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April Newsletter



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FROM THE FRONT COVER ~ A sample of pictures from the Holy Week and Easter liturgies in Abbeystrewry Union. Centre picture - We were delighted to have Bishop Paul Colton with us as part of his diocesan 'Way of the Cross' in St. Mary's and St. Barrahané's. As this year marks his twenty fives serving as our Bishop, he also planted an oak tree in St. Barrahané. We wish the Bishop well in his celebrations, and we give thanks for 25 years of his episcopal ministry to us.

(Other pictures Left to right), The Pschal fire at our Easter Vigil liturgy in St. Matthews, Beautiful Easter decorations in St. Mary's Caheragh, and Paschal candle lit on Easter Eve in Abbeystrewry Church.

Our thanks to all those who decorated all of our Churches so beautifully for Easter!



Our deepest sympathies are extended to the family of Ann de Montfort whose funeral was in Abbeystrewry Church on Wednesday 15th March in Abbeystrewry Church.

Our sympathies are also with the family of David Louks, sometime of this parish, whose funeral was in St. Edmund's Church, Coolkelure on Monday 11th March.

There will be a memorial service for Diana Newton at 2 pm on Saturday 20th April in St. Matthew's, Baltimore following which her ashes will interred in Creagh graveyard.

May they all rest in the peace of Christ, and rise in his glory.



MANY THANKS to all who supported the coffee morning and cake sale in aid of parish funds on Saturday 30th March. Just under €2,000 was raised for parish funds.

Baltimore Film Club in St. Matthew's Church on the First Friday of every month.

To book you place, and for more information please visit:

www.liveatstmatthews.com



The Easter General vestry meeting will be hold on **Wednesday 17th April at 8 pm** in Abbeystrewry Hall. This is like the parish AGM, so please do come along and hear about the work the vestry has done throughout the year.



House Communion ~ Please contact the rector if you, or someone you know wish to receive house Communion. Similarly, if you have been in hospital or are coming out of hospital, please also let the Rector know, don't assume that someone has told him!!

Stewardship: Many thanks to all of you for your very generous support of the parish over the last year. If you do not already do so, please consider the envelope system, as it allows the Church to claim tax back from the Revenue (if you pay tax) which means your contributions go further **AT NO EXTRA COST TO YOU!** If you would like to sign up to the envelope scheme, please contact Alan Coombes on 087 8584483. There is also a direct debit option if you prefer.



Abbeystrewry Hall ~ We will in time give deserved thanks to Mrs. Betty Chapple when she will soon finish her crucial role for the parish in looking after Abbeystrewry Hall in June. In an effort to keep the smooth functioning of the Hall, we are hoping to recruit a team of volunteers to help manage the Hall. If you are interested in helping the parish with this very important work please do contact the Rector. It is expected that there will be a committee put in place to run the hall. The hall is very significant in the life of the parish, not only in the financial gain to the parish, but also to our work in the community.



Retiring Collection... Thank you to all who generously supported the retiring collection last month for the Cork Simon Community. This month's retiring collection will be for the **Irish Red Cross** and will be held on Sunday 21st March.



Parish Confirmation Our Confirmation will be on Sunday 5th May in Abbeystrewry Church at 3.30 pm. Please note that this will be the only service in the Union of Parishes, so please do come along and support our twelve candidates.

Anam Cara West Cork the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding a Parent Evening on Tuesday 16th April at 7:20pm in the Fernhill House Hotel, Clonakilty, P85 X322. This is a free event and open to all bereaved parents. We also offer a free online monthly support meeting. For further information please contact us on 085 288 8888 or info@anamcara.ie



Services in April

Sunday 14th April ~ The Third Sunday of Easter

8.30 Eucharist in Abbeystrewry Church, Skibbereen

10.00 Eucharist in St. Matthew's, Baltimore

11.30 Morning Prayer in Abbeystrewry Church, Skibbereen

Sunday 21st April ~ The Fourth Sunday of Easter

Please note no 8.30 Eucharist this Sunday

10.00 Morning Prayer in St. Mary's, Caheragh

11.30 Morning Prayer in Abbeystrewry Church, Skibbereen

Sunday 28th April ~ The Fifth Sunday of Easter

8.30 Eucharist in Abbeystrewry Church, Skibbereen

10.00 Morning Prayer in St. Matthew's, Baltimore

11.30 Morning Prayer in Abbeystrewry Church, Skibbereen

Sunday 5th May ~ The Sixth Sunday of Easter

3.30 pm Eucharist with Confirmation in Abbeystrewry Church, Skibbereen. **Please note this is the only service in the parish this Sunday.**



The Eucharist will also be celebrated at 10.30 am in the Creagh Chapel (Abbeystrewry Church) on the following Wednesday's in April: Wednesday 10th, Wednesday 17th and Wednesday 1st May. (Please note there will be no celebration on Wednesday 24th).

Please note that rector will be on Annual leave from Sunday 21st of April until Thursday 25th April. In case of pastoral emergencies during this time, please contact Dean Cliff Jeffers on 023 884816

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