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Pictured above is a tree produced by Sunday Club, a reminder for us all to bear fruit this Lent!

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Lent~ Over the course of Lent the Bishop's Appeal and The Eco-Congregation Ireland are encouraging us to give up and take up something else for Lent! An initiative called **Pennies4Plastics** is being launched. We are being encouraged to think about single use plastic, and to be conscious about our decisions.



Over the course of Lent, we are encouraged to fill a recyclable jar or container with spare change, which can be donated to support Waste Aid's work in the Gambia where they are currently training people in to transform plastic waste into valuable items.

After Easter send your contribution back to the church, where it will be match funded by the Bishop's Appeal and sent on to Waste Aid. Waste Aid wish to replicate this training in other more impoverished parts of Gambia. This will enable the spread of recycling knowledge and skills via their long term partner, Women's Initiative the Gambia (WIG). Funds raised will go directly to helping WIG reach remote communities, where they will train more women, youths and people with disabilities in simple recycling skills. The spread of this knowledge will help eliminate wasted dumping and burning, create jobs and protect the environment and people's health.

<p>They are suggesting Giving up:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Single use coffee cups • Single use water bottles • Straws • Plastic shopping bags 	<p>They suggest we take up:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Resuable Water Bottle and 'Keep Cup' • Reusable cuttlery • Reusable Shopping bags • Opting for loose fruit and veg • Avoiding heavily packaged products in shops.
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Flower Club ~ meets **on 10th April** with a demonstration by Mrs. Griffin from Dripsey on the Theme of 'Happy Easter' For further information please contact Doris Sweetnam on 086 3963254.

Shrove Tuesday ~ Many thanks to all who supported Shrove Tuesday pancakes in St. Mary's Hall, and also all who gave donations for the parish raffle. €493.20 was raised for parish funds.

Sun Up, the annual Diocesan Easter youth service is approaching. Booking forms are available on the website - cdyc.ballineen.com.

A lovely overnight on the 20th - 21st of April. Crazy golf, games, activities, movies on Sat eve. Followed by early morning Eucharist on the Warren Beach with a BBQ breakfast. Great fun to be had!



Easter Vestry ~ The Easter Vestry is a very important meeting in the life of the parish. It is an opportunity to hear what work the vestry has been doing on behalf of the vestry, to hear about its financial affairs and also to elect a vestry for the coming year. This year, to encourage more participation, we will be having our Easter vestry on the Sunday after Easter. There will be a group service in Abbeystrewry Church at 11.30 (this will be the only service in the parish that Sunday), which will be followed by light refreshments in the hall and then we will have our meeting. Please do attend this important event in the life of the parish.



Retiring Collection ~ There will be a retiring collection supporting the work of the Bishop's appeal on Easter Sunday (21st April). The Bishop's appeal recently released a large sum of money to help those effected by the recent *Cyclone Idai* effecting Mozambique, Malawi and Zimbabwe.



Bishop Colton ~ Pictured right is a pectoral cross given to the Bishop on the occasion of his 20th anniversary of ordination to the episcopate on Monday 25th March. We give thanks to the Bishop for his years of service in this Diocese!



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



Services in April

Sunday 7th April ~ The Fifth Sunday in Lent

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

Sunday 14th April ~ The Sixth Sunday in Lent (Palm Sunday)

- 8.30 Eucharist in Abbeystrewry Church
10.15 Service of the Word in St. Mary's Caheragh
11.30 Service of the Word in Abbeystrewry Church



Thursday 18th April ~ Maundy Thursday

- 10.30 Morning Prayer Abbeystrewry Church
20.00 Eucharist in St. Mary's Caheragh

Friday 19th April ~ Good Friday

- 10.30 Morning Prayer Abbeystrewry Church
12.00 Proclamation of the Cross Abbeystrewry Church

Saturday 20th April ~ Easter Eve

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

Sunday 21st April ~ Easter Day

- 9.00 Eucharist in St. Barrahanes, Castletownshend
10.15 Eucharist in St. Mary's, Caheragh
11.30 Eucharist in Abbeystrewry Church (with Easter Egg hunt)



Sunday 28th April ~ Second Sunday of Easter

- 11.30 Eucharist ~ Group service followed by General Vestry Meeting.

Sunday 5th May ~ Third Sunday of Easter

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

The Eucharist will also be celebrated on the following Wednesdays in April at 10.30 am in Abbeystrewry Church: Wed 10th, Wed 17th. No Wednesday Eucharist on Wed 24th April. Please note that during Holy Week there will be a service every morning at 10.30 am in Abbeystrewry Church.

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