



ARCHDIOCESE OF ARMAGH
*Clogherhead &
Walshestown Parish*



St Michael Clogherhead

SS Peter & Paul Walshestown

To build bridges, bring together and renew the parish community in a spirit of faith, trust and hope through loving service of God and of our neighbour

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Clogherhead and Walshestown parish

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Sunday & Weekday Masses: All Public Masses are suspended in accordance with government regulations. Masses will be celebrated privately each day.

Confessions—Suspended for the time being

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THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

7th March 2021

Sunday Cycle B

Weekday Cycle 1

Psalter Week 1

Pope Francis in Iraq

Pope Francis arrived at Baghdad Airport in Iraq on ^{Third} Friday last for the first ever papal visit to Iraq, and his ^{Sunday} first international trip since the start of the coronavirus ^{of} Lent pandemic. On the plane to Iraq, Pope Francis said he was happy to be travelling again, adding: "*This is an emblematic trip and it is a duty towards a land that has been martyred for so many years.*" He had earlier said Iraqi Christians could not be "*let down for a second time*", after Pope John Paul II cancelled plans for a trip in 1999 when talks with then-President Saddam Hussein's government broke down.

Pope Francis will try to reassure the dwindling Christian community in Iraq and foster inter-religious dialogue. The 84-year-old Pontiff visits four cities, including the former stronghold of the so-called Islamic State in Mosul, where churches and other buildings still bear the scars of conflict. On Friday, Francis met bishops and other clergy at a Syriac Catholic church in the capital, Our Lady of Salvation, where 52 Christians and police were killed in an attack by jihadists from a precursor group to IS in 2010. Yesterday the Pope flew south to the Shia holy city of Najaf, where he visited Grand Ayatollah Ali al-Sistani,



The Parish List of the Dead, deceased benefactors of the parish and those who died recently: Tommy Gorman, Barrackfield

Mass Intentions this week

St Michael's Church

Sat Vigil Shem, Kirwan (*Barrickfield*)

Sun The People of the Parish

Mon

Tues

Wed Joe Corey (rd), England

Thurs Michael Edwards

Fri The People of the Parish

Next Sat Vigil Laurence Kirwan & Noel Rafferty

Next Sun James Byrne; Nancy Rath

SS Peter & Paul's Church

Sun

Next Sun Jimmy Corry

N.B. As per Government restrictions all Masses will be offered privately by Fr Martin .

the 90-year-old "prime marja" or spiritual reference for millions of Shia in Iraq and elsewhere. Pope Francis then attended an interreligious meeting at the ancient site of Ur, traditionally believed to be the birthplace of the Prophet Abraham. Today (Sunday) will see him travel to the northern city of Mosul. He will say a prayer of suffrage in Church Square for the victims of the war with IS, which left tens of thousands of civilians dead. He will visit the northern province of Nineveh, where in 2014 IS jihadists forced minorities to either flee, convert to Islam or be put to death. *"People had only a few minutes to decide if they wanted to leave or be decapitated,"* recalled a Chaldean Catholic priest in Nineveh.

The Pope's visit has deeply touched Iraq's Christians, whose numbers have collapsed over years of persecution and sectarian violence,

from 1.5 million in 2003 to fewer than 400,000 today.

Before leaving the Vatican on Friday the Pope met 12 refugees from Iraq who have been living in Italy. This trip is the Pope's 33rd outside Italy. He is due to return to Rome tomorrow, Monday morning.

Please pray for him specially this weekend.

New Parish envelopes Have you collected your box of Parish envelopes yet? The new set of Parish Envelopes **are now available for collection** from the back of St Michael's Church. If you don't currently have a box of envelopes and would like to contribute to the parish in this way, please contact Ann in the Parish office. Thank you for your continued support during this difficult time.

Thanks to all those who hand in their weekly parish envelopes to the Parochial House or who have made

contributions directly through the bank. As we remain under restrictions Your continued support is much appreciated. If you wish to donate to the Parish you can do so in any of the following ways: - Drop your envelopes/contribution into the letter box of the Parochial House — or online from the parish webpage - clogherparish.homestead.com or through your bank - The parish account is Clogherhead Parish, Sort Code: 98-55-65 Account No. 11881942 IBAN: **IE31 ULSB 9855 6511 8819 42**

Please *put your name*
in the reference box

Please remember this weekend our March Dues Collection would normally take place at Masses this weekend and the **Special Priest's Collection** which would normally be held next weekend.

School enrolment for 2021/2022 is also open at this time. To register a new pupil please call Callystown National School on 041-9822873 or email secretary@callystownnationalschool.ie. Or Walshestown National School on 041-6852285 or email walshestownschool@gmail.com.



Bishop Router will celebrate Mass online today Sunday (7th March) from St Colmcille's Church, Togher at 10am see <https://churchmedia.tv/camera/church-of-st-columcille>

Trócaire Trocaire boxes can be picked up in the Inner Porch of St Michael's Church. Arrangements for donations will be made at the end of Holy Week. You can also contribute to Trócaire online at [www. Trocaire.org](http://www.Trocaire.org) or by phone on 1850 408 408. The contents of each box, no matter how small, come together to make a significant difference.

This virus knows no borders, but neither does our compassion.

Trócaire Lenten Talks

Lent Lecture with Cardinal Tagle, Tuesday 9th March at 6.30pm. Registration is essential and the link to register is: [https://trocaire-org.zoom.us/webinar/register/](https://trocaire-org.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_bLnu0_aLSYSONMPEi3AYpg)

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Trócaire is hosting a number of Lent webinars/workshops. To sign up click the following link: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1FAIpQLSdsitZjQ6LENkWcgfhJng9VHUFFtxTTSq4jeIHAZRpCgzqLWQ/viewform?usp=sf_link

International Women's Day 8th March

Tomorrow we celebrate International Women's Day. We pray especially for all pregnant women that they too would be championed and supported by all of us in society, not only tomorrow, but always. You are cordially invited to join online from 7pm for a 40 minute event to launch **'White Ribbon'**, a collaborative anthem co-written by pianist **Ruth McGinley** and songwriter **Duke Special**,

1. In the Old Testament the privileged place of God's presence was the Temple in Jerusalem. In the New Covenant, this was replaced by the person of Jesus. This is the symbolism of the action of Jesus in the Temple. Recall how Jesus has helped your relationship with God and give thanks for this.
2. But we are the Body of Christ. When have you been particularly aware of the sacredness of people (yourself or others).
3. There are many ways in which people, the temples of God, are being profaned today. Where are you aware of the sacredness of the

reflecting the voices and experience of women affected by domestic abuse. **White Ribbon** is a global movement to end male violence against women and the 'White Ribbon' anthem has been commissioned by Northern Ireland Opera, working jointly with the Ulster Orchestra and Women's Aid ABCLN, in response to the devastating impact of domestic abuse witnessed at this time. To register and receive your link for the launch simply email events@womensaidabcln.org

Prayer by Telephone

The Sisters of Mercy at "Bethany" House of Prayer, 34 Point Road, Dundalk, welcome any person who may wish to request prayer,

human person being violated? Who are the people seeking to cleanse the temple, by promoting respect for the dignity of every human person? Perhaps in ways you have done this.

4. We may also think of institutions as in some way temples of God's presence. In this time when aspects of our institutions are crumbling we can perhaps identify with the Jews who were horrified at the suggestion that the Temple would be destroyed. What is it like for you living in a time when some of the things you have taken for granted are collapsing? Where do you find hope in such circumstances?

John Byrne OSA

especially during these difficult times. Telephone **042 933 1602** from 9am to 9pm daily. One of the Sisters will be happy to listen and pray with you. All requests are confidential.

Life in the Spirit Seminars taking place via webcam in Armagh during Lent

Armagh Parish Holy Spirit Prayer Group continues hosting the Life in the Spirit Seminars in St Malachy's Church, Armagh on Tuesday at 8pm, as follows: Geraldine Parkes will speak on "Receiving Gods gifts" People are encouraged to join via St Malachy's Church Webcam <http://armaghparish.net/st-malachys-church-webcam/> on Tue evening and especially during the season of Lent.