



The Parish of Mungret ✠ Crecora ✠ Raheen

Fifth Sunday of Lent.

18th March, 2018



A rich harvest.

As Jesus entered into Holy Week, he knew the suffering that lay ahead. He knew that his commitment to God was what mattered and he held true to his calling, even when afraid. Here is part of a reflection by Fr Michel deVeurteil for this Gospel:

[Lord, we remember today all those who know](#)

that the hour has come for them:

- couples about to commit themselves to each other for life;
- people, secure in their jobs, who know you are calling them to move into some new field;
- parents who must now let go of their children;
- friends who have decided to break off a relationship which is harmful to them;
- families facing a drop in their standard of living.

Help them to feel Jesus making the journey with them.

Remind them of his pain and how he had to tell himself that unless the grain of wheat falls on the ground and dies it remains only a single grain, but if it dies it yields a rich harvest.

Lord, as we look back on our lives we remember how we did not take the risks we should have taken, and so have remained a single grain instead of yielding a rich harvest.

Help us to live with our mistakes, to give up our regrets, letting them fall on the ground and die, trusting that there is another kind of harvest that we can yield.

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MASS TIMES IN THE PARISH :

Raheen: Vigil 6pm Sun 11am & 12.30 pm Mon 11 a.m. Tue, Wed, Thurs 10.30 a.m. Fri 10am. Eucharistic Adoration Friday 10.30am–10 pm
Crecora: Sunday 10 a.m. Wed Thurs 9.15 a.m. **Eucharistic Adoration:** Thurs after 9.15 Mass to 12noon. 6p.m. - 10 pm
Mungret: Sunday 11.30 a.m. Wed 9.30a.m. . Sat 11.30 a.m. **Eucharistic Adoration:** Wed 10am–12 noon.

Mass Times 17 th /18 th March, 2018	
Vigil 6 pm	P.J.Mullins (Months Mind)
Sunday:	
11a.m	Nora & James O'Brien & Christopher Daly (A) Peggy O'Riordan (A)
12.30 pm.	Timothy John & Julia O'Sullivan (A) & Josie Walsh (A)
Crecora:	John & Johanna Reidy (A) William & Eileen Connolly (A)
Mungret:	
Raheen Week ahead 19 th /23 rd March	
Mon:	11 a.m. Pro Pop
Tue	Jerry Fitzgibbon & his mother Margaret (A)
Wed:	Jeremiah & Annie O'Sullivan (A)
Thurs:	10.30 a.m. Gael Scoil Ráithín Confirmation
Friday	Ann Heffernan (A)

Weekend 24 th /25 th March	
Raheen:	
6 p.m.	Martin, Catherine & Bernadette Patten (A)
Sunday:	
11a.m.	Special Intention
12.30	Baby James Conway (A)
Mungret:	Con & Josephine Leahy (A)
Crecora:	Daniel, Eileen & Michael Mann (A) Séan Mulqueen (Months Mind)

We pray: **Martin O'Gorman**
Dolores O'Donoghue
David Mansbridge

Diocesan Needs Collection: Second Collection at all Masses this weekend.

Bank Holiday Monday 19th March:
 Mass in Raheen at 11 a.m.

Crecora: No Mass on Tuesday next.
Raheen: Thursday - No 10 a.m. Mass –
Gael Scoil Confirmation at 10.30 a.m.
Mungret: No Mass on Friday next.

Rosary will be held at the **Grotto in Cratloe** this Sunday 18th March at 2.30 p.m. in connection with the Rosary on the Coast Group to save the 8th Amendment. It is being said at all Mass Rocks around Ireland.

PROGRAMS THIS LENT! The Joy of Love- Parish Program

Pope Francis, after a worldwide consultation wrote an encyclical entitled "The Joy of Love". We are offering a series of nights on his encyclical, which deals with the reality of family life in our world today and how the gospel and the message of Christ can bring light and hope to all families. This program is on at the Millennium Centre on Thursday 22nd March, 7.30pm for one hour.

CHOOSE LIFE 2018: Issue No.7. This week Emma tells her story. "I felt I wasn't ready to be a mother when I found myself pregnant at 23. I had always considered myself pro-life but I had now idea how difficult it would be to deal with a crisis pregnancy. I was blessed that I had two things that helped me through my pregnancy when things got tough.....Leaflet available at the back of the church.
Why not follow Choose Life 2018 on Facebook.

St. Joseph's Young Priests Society are holding our Congress this year in Limerick in the Radisson Blu hotel on Sat. 24th March from 10 30am till 4 30am. The keynote speaker is Rev Fr Frank O Connor. The theme is Family- The Domestic Church. Noirin Lynch will also speak to us and Bishop Brendan Leahy will celebrate Mass at 3 30am. If you would like to attend please call Una on 061 227852 to book a place .

Lourdes in September Thanks for the interest in our Parish Pilgrimage to Lourdes. We will travel on 22nd – 27th September. Why not join us? Names to Fr. O'Shea. Are you still considering, places still available!

Maranatha Prayer Ministry invites you to our Healing Retreat on Sunday, 25th March, 2018 at 2.30pm at St. Pauls Church, Dooradoyle, Limerick

Gael Scoil an Ráithín - Cóineartú an Spioraid Naoimh - Confirmation takes place on Thursday March 22nd in St. Nessan's Church, Raheen at 10.30 a.m.

Ciara Micks (16) from Raheen saw her world demolished three years ago when she developed Ehlers Danlos Syndrome (EDS). EDS affects joints, connective tissue and vital organs and within six weeks of diagnosis, Ciara went from being an active teenager, swimming and dancing to being unable to walk. Now she is almost bedridden. On Sunday 4th March, Ciara left for Barcelona, where she is undergoing life saving surgery. The cost of the surgery is €90,000 and will not be covered by the state. We are holding a **Coffee Morning for Ciara in Raheen on Sun 25th March** after the 11 a.m. and 12.30 Masses in the Millennium Centre. All donations will be very much appreciated.

CRECORA GOOD FRIDAY CLEANUP: TLC Limerick takes place again this year on Good Friday. All residents are urged to display their civic spirit and remove all litter from their local area. There is quite a lot of indiscriminate and inconsiderate littering taking place on our roads at present so one concerted effort on Good Friday will have our parish looking well for the onset of summer. This initiative is a joint venture between Crecora Camogie Club, Crecora-Manister GAA Club and the wider community. Special TLC litter bags, litter pickers and gloves will be available at the GAA pitch at 10am on Good Friday. All litter collected must be brought back to the GAA pitch for collection. Please be careful on the roads by wearing high visibility clothing and by keeping small children properly supervised.