

KILQUADE PARISH NEWSLETTER

1st Sunday of lent B: 18th February 2018



**St. Patrick's
Kilquade**



**St. Joseph's
Newtown**



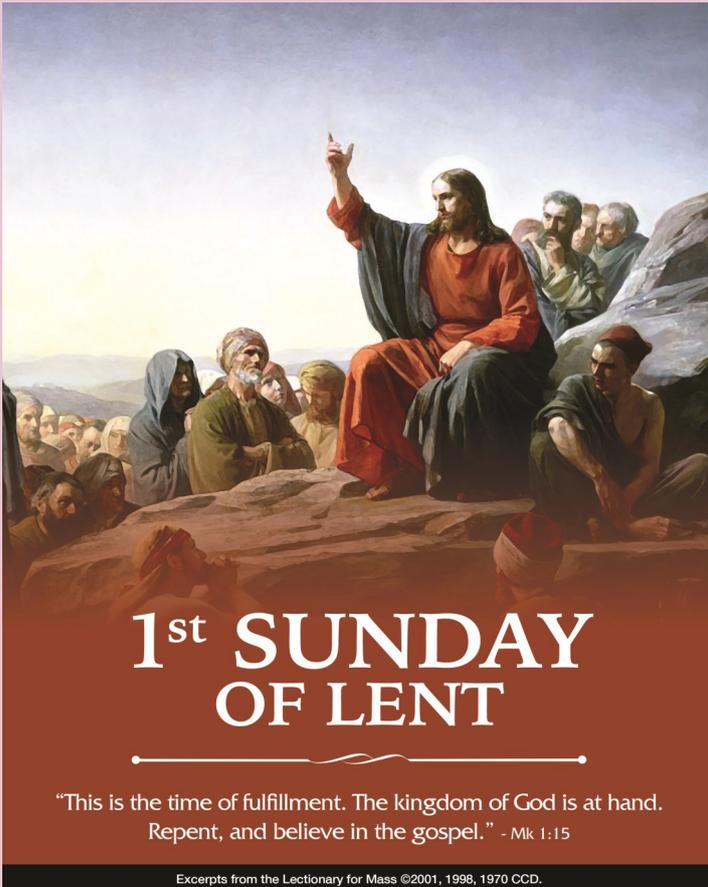
**St. Anthony's
Kilcoole**



**Carmelite Church
Delgany**



**Holy Spirit Oratory
Newcastle**



1st SUNDAY OF LENT

"This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand.
Repent, and believe in the gospel." - Mk 1:15

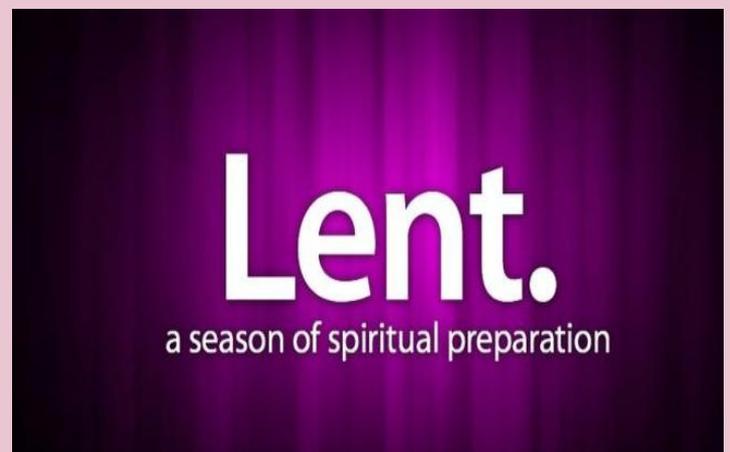
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Why do we always go to the desert? We see this example in Scripture time and time again. The Israelites wandered in the desert. King David and prophets were driven into the wilderness. And now Jesus is in the same place. Lent after Lent, we too are invited into a barren, desolate place. Why do we always go to the desert?

Throughout Scripture, the desert is a place of testing. It's also a place of hiding and withdrawal. In the Old Testament, David fled into the wilderness to hide from Saul, Elijah from Jezebel, and Jonah from God! In other words, the desert is a place of "retreat." In Christian circles, we use the word to describe a spiritual weekend away. But its meaning comes from warfare, as we well know. To retreat means to draw back, to separate oneself from the fighting. Of course, a military retreat brings its own kind of "battle" -- the internal assessment of why the fighting went so poorly.

As we enter into this Lenten season, we are invited to retreat into the desert with Jesus. Attending a day or weekend of reflection is a wonderful spiritual practice. This "desert spirituality," however, can fill all forty days. We can fulfil our Lenten resolutions with a purpose -- writing daily notes to family and friends can inspire new gratitude, every time we pass up that specific food item can be cause for intercession for deeper sufferings and privations of others.

The Gospel tells us that "the Spirit drove him out into the desert." In other words, God wants us to be here. What feels uncomfortable is actually part of our spiritual journey. To be stretched, to be challenged, to confront our own areas of weakness -- these things are essential in our walk with God. This Lent, will you go to the desert?



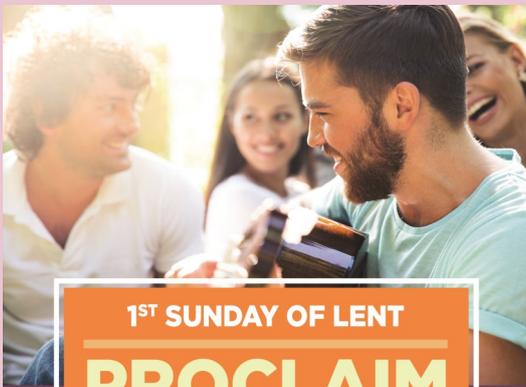
LENTEN PROMISE

During this Lenten Season as part of our preparation for the **World Meeting of Families** we are inviting you to commit to keep a promise each week so that you can live the "Joy of Love" in a practical way. This week's promise is:

'May we be patient and kind, gentle and generous'

I promise this week to spend more time face to face with my family and friends, talking to them and listening to their concerns.

Lord, bless us with the Joy of Love.



1ST SUNDAY OF LENT
PROCLAIM
 After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God. - Mk 1:14

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Sat 7pm Vigil: St. Joseph's: Newtown
 Sat 8pm Vigil: Holy Spirit Oratory: Newcastle

Sun. 8.30am: St. Joseph's: Newtown
 Sun. 9.30am: Carmelite Monastery: Delgany
 Sun. 10.30am: St. Anthony's: Kilcoole
 Sun. 11.30am: St. Joseph's: Newtown
 Sun. 12 noon: St. Patrick's: Kilquade
 Sun. 6.30pm: St. Anthony's: Kilcoole

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WELCOME TO OUR PARISH

If you are a new parishioner or just visiting Kilquade you are very welcome and we, the existing community, hope you feel at home. Our parish incorporates the villages of Kilquade, Kilcoole, Kilpedder, Newcastle, Newtownmountkennedy, Delgany and the surrounding countryside. If you are new to the parish please make yourself known to one of the priests of the parish. Be sure to visit our parish website www.kilquadeparish.ie.

HOSPITAL & HOME VISITATION: If you know of a parishioner who is sick and would like a visit please don't hesitate to contact one of the priests or the parish office.

KILQUADE PARISH OFFICE: The parish office is situated behind St. Patrick's church in Kilquade. The parish office is open Monday to Thursday from 10am to 1pm. Our parish secretary Una Kennedy will help you with any enquiries at 01-2819658

PREPARATION FOR BAPTISM: Our new approach to preparation for the Sacrament of Baptism here in the pastoral area of the parishes of Greystones and Kilquade is now well in place. The purpose of the preparation programme is to support parents in reflecting on the significant step they are taking in bringing their child to be baptised into the Christian Community. A new element in the programme is the Welcoming Ceremony. This is a way of bringing the celebration of baptism into the community. Within it we will introduce the children to the Christian community to which they will belong and become a part of, as they grow in their faith. Parents will present their child to the community. The child will also be anointed on the heart at this time. Baptisms take place on different weekends in St. Joseph's, Newtown, St. Patrick's, Kilquade and St. Anthony's, Kilcoole. **Registration for Baptism and the preparation programme is managed by the parish office at 01 2819658.** We are currently taking registrations for Baptisms in Kilcoole and Newtown for April & Kilquade for June.



NEW CHRISTIAN: We welcome babies **Zachary & Olivia** who were baptised into our Christian community recently, also **Isabelle, Daniella, & Faye** who will be baptised this week-end. We pray that they will grow in awareness of God's loving presence in their lives.



REST IN PEACE: We pray for the repose of the souls of **Bernard (Brian) Garvey**, Greystones & Kilcoole who's Requiem Mass was celebrated on Saturday 10th Feb. in St. Anthony's, Kilcoole. **Jacqueline Doyle**, Newcastle who's Requiem mass was also celebrated in St Anthony's on Tuesday 13th Feb. We offer our sympathy to their Families & friends. May They rest in peace.

SCRIPTURE READING: Each week we suggest a piece of Scripture to use in your prayer. Light a candle and read slowly the passage, re-read it a couple of times and reflect on it and listen to what God is saying. **This week's is Mk 9: 2-10**

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FAST GIVE PREPARE PRAY

HOME IS A HOLY PLACE: Our home is the context in which we live our faith and make our Lenten journey. Discovering a sense of holiness in our homes means looking afresh at all that happens there. We know well

our own domestic routines, the pressure points of the day, the times of potential trouble, the moments of joy, the situations which have to be handled delicately, the periods of silence and boredom. During Lent we can look at them afresh and see in each one an opportunity to be prompted, shaped in what we do by the Holy Spirit. We build up this holiness by acting, consciously and deliberately, according to the prompting of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit will move us to be patient for just a while longer; to be generous for yet another few moments; to be honest, yet kind, when it is easier to be silent and deceitful; to overcome the surge of anger; to throw off the blanket of indifference and respond positively to a question or story. The Holy Spirit can help us turn our home into a holy place.

SCRIPTURE THROUGH LENT: Throughout Lent there will be an opportunity to examine the Gospel Reading for the following Sunday after 10.00 Mass in St. Patrick's Church Kilquade on Thursdays (10.45 - 11.30 a.m. approx) Please note too that the same programme is being held in Kilian House Family Centre, Greystones on Tuesday mornings 10.40 a.m. for anyone who cannot attend in Kilquade on Thursdays.

TAIZE PRAYER THROUGH LENT: Each Thursday of Lent there will be an opportunity to spend some time in prayer. It will take place in the Monastery in Delgany beginning at 8pm. All welcome.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Each Friday night of Lent there will be an opportunity to reflect on the Way of the Cross in Holy Rosary church, Greystones beginning at 8pm. All welcome.



DUBLIN, IRELAND
WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES
22-26 AUGUST 2018

LET'S TALK FAMILY: In his apostolic document, *The Joy of Love*, Pope Francis expresses his hope that families and those involved in supporting families will study his document carefully and patiently. This *Amoris: Let's Talk Family! Let's Be Family!*

programme is an initiative to promote and resource this study in preparation for the World Meeting of Families in Dublin in August 2018.

In each session of this six-session parish conversation, we are invited will be invited to take part in a process which is designed to be interactive and participative. We will be helped to reflect on and articulate our experience of family life and our response to Pope Francis' reflections in *The Joy of Love*. The programme takes, as its starting point, people's experience of love and their hopes and fears regarding marriage and family. This exciting initiative will begin on **Wednesday 21st February** in the Parish Pastoral Centre in Greystones and will continue for six weeks. It would be an ideal commitment to make for the Lenten Season. Watch this space over the coming weeks.

RESPECT *Life*



PRAYER FOR LIFE: During this Lenten Season we are holding a Holy Hour of Adoration before the Blessed Eucharist to pray for the protection of human life and to help us to remember

the gift of life each person is given by God. Below is listed the days and times of adoration in our parish churches, all welcome to come and spend some quiet time before and Lord and to pray for the protection of all life, and especially of the unborn: **Kilquade:** Tuesday 10.30am - 11.30am (after Mass) **Newtown:** Saturday 12 noon - 1pm (after Mass) **Kilcoole:** Fridays 7pm - 8pm (before Mass)



"IT IS A BABY": The Catholic Bishop of Limerick have spoken of his concerns about the possible introduction of unrestricted access to abortion up to 12 weeks. Bishop Brendan Leahy warned mass-goers in his diocese on Sunday, that repealing the eighth amendment

and introducing a liberal abortion regime would result in terminations not just up to 12 weeks but in some cases right up to the point of birth. Parishioners were told by the bishop that it was "a pivotal moment for our society and how we cherish life in this country."

All the discussions around the amendment and legislation and what way politicians are going to vote could end up desensitising people to the preciousness of the unborn baby, he suggested. Encouraging family discussions on abortion, the bishop said he appreciated that engaging in any conversation around the referendum was not easy for people.

"While I too find it difficult to talk about it, nevertheless the Gospel and my conscience convince me that I am obliged to speak," he said. While there are "many very articulate voices" attending with empathy and care to the difficult situations of women with challenging circumstances around pregnancy, he warned that in public commentary at the moment "we are often forgetting the unborn baby." "And we are talking about a baby. Make no mistake about it. It is a baby," Dr. Leahy stressed.

"It really is important for us to affirm that what's in the womb are babies that are just not born yet. They are not potential persons but persons with potential; they are developing human," the Bishop of Limerick challenged.

WEEKLY REFLECTION

Pruning time is a painful time for a fruit tree.

The pruner rids it of all those suckers which use up a lot of energy but produce no fruit.

However, the aim of this surgery is not to inflict pain, but to help the tree produce more and better fruit.

Lent is a kind of spiritual pruning time.

There is much that is useless and perhaps harmful in our lives, which saps our energy,

and diminishes our spiritual fruitfulness. Of what shall we prune ourselves this Lent so that we may become more fruitful branches of Christ, the true Vine?