



The Parish of Mungret ✠ Crecora ✠ Raheen

5th Sunday of Easter -

24th April, 2016

A New Commandment

In today's Gospel Jesus gives the disciples a new commandment – to love one another. When we truly love one another, we are experiencing something of the divine as love comes from God, love is God and God is love. Surely Jesus' command to love one another was nothing new for the disciples and those of their time; the commandment is well known in the Old Testament. But the love Jesus asks of the disciples here (and of us) is to love as he has loved, and that is a controversial love for some. It is without restrictions and without exclusion. It is a love of those it is hard to love. This love was too radical for some of the religious leaders of Jesus' time and ultimately led to his death. This radically inclusive love is something too much for Christians today also, to love the sinner, to love those on the extreme margins of our society, to love those who have hurt us, to welcome back those who have done wrong, to include all at the table. Let us hear those words of the Gospel more clearly today: *'love one another, just as I have loved you, you must also love one another.'* We can dream and work towards a world where this is a reality.

*Let the Church always be a place of
mercy and hope, where everyone is
welcome, loved and forgiven.*

Pope Francis.

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TIMES OF MASSES IN THE PARISH:

Raheen: Vigil 6 p.m. Sunday 11 a.m. 12.30 p.m. Mon, to Fri 10 a.m. **Eucharistic Adoration:** Fri. 10.30 a.m.–10 p.m.

Crecora: **Sunday** 10 a.m. Tue, Thurs 9.15 a.m. **Eucharistic Adoration:** Thurs to 12 noon & 6p.m–10 p.m.

Mungret: Sunday 11.30 a.m. Wednesday Sat. 11.30 a.m. **Eucharistic Adoration:** Wed (10am–12noon).

ADORATION: Friday 6th May & Friday 13th May, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be held in the Millennium Centre.

Collection for Ukraine – 2nd Collection.

this weekend.

Due to the particular grave situation facing Ukrainian people, Pope Francis has asked that parishes respond to the tragic consequences of the ongoing conflict in Ukraine. In response to this appeal we will hold a 2nd Collection at all Masses. The proceeds of this collection will be joined to a substantial offering to be made by Pope Francis as a sign of his own participation in this collection. These funds will be used for the benefit of those living in conflict zones and those displaced within the country.

The Pro Life Campaign: The Pro Life Campaign will be holding a public information meeting on Monday, 25th April in the Maldron Hotel, Roxboro Limerick at 7pm. The meeting will give an update on the current situation as regards the protection of the unborn and their mothers and offer ideas on what you can do in your area. All are welcome. For more information contact (01) 662 9275 or visit www.prolifecampaign.ie

‘A Big Thank You’ to everyone who supported my fund-raising tea/coffee morning on Sunday 17th April, in the Millennium Centre, for the Lourdes Youth Pilgrimage June 2016.

HB Ice-cream Sunday: Please come and join us on Sunday May 8th after the 11a.m. Children’s Mass (this is our last Mass until after the summer) in the Millennium Centre for HB Ice-Cream as we support our friends with Down Syndrome.

Scoil Carmel, Limerick invites all associated with the school to Mass in St Joseph’s Church, O’Connell Avenue, Limerick on Sunday, April 24th at 2.00 to mark the upcoming closure. Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Leahy followed by a visit back to the school.

TIME FOR A NEW CHALLENGE: Are you interested in becoming a **Facilitator** or a **Counsellor** with **ACCORD Catholic Marriage Care Service**, Ireland’s leading provider of **Marriage Preparation courses? Counselling Service for couples?**

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Closing date 29th April, 2016.

Parish Pastoral Council: Marie Walsh (parish synod delegate) gave a comprehensive report on the recent Synod. She said that the Synod was thought to be a positive experience for all involved. All were encouraged to listen and all the delegates were given time to make a contribution. The results of the voting will be available shortly. The delegates will be meeting again in September and from that meeting conclusions will be drawn up. Security in our churches was also discussed, suggestions for improvement were made, which will be considered. The meeting was informed, that the first Annual Mass for parents of children baptized during the past year will take place at 11 a.m. on May 8th. The invitations are currently being distributed by the members of the Baptismal team.

Mungret Heritage Lecture: Mungret’s Rich Natural Heritage

The final lecture in our current series takes place on Tuesday next, April 26 in Mungret College at 8pm. Tom O’Neill, Heritage Officer with Limerick City and County Council explains how both the Shannon and Ballynacloough rivers have given Mungret such a rich natural heritage. Free admission and all are welcome.

Visitation Team: One of the proposals of the Synod was that each parish would have a visitation to help promote community and sense of belonging. We hope to have a preparation gathering of all those who would like to be part of our visitation team, on Tuesday 3rd May at 7.30 p.m. in the Millennium Centre. New members most welcome.