

This week, we continued to reflect on the litany of St Joseph. Apart from Mary, the Holy Spirit was more active in the life of St Joseph than in any other saint. He never did anything without seeking the direction of the Holy Spirit and therefore he is a model of the interior life. St Joseph Sebastian Pelczar says that the life of St Joseph "was a life of prayer, quiet work, and constant sacrifice, and at the same time, a life shining with the splendour of all virtues." We are called to imitate St Joseph's dedication to prayer and his life in general. Ask the Holy Spirit to fill you with graces similar to those he gave to the paternal heart of St Joseph. Many saints have made the comparison between the earthly trinity (Jesus, Mary, and Joseph) to the heavenly Trinity (Father, Son and Holy Spirit), however the comparison has its limitations. In baptism, we are brought into the familial life of the Holy Trinity through spiritual adoption. We are also invited to become members of the Holy Family by spiritual adoption - to accept Joseph as our spiritual father, Mary as our mother, and Jesus as our brother. Membership in this family will prepare us for membership in God's eternal family, the Trinitarian family in heaven.

St Joseph will greatly bless those who love and honour Mary. The Virgin Mary is St Joseph's wife, his queen and the delight of his heart. When he took Mary's hand in marriage, he consecrated himself to her and made a promise to treasure her femininity, especially her blessed virginity. He was her beloved provider, protector, and servant. He earnestly desires for her to be loved and honoured by everyone. St Joseph will increase our love for the Virgin Mary.

Adam's (our first father) disobedience caused the downfall of all creation and kept us from entering heaven. Saint Joseph's fatherhood, on the other hand, elevates us and helps us to enter heaven. He loves us, helps us become saints, and brings us to the only path that leads to heaven: Jesus.

Noble Offspring of David: In the Gospels of Matthew and Luke, we learn that St Joseph is of the lineage of the Davidic kings. The Old Testament prophets always taught that the Messiah would come from the Davidic line. Even though Jesus is not the biological son of Joseph, he is the Son of Joseph by law. As such, Jesus has a legal right to be called a descendent of King David, "Son of David". Many saints express their love, respect and devotion to St Joseph by referring to him as their "lord". St Joseph is more than a brother to us. He is our noble spiritual father and lord.

Light of Patriarchs: The word "patriarch" means father. After Christ, St Joseph is the greatest of all the patriarchs; he is the greatest of all fathers! St Joseph is a true and everlasting bearer of light, an icon of God the Father. He brings Jesus, the true Light of the World, to us. Stay close to St Joseph and walk in the light of God!

Pope Francis composed this prayer to St Joseph. Please pray it each day of the retreat:

*Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted his only Son;
in you Mary placed her trust;
with you Christ became man.*

*Blessed Joseph, to us too,
show yourself a father
and guide us in the path of life.
Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage,
and defend us from every evil. Amen.*

CORLOUGH/TEMPLEPORT PARISH NEWSLETTER



Sunday 28th February 2021 – 2nd Sunday of Lent.

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Liturgies in our Parish

Public worship has been suspended until further notice. All liturgies will be broadcast locally on FM108 and streamed live on www.churchtv.ie/bawnboy and also on the Corlough-Templeport Parish Facebook page.

Sunday: Mass - 11am (Followed by the Rosary)

Monday: Mass - 8pm

Guided Holy Hour: 8:30pm (Facebook and FM108 only)

Tuesday: Mass - 9:00am

Guided Holy Hour: 8:30pm

Wednesday: Mass - 9:00am

Guided Holy Hour: 8:30pm

Thursday: Mass - 9:00am

Guided Holy Hour: 8:30pm

Friday: Mass - 8:00pm

Guided Holy Hour: 8:30pm

Saturday: Mass - 8:15pm (followed by the Rosary) (Facebook only)

Sunday: Mass - 11am (Followed by the Rosary)

Mass intentions

Saturday: Frank Meehan, England and formerly of Corlough

Sunday: Donald and Maureen Greene, Derrrycassion, Donal Greene, Oranmore;
Dessie Maguire, Currin

Monday: Martina Martin, Killycluggin (months mind)

Tuesday: The People of the parish

Friday: John, Ellie and Jimmy O' Reilly, Lahernahone

Saturday: Thomas and Margaret Kelleher, Lannanaria,
Eileen Prior, Lecken, Aughawillan

Sunday: Christy, Margaret and Chris McIntyre, Rosehill;
Susan, Joe and Marie Feehan, Corratillion

Pray for Rose Donohoe (nee Flanagan), Gortnaleck, whose funeral took place in Kilnavart on Thursday.

100th Birthday: Heartiest congratulations to Bridie Tighe, Bawnboy, who celebrated her 100th Birthday on Friday. We wish Bridie every blessing and continued good health on this momentous occasion for her and the parish.

Trócaire boxes are available at the back of the church.

Lenten Holy Hours From Monday to Friday during the season of Lent, there will be a Guided Holy Hour at 8:30pm. All are welcome to tune in via ChurchTV, FM 108 or Facebook. The Holy Hour will consist of prayers like the Rosary, the Divine Mercy Chaplet, Night Prayer, St Joseph devotions, and the Stations of the Cross on Fridays.

There will be **no Kilmore Lourdes Collection** this year as the pilgrimage to the Marian Shrine has been cancelled. Please ignore the envelope in your box. Thank you to those who already contributed to the collection. If you wish, we can hold on to your contribution and submit it next year or we can refund your contribution.

Kilmore youth ministry is offering an online workshop for Lent 2021. Each week you would be emailed a piece of writing or scripture on the Monday and then have a group video or call on a Thursday to discuss it. Each week would have a different theme. You must be 16+ to sign up. Any questions please feel free to contact Francis Keaney on 086 3977872.

Data Protection Notice: As you know, a webcam has been installed in St Mogue's Church, Bawnboy. Please log into www.churchTV.ie/bawnboy to check out the exact area that is covered.

Level 5 - Living with Covid-19 Religious services move online. Places of worship remain open for private prayer. Funerals are limited to 10 mourners. 6 guests can attend a wedding from the 3rd January. Baptisms cannot take place at this time.

Mass intentions: If you have a Mass intention booked in the coming weeks and would rather wait until the restrictions are lifted, please contact Fr Sean. The Mass intentions booked for Kilnavart and Bawnboy on the coming Sunday mornings will be offered at the 11am Mass.

RTE NEWS NOW broadcasts Mass each weekday at 10:30am. Mass is broadcast on Sundays either on RTE 1 at 11am or at 2pm on RTE NEWS Now.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

Wednesday	Corlough	No Adoration
Friday	Bawnboy	5:00pm-7:00pm

Dates for your Diary 2021

(Subject to guidelines from the diocese and government)

Diocesan Pilgrimage - Knock – Sunday 20th June - 2:30pm

Blessing of the Graves - Kilnavart – Sunday 25th July - 9:30am

Bawnboy, Port and the Workhouse - Sunday, 25th July - 11am

St Mogue's Island - Monday, 2nd August - 3pm

Corlough - Sunday, the 8th of August - 12:30pm

Mass for Fr Greg McGovern SMA - Corlough - Sunday, 31st October - 2pm
(Archbishop Okolo, Papal Nuncio)

Radio Maria Ireland is an Irish-run Catholic Talk-Radio Station. You might like to join us Monday – Friday from 9.15am with live Morning Prayer followed by daily 10am Holy Mass. Angelus and Midday Prayer. Live Evening Prayer at 5pm is followed by News and the Rosary prayed from the studio at 5.30pm. You can listen in via Saorview TV Channel 210 or download the "RADIO MARIA IRELAND" App.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

North West STOP provides FREE Counselling in your area with **No** Waiting Lists. Please phone or text our Counselling Coordinator on 086 777 2009 to arrange to speak with a counsellor.

St. Aidan's National School: Anyone wishing to enrol their child in St Aidan's NS, Bawnboy for September can email the school on staidansbawnboy@gmail.com or phone school on 049-9523544 for an enrolment form.

St Patricks N. S. Corlough are having a clothes collection. Last day for dropping off your clothes is Monday 1st March. Anybody wishing to drop off clothes please contact Hughie on 087 9357609 or Katrina on 0879167700. Please note our drop off point is at Corlough GAA Grounds.

St. Mogue's National School: Enrolment is now open for September 2021. You can download the enrolment form from our website www.currinschool.com. Please post the completed form to the school or email to currinschool@gmail.com.