



The Parish of Mungret ✠ Crecora ✠ Raheen

Catholics expect more accuracy and balance from the Media. (14/5/2017)

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I have criticised the media previously and do so again. I have been appalled by recent coverage in relation to the Church. So much media comment is based on untruth or exaggeration: for example elements of the media have not acknowledged the fact in the context of St. Vincent's Hospital, that the Sisters of Charity have no outstanding obligations to the Irish State under the redress scheme. Rather the media has stated that they have not settled their agreed liabilities.

More generally there is an implication in much of the media that all were aware of – and by association – guilty of the dreadful wrongs committed by some Catholics.

The media does not take into account the generosity and goodness of the generations of men and women in priesthood and religious life who dedicated their lives to others – often in difficult and very challenging situations.

The Catholic Church globally is the second largest aid donor after the United Nations, working sometimes in countries where even the UN has withdrawn its workers because of risks. This is not reported with the same prominence.

As a Catholic I feel that in attempting to deal with the wrongs – societal and religious – of the past, there is a risk that the core truths of Catholicism – that we are made by God, that we are loved by Him and called to love others as He has loved us, that we are called to live by the Gospels and that the Church was established by Jesus to help us on our way back to the father who loves us so – are denigrated and treated as just quaint, old-fashioned ideas inflicted on a naive people, which no right minded person would believe today.

The way in which Catholics are treated by parts of the media today is for the most part not respectful, not reflective of the fact that we have a right to freedom of belief and conscience under the law, and is not going to make Ireland a better place.

I know that I get many things wrong. I know that my Church and members of it have done great wrong in the past, but I believe and I think that it is time for more accuracy and balance in the way in which Catholicism is portrayed in the media today.

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MASS TIMES IN THE PARISH :

Raheen: Vigil 6pm Sun 11am & 12.30 pm. Mon to Fri 10am Eucharistic Adoration 10.30am – 10 pm

Crecora: Sunday 10 a.m. Tue.Wed.Thurs 9.15am. **Eucharistic Adoration:** Thurs to 12noon & 6p.m. - 10 pm

Mungret: Sunday 11.30 a.m. Wed. & Fri 9.30 a.m. **Eucharistic Adoration:** Wed 10am–12 noon.

❖ **Diocesan Needs Collection:** (3rd Sunday of the month) 2nd Collection at all Masses next weekend.

Mass Times 13th/14th May

Raheen: Pray for Rita O'Leary RIP recently
Pray for Pat Bowen (A)

6 p.m. Vigil for Vocations

11. a.m. Ann Quin (A)

& Val McDermott (A)

12.30 pm Denise Ward Molloy (A)

& Raymond Hogan (A)

Crecora: John O'Dea & Tom McNamara (A)

Mungret: Sun Eddie Shanahan (A)

Week ahead: 15th – 19th May.

Raheen

Mon Pro Pop

Wed Nellie Doherty (A)

Thurs John Fitzpatrick (A)

Fri Rita Kennedy RIP recent.

Crecora:

Thurs Thomas Kennedy RIP recent.

Weekend 20th/21st May

Raheen:

6 p.m. Séan Moore (A)

& Peg O'Connor (A)

11 a.m. John Houlihan (A)

12.30 p.m. Séan Moran (1st A)

Crecora: Frank Collins & Margaret O'Dea (A)



Crecora Apostolic Workers: Annual Display of work for Missionaries abroad will be held on Sunday 28th May, 10 a.m. in Crecora Church. Your support is very much appreciated.

Ice-Cream Sunday: A "Big Thank You" to all for your support on Ice-Cream Sunday in aid of Down Syndrome. Your generosity was very much appreciated.

Bus to Knock: Will leave Mungret Clubhouse at 9.30 a.m. and a pick up at Raheen Church at 9.35 a.m. sharp on Tuesday 30th May 2017. If interested contact Theresa at 061 353898, Nora at 061 301184 or Marian on 086-3929367.

Maranatha Prayer Ministry invites you to our Maranatha Healing Retreat and Family Tree Mass on next Sunday, 21st May, 2017 at 2.30pm at St. Pauls Church, Dooradoyle, Limerick through the Fr. Michael O'Shea, Limerick and Janice and Moss Carrigg, with beautiful Spirit Filled Praise and Worship Music and Song, Confessions, Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet, Talk, Mass and Adoration and Laying on of hands for healing. Tea after in hall. All welcome.

Thomond Flower & Garden Club will hold their monthly meeting on Wednesday 17th May at the South Court Hotel at 8 p.m. Our demonstrator for the evening will be Margaret Walsh (AOIFA). New members and visitors always welcome. This is our last meeting until September.

Old Graveyard Crecora: The cleaning of the old graveyard will commence again shortly. It would be great to see a few extra people on hand to help with the strimming. If anyone has a free hour of an evening (usually Tuesdays) maybe they would go along to help the men that have been attending to the graveyard for the past number of years. If you want more information you can contact Joe Moloney.

Vigil of Prayer for Vocations:

Role of Mary in the fostering of Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life.

this Saturday evening

6 p.m. Vigil Mass. 6.40 p.m. Adoration.

7 p.m. Rosary. 7.30 p.m. Divine Mercy.

8 p.m. Bishop Brendan Leahy Reflection.

8.30 p.m. Silent Prayer. 8.45 p.m. Benediction

9 p.m. Cup of Tea.

Milford Care invite you to attend a Service of Remembrance & Thanksgiving for the lives of those people who have died during 2016 under the care of Milford Care Centre. The Remembrance takes place at Our Lady Help of Christians Church, Castletroy, this Sunday at 3 p.m. Feel free to invite family and friends to join you in solidarity and support.

First Holy Communion: We would like to congratulate the children from St. Nessan's National School who received their First Holy Communion in St. Nessan's Church on Saturday. We express our appreciation to their teachers and staff who prepared them so beautifully for this special occasion.

Desert Day to prepare for the Feast of Pentecost



A Desert Day will take place in Westbourne Convent, Ashbourne Ave., Limk, on Sat 20th May from 10.30 a.m. to 5.30 p.m. The day will give you an opportunity to take a break from your busy schedule to prepare for the great feast of Pentecost in a calm and peaceful environment. Booking essential. Contact Sr. Phyllis 087-9636893 or email: phymoy@yahoo.co.uk.