptians and bring them up out of that land to a land rich and broad, a land where milk and honey flow."

Then Moses said to God, "I am to go, then, to the sons of Israel and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you.'" But if they ask me what his name is, what am I to tell them?" And God said to Moses, "I Am who I Am. This" he added "is what you must say to the sons of Israel: 'The Lord, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you.' This is my name for all time; by this name I shall be invoked for all generations to come."

The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Psalm 102

[R] The Lord is compassion and love.

[1] My soul, give thanks to the Lord,
all my being, bless his holy name.
My soul give thanks to the Lord
and never forget all his blessings. **[R]**

[2] It is he who forgives all your guilt,
who heals every one of your ills,
who redeems your life from the grave,
who crowns you with love and compassion. . . . **[R]**

[3] The Lord does deeds of justice,
gives judgement for all who are oppressed.
He made known his ways to Moses
and his deeds to Israel's sons. **[R]**

[4] The Lord is compassion and love,
slow to anger and rich in mercy.
For as the heavens are high above the earth
so strong is his love for those who fear him. . . . **[R]**

SECOND READING 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians:

I want to remind you, brothers, how our fathers were all guided by a cloud above them and how they all passed through the sea. They were all baptised into Moses in this cloud and in this sea; all ate the same spiritual food and all drank the same spiritual drink, since they all drank from the spiritual rock that followed them as they went, and that rock was Christ. In spite of this, most of them failed to please God and their corpses littered the desert.

These things all happened as warning for us, not to have the wicked lusts for forbidden things that they had. You must never complain: some of them did, and they were killed by the Destroyer.

All this happened to them as a warning and it was written down to be a lesson for us who are living at the end of the age. The man who thinks he is safe must be careful that he does not fall.

The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (Stand)

Glory to you, O Christ, You are the Word of God.
Repent, says the Lord,
for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.
Glory to you, O Christ, You are the Word of God.



GOSPEL Luke 13:1-9

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke:

People: Glory to you, O Lord.

Some people arrived and told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with that of their sacrifices. At this he said to them, "Do you suppose these Galileans who suffered like that were greater sinners than any other Galileans? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen on whom the tower at Siloam fell and killed them? Do you suppose that they were more guilty than all the other people living in Jerusalem? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did."

He told this parable! "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard and he came looking for fruit on it but found none. He said to the man who looked after the vineyard, 'Look here, for three years now I have been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and finding none. Cut it down: why should it be taking up the ground?' 'Sir', the man replied, 'leave it one more year and give me time to dig around it and manure it! It may bear fruit next year; if not, then you can cut it down.'"

The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

HOMILY (Sit)

THE APOSTLES' CREED (Stand)

I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,

(At the words that follow, up to and including 'the Virgin Mary', all bow)

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty;
from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting. Amen.

INTERCESSIONS



PREFACE DIALOGUE

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: And with your spirit.

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right and just.

SANCTUS

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. ...



THE MYSTERY OF FAITH (3)

Priest: The Mystery of Faith.

People: Save us, Saviour of the world,
for by your Cross and resurrection,
you have set us free.

§ INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

Priest: Behold the Lamb ...

People: Lord, I am not worthy
that you should enter under my roof,
but only say the word
and my soul shall be healed.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The sparrow finds a home,
and the swallow a nest for her young:
by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.
Blessed are they who dwell in your house,
for ever singing your praise.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

As we receive the pledge
of things yet hidden in heaven
and are nourished while still on earth
with the Bread that comes from on high,
we humbly entreat you, O Lord,
that what is being brought about in us in mystery
may come to true completion.



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Sat 22 Mar Weekday : Sun 23 Mar Lent 3 : Mon 24 Mar St Macaritan : Tue 25 Mar The Annunciation of the Lord : Wed 26 Mar Weekday : Thu 27 Mar Weekday : Fri 28 Mar Weekday : Sat 29 Mar Weekday : Sun 30 Mar Lent 4.