



The Parish of Mungret ✠ Crecora ✠ Raheen

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

26th. March, 2017

**Pastoral Area Lenten Reconciliation Service.
This Tuesday March 28th 7.30 pm
St. Nessian's Church, Raheen.**

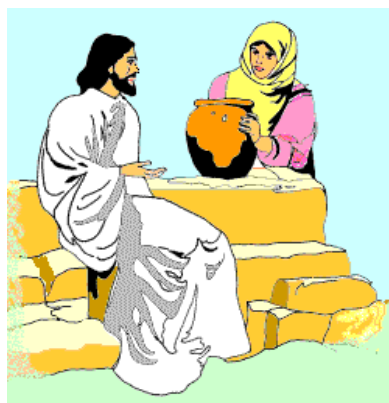
God's Tender Mercy

A Special Celebration of the Rite of Reconciliation.

Monica Brown, the Australian and internationally renowned composer and facilitator, together with Hilary Musgrave, one of Ireland's well known and respected presenters, are working with the Parish Team of Mungret, Crecora and Raheen to prepare a special Rite of Reconciliation.

Monica and Hilary are appreciated here in Ireland and internationally for their creative ability to break open the Word of God through the integration of storytelling, mime, imagery, music and ritual. Through their unique creativity they are able to draw people into meaningful prayer and ritual.

Monica and Hilary will take the gospel story of Jesus' encounter with the "Woman at the Well" to lead us to a personal and real experience of the compassion and tender love of God for all, most especially those who are broken or weighed down.



We would love you to come and see, even if you find the sacrament of reconciliation a difficult experience, come and experience the Word of God being broken and opened for you in a most imaginative way. Then if you are moved to go for the sacrament well and good; but at least come and experience Monica and Hilary bring us into the beauty of God's infinite mercy.

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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).

** Summertime officially commences this weekend – clocks forward **

Mass Times 25/26th March. Raheen:

6 p.m. Peggy Kirby (months mind) Patrick Kirby (A)

& Michael O'Brien (months mind)

11a.m William & Marie Harney (A)

12.30 pm Margaret Walsh & Brendan

O'Connell (A)

Crecora: Daniel, Eileen + Michael Mann (A)

Mungret:

Sun: Nancy & Sean Cusack (A)

Week ahead: 27th/31st March

Raheen

Mon 10 am Pro Populo.

Tues 10 a.m. Tony Stenbridge (A)

Wed 10am Special Intention.

Thurs 10 a.m Martin, Catherine + Bernadette

Patten (A)

Fri: 10 a.m. Special Intention.

Mass Intentions 1st/2nd April

Raheen:

6p.m Bridie Ryan (A)

11 a.m .Cora Boland & Laurence Kennedy (A)

& Beda Lyons (A)

12.30p.m. Jeffery Power (A)

& Paul Considine (A)

Mungret: 1st. Michael & Mai Cotter (A)

Sat 2nd Monica & Nesson Doran (A)

& Joan Dorgan (A)

Crecora: 10am Jack & Johanna Reidy (A)

Welcome Fr. Colm. Fr. Colm O Loughran OFM, will speak at all the Masses in Raheen Church this weekend. Fr. Colm, a member of the Franciscan Order, has spent most of his priestly life in Honduras which is the focus of Trocaire's Campaign this Lent.

Mungret Farmers Market will be held in the grounds of Mungret/St.Paul's G.A.A. Club on Palm Sunday April 9th from 12 noon – 3 p.m. Contact Michael O'Connell (086-2437069) if you wish to book a stand.

Congrats to Tom McElligott on the publication of his collection of short stories 'A Table for Two'.

Happy Mother's Day on this Sunday 26th March. Please take a Mother's Day Prayer Card at the church door. Thank you Mothers.

Bishop Brendan's Letter: A few weeks ago, the Bishops of Ireland were in Rome for the *Ad Limina* visit. This occurs every 5 years or so. It's an occasion to go and pray at the tombs of the apostles Peter and Paul, meet with the various departments of the Vatican and, most especially, spend time with the Pope. Pope Francis greeted us most warmly and we spent about two hours with him. In the course of conversation, a number of topics came up.

The Pope spoke about the World Meeting of Families that Ireland is hosting next year, August 2018. This major world event takes place every few years. The last one was in Philadelphia with around a million people in attendance. Pope Francis commented: "I personally choose Ireland as next year's venue". He spoke of how Ireland has sent missionaries all over the world. He wants us now to focus with a new missionary key on the theme of family. Of course, we hope the Pope himself will attend next year's event.

In the meantime, we need to prepare for it. I would like to invite a few representatives from each parish to a short meeting on Saturday, April 8th in the South Court Hotel, Limerick, to explain the World Meeting of Families. I would also encourage everyone to look at the short DVD on the World Meeting of Families that is available on the Diocesan website.

During our conversation with the Pope, he also spoke about young people. He knows it is not always easy for them in today's society. He has arranged for a worldwide synod next year in Rome on the topic "Youth, faith and vocational discernment". Pope Francis has also sent out a questionnaire as he would like to hear our views on this topic. I am arranging for that questionnaire to be distributed and I ask all interested to send me on their views.

The themes of family and young people were among the six major topics we addressed at our Diocesan Synod last April. I am happy to be able to report that we have set up a Diocesan Family Forum and are now arranging for training in youth leadership.

Another area that came up at the Limerick Synod was that of lay-led public prayer. Recently many attended the short course on lay-led liturgy offered by Diocese. I would now like to let you know that on Tuesday, April 25th each church will have lay-led liturgy prayers. The priests will be away on an in-service course that day.

It would be important for each parish to organise a lay-led liturgy/public prayer on that Tuesday, April 25th as it is part of our preparation for the future. That means, even where there are retired priests who might not be attending the in-service gathering for priests, the liturgy that day in the parish church should be a lay-led public prayer. I would like to ask as many as possible to take part in your local parish prayer.

By way of conclusion, I would like to remind you that next weekend, there's a special national collection throughout Ireland for the

World Meeting of Families. I ask you to be as generous as possible.

I wish you well for the remainder of Lent, the season of our reconciliation with God and with one another. Thank you for your own commitment in faith. Let's remember one another in prayer.

Warmest wishes, Bishop Brendan.