



The Parish of Mungret ✠ Crecora ✠ Raheen

4th March, 2017

First Sunday of Lent



'I have maybe a few months left in my home' says Miriam. 'We are hardly living there these days because every time there is bad weather we have to evacuate'.

Miriam Marivel Campos Perez, a thirty-year old mother, and her six year old daughter Maria live in Cuyamel, not far from the city of San Pedro Sula in the north of Honduras. Their village is built around a life of fishing and farming. The small village is often victim to flooding. Cuyamel used to be one hundred meters away from the sea: however, as a result of a massive earthquake in 2009, the seabed has sunken by 60 cm, and this combined with rising sea levels caused by climate change, means the village is now prone to devastating flooding.

When the floods come the alert is sounded and the villagers have little time to get ready as the water comes very fast. In school, six-year-old Maria learns the traffic light system. Green means all is ok. Orange means the weather is starting to turn and they must start to get ready for the floods. Red means they must run fast as the water is coming. Mother and daughter grab hold of each other and run. Maria says that she shouts 'let's go, let's go' to her mother because she is so afraid. They must run fast as the water brings with it timber and other debris; if you are hit you could get badly hurt. On returning home, flooding is another trauma, 'It's really sad when I come back and see how my house looks. I want to run away and never return. The sea brings sand and is full of garbage that gets washed here.' The family spends days cleaning their home, which is now damp and mouldy. Miriam says that her daughter has nowhere to play as the land is filled with debris and rubbish. It also gets covered in salt, so people can't grow food.

Trócaire, through local partners, is supporting Miriam, Maria, and their community by supporting their emergency response teams. We are creating safe routes for people to move quickly away when the flood is coming. Together we are providing food, shelter and training for local people.

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TIMES OF MASSES IN THE PARISH

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

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

Mungret: Sunday 11.30 a.m. Wed. Friday 9.30 a.m. Sat. 11.30 am **Eucharistic Adoration:** Wed (10am–12 noon).

Mass Times & Intentions 4th/5th March.

Raheen:

6 p.m. Harry Sinden (A)
& Paul Cooney (months mind)
11 a.m. Ted & Joan Scully (A)
12.30 pm Catherine Daly (A)

Crecora: James & Margaret Andrews (A)

Mungret:

Sat. 11.30 John & Mary Lane (A)
Sun 11.30am Marian Hallinan (A)

Week ahead: 6th/10th March

Raheen

Mon 10 am Pro Populo.
Tues 10 a.m. Special Intention
Wed 10am Brid Flynn & Marie.....
Thurs:10am Michael O'Toole (A)
Fri: 10am Seamus Hurley (A)

Mungret:

Wed: Adoration after Mass

Mass Intentions 11th/12th March.

Raheen:

6p.m. Harry & Bridget O'Grady (A)
Nellie Mulcahy (months mind)
11 a.m. Elaine Kelly (A)
& John and Maureen Getlevog (AO)
12.30 p.m. Mamie Sinden (A)
& Michael O'Toole (A)

Crecora:

10 am Nora O'Neill (A)

Mungret:

Sun 11.30

St. Joseph's Young Priests Society:

Monthly meeting will be held on Wednesday next 8th March at 8 p.m. in the Millennium Centre, Raheen.

Fatima: Fr Michael Maher will give a talk on Fatima, power of Rosary, the importance of Family, and also explains the importance of the FATIMA message on this the Centenary year of the Apparitions. Come to Abbeyfeale Church, Monday 6th March. Mass 7 p.m. Rosary 7.30pm Talk at 7.45pm. Books and Dvd's available. Bring a friend.



Welcome to Lent

Lent is a journey towards Easter. During Lent we are invited to partake in the three fundamental practices of *praying*, *fasting* and *almsgiving*

Praying: Say a prayer when the day begins and ends, setting out on a journey, or when someone irritates us. Visit the Blessed Sacrament, read a piece of the Gospel or say a Decade.

Fasting: Not just from food and drink, but fast from harmful gossip, negative thinking and judging others.

Almsgiving: Give encouragement, offer appreciation, share the gift of love and friendship. Fight for Justice. Help Trócaire.

Lay Led Liturgy: At the Parish Pastoral Council Meeting on the 23rd February, 2017 delegates were selected to attend formal training in relation to Lay Lead Liturgy and leading Congregational Singing at Liturgy as part of the implementation of Pastoral Plans.

On Sunday 5th March a new initiative will be rolled out, whereby priests in parish clusters move to say Mass in different parishes.

Raheen will welcome Fr. Noel Murphy of St. Pauls for 12.30pm Mass, while Fr. John O'Shea will lead Mass at 12.15pm in St. Pauls and Fr. Richie Davern will lead Mass at 10.00am in St. Pauls.

Monica Browne, Lay Catechist, from Australia, will be in attendance in the Parish for three days in March where she will work with pupils in preparation for Rite of Reconciliation. She will lead the Rite of **Reconciliation on Tuesday, March, 28th at 7.30pm in Raheen.**

Cantors and Organists are asked to volunteer to lead Congregational Singing at Masses where a choir is not in attendance. Volunteers are asked to submit their names to Fr. John or Fr. Richie.

BLOOM 2017: Proposed parish trip to Dublin for BLOOM 2017.

Coach to Dublin from the parish on Friday 2nd June taking in an afternoon concert "From Paris to Buenos Aires-Piaf and Tango", at the National Concert Hall. Overnight in Dublin and full day on Saturday 3rd at BLOOM. Please contact Fr. Richie immediately 087 2977500. It will suffice to text your name and number of people travelling.

Dooradoyle & Raheen Men's Shed: Coffee Morning Fundraiser at Verona Coffee House, Tuesday March 14th 9.30 a.m. to 12 noon. Enjoy a coffee and a pastry while helping to fund the new Men's Shed.