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March Newsletter



Artwork produced by the Sunday Club to focus our minds on the journey to the tomb during the season of Lent.

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Concerts ~ We are lucky to have a number of great concerts coming up in the parish with something to suit everyone!

There is a St. Barrahan's Festival of Music concert featuring the Vanbrugh and Friends in **St. Matthew's Baltimore on Sunday 24th March** at 3pm. For more information, and to book tickets please visit our website: <https://barrahanemusic.ie/events/the-vanbrugh-and-friends-in-baltimore/>



There will also be another St. Barrahan's concert in **St. Barrahan's Church, Castletownshend on April 4th 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/>

A non-classical concert featuring Declan Sinnorr and Evelyn Kallansee will be held in St. Matthew's Baltimore on Friday 15th March at 8pm. Tickets and more information can be found at www.liveatstmatthews.com/



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

Parish Confirmation We have received notification that the parish

confirmation will be on the afternoon of Sunday 5th 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 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.



Coffee morning and Cake Sale will be held on Easter Eve in Abbeystrewry Hall on **Saturday 30th March (Easter Eve)** from 10 am to 1 pm. There will be a planning meeting on Wednesday 6th at 8pm in Abbeystrewry Hall.



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 Cancer connect. This month's retiring collection will be for Cork Simon Community and will be held on Palm Sunday (24th March).

Season of Lent. ~ As part of Lenten discipline there are two parish activities that might help: Alpha and Christian Meditation.



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 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!



Christian Meditation ~ Will be running through Lent on Wednesday mornings in Abbeystrewry Church from 11 am. We start with a cup of tea and coffee and then enter a period a guided meditation. The beginners course is open to all.

Services in March

Sunday 10th March ~ The Fourth Sunday in Lent

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

Sunday 17th March ~ Saint Patrick

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



Sunday 24th March ~ The Sixth Sunday in Lent (Palm Sunday)

8.30 Eucharist in Abbeystrewry Church, Skibbereen
10.00 The Liturgy of Palm Sunday in St. Matthew's, Baltimore
11.30 The Liturgy of Palm Sunday in Abbeystrewry Church

Thursday 28th March ~ Maundy Thursday

10.00 Morning Prayer in Abbeystrewry Church
20.00 Eucharist in St. Mary's, Caheragh



Friday 29th March ~ Good Friday

10.00 Morning Prayer in Abbeystrewry Church
12.00 Proclamation of the Cross

**Holy Week
& Easter**

Saturday 30th March ~ Easter Eve

19.00 Easter Vigil (First Eucharist of Easter) in St. Matthew's, Baltimore

Sunday 31st March ~ Easter Day

9.00 Eucharist in St. Barrahanes, Castletownshend
10.15 Eucharist in St. Mary's, Caheragh
11.30 Eucharist in Abbeystrewry Church

Morning prayer will take place every day in Holy Week in Abbeystrewry at 10 am.
The Eucharist will also be celebrated in the Creagh Chapel (Abbeystrewry Church) at 10.30 am on the following Wednesday's in March: Wednesday 6th, Wednesday 14th, Wednesday 21st and Wednesday 27th.

If you would like to receive the parish newsletter in the future by email please email the Rector at abbeystrewryunion@gmail.com