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# February Newsletter



Above image is St. Brigid from Harry Clarke nativity window found in St. Barrahane's, Castletownshend.

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**Concerts:** There is a St. Barrahané's Festival of Music concert featuring the Ora Quartet on **Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> February at 8 pm in Abbeystrewry Church, Skibbereen.** This concert is organised in collaboration with the Natioal String Quartet. For more information, and to book tickets please visit our website:

<https://barrahanemusic.ie/events/the-ora-quartet-in-skibbereen/>



There will also be another St. Barrahané's concert in **St. Barrahané's Church, Castletownshend on April 4<sup>th</sup> at 8 pm.** This will feature the Director of Music and Assistant Director of music at St. Fin Barre's Cathedral Cork. Tickets for this concert can be reserved at: <https://barrahanemusic.ie/events/peter-stobart-and-matthew-breen-in-castletownshend/>



**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](http://www.liveatstmatthews.com)

**Parish Confirmation** We have received notification that the parish confirmation will be on the afternoon of Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May in Abbeystrewry Church. We look forward to being joined with candidates from Kilmocomogue Union. Please pray for our twelve candidates as they begin their preparation this month.



**Vestry** The next meeting of the select vestry will be on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February at 8 pm in Abbeystrewry Hall. During this meeting there will be a revision of vestry persons. If you are new to the parish or not sure if your name is included on the register please contact the rector. It is important to be on the register, as this allows you to have your say in electing the select vestry and to vote at general vestry meetings.

**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.



**Diocesan Magazine** ~ Please could all who subscribe to the Diocesan magazine return their annual subscription to Rosemary Bradfield as payment is now due.



**Retiring Collection...** Thank you to all who generously supported the Advent appeal for the Bishop's appeal aid for Gaza appeal.

This month's retiring collection (on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> February) will be for the Cancer connect. More information on the charity can be found at:

<https://cancerconnect.ie/>

**Shrove Tuesday** ~ We will mark the start of Lent by serving pancakes in St. Mary's Caheragh hall on **Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February** from 4pm to 6pm in aid of parish funds.

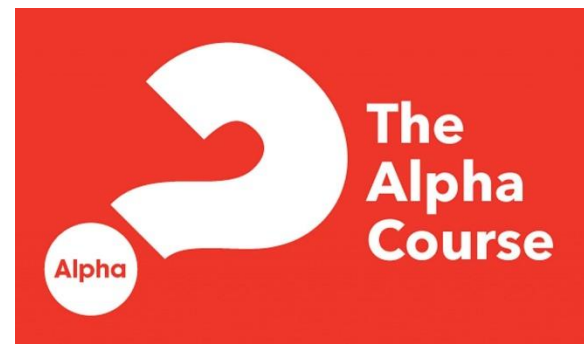


**Season of Lent.** ~ Ash Wednesday will have two services, (10.30 am and 8 pm) in Abbeystrewry at which ashes will be available.

Throughout the season of Lent the parish will be running an Alpha course with the Roman Catholic parishioners in Castletownshend. This will be on Thursday nights at 7.30 (starting Thursday 15<sup>th</sup>) and will be held in Mary Anns restaurant in Castletownshend.

## Alpha IS

- an opportunity for anyone, anywhere, to freely explore their unique questions about life, faith and God...
- a series of interactive sessions exploring the Christian faith run over eleven weeks....
- for people of all faiths and none!



The sessions have three key elements: food, talk and discussion.

- Sessions include food, because it's a great way to build community and get to know each other.
- The talks are designed to engage and inspire conversation on big issues around faith.
- The discussion is probably the most important part, the chance to share ideas on the topic in an honest, friendly and open environment, and simply discuss it in a small group.



**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!!

# Services in February

## **Sunday 4th February ~ The Second Sunday before Lent**

- 8.30 Eucharist in Abbeystrewry Church, Skibbereen
- 10.00 Eucharist in St. Barrahanes, Castletownshend
- 10.00 Eucharist in St. Mary's, Caheragh
- 11.30 Eucharist in Abbeystrewry Church, Skibbereen

## **Sunday 11th February ~ The Sunday before Lent**

- 8.30 Eucharist in Abbeystrewry Church, Skibbereen
- 10.00 Eucharist in St. Matthew's, Baltimore
- 11.30 Morning Prayer in Abbeystrewry Church, Skibbereen

## **Wednesday 14th February ~ Ash Wednesday**

- 10.30 Eucharist in Abbeystrewry Church
- 20.00 Eucharist in Abbeystrewry Church

## **Sunday 18th February ~ The First Sunday in Lent**

- 8.30 Eucharist in Abbeystrewry Church, Skibbereen
- 10.00 Morning Prayer in St. Mary's, Caheragh
- 11.30 Eucharist in Abbeystrewry Church, Skibbereen

## **Sunday 25th February ~ The Second Sunday in Lent**

- 8.30 Eucharist in Abbeystrewry Church, Skibbereen
- 10.00 Morning Prayer in St. Matthew's, Baltimore
- 11.30 Morning Prayer with Sunday Club in Abbeystrewry Church, Skibbereen

## **Friday 1st March**

- 20.00 Ecumenical World day of prayer in Abbeystrewry Church, Skibbereen.

## **Sunday 3rd March ~ The Third Sunday in Lent**

- 8.30 Eucharist in Abbeystrewry Church, Skibbereen
- 10.00 Eucharist in St. Barrahanes, Castletownshend
- 10.00 Eucharist in St. Mary's, Caheragh
- 11.30 Eucharist in Abbeystrewry Church, Skibbereen

The Eucharist will also be celebrated in the Creagh Chapel (Abbeystrewry Church) on the following Wednesday's in February: Wednesday 7th February, Wednesday 14th February (Ash Wednesday), Wednesday 21st February and Wednesday 28th February.

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