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From the registers: _As a parish we extend our sincere sympathy to the family of **Wilkie Hackett** whose who was buried in Creagh graveyard on Sunday 23rd of February. May he rest in the peace of Christ and rise in his glory.



Shrove Tuesday ~ Many thanks to all who supported the pancakes in St. Mary's Caheragh. We raised €215.00 for parish funds. Well done all!

Confirmation ~ Confirmation classes have started this year, and the parish has 11 candidates. The Candidates are looking forward to attending the confirmation morning with the Bishop on Saturday 7th March. Please note, the parish also intends to hold confirmation next year (usually we have confirmation every second year). Please pray for all candidates as they begin their journey towards confirmation. Confirmation in this parish will be on **Sunday 24th May** at 11.30 in Abbeystrewry Church.



Easter Vestry ~ The meeting of the **Easter General Vestry** (at which all parishioners are encouraged to attend) will be on Tuesday 21st April at 8pm in Abbeystrewry Hall. This is a very important meeting in the life of the Church, and I would encourage all members of the parish to attend.

Diocesan Magazine ~ Please note that if you wish renew your annual Diocesan Magazine, please return subscription to Church or contact Rosemary Bradfield.

Flower Club ~ Meets on Wednesday 11th March at 8.15 in Abbeystrewry Hall. There will be a demonstration with Jasmine O' Gorman from Blarney. For more details, please contact Dorris on 086 3963254.



Youth Leadership in training course ~ Congratulations to the three young members of the parish who have completed their LIT (leadership in training course) run by the CDYC . Coming out of the training, the three have decided they would like to investigate the possibility of having a parish youth group. There is going to be an open discussion on this, facilitated by the Diocesan Youth Officer Hilda Connolly on **Friday 13th March at 8 pm in Caheragh Parish Hall**. The planning is for BOTH the parents and teens to come along to chat through what might be possible and when suits people. All Welcome, and refreshments will be served!

Messy Church ~ Our messy church, which now meets once a school term will meet on **Sunday 29th March** from 5.30 pm. The theme of the service will be Holy Week and Easter preparations. All Welcome!

Retiring Collection ~ The suggested Charity to support this month for our regular 3rd Sunday of month collection is WWF, world wildlife fund (as opposed to world wrestling federation which if you are of a certain age might spring to mind!)

From WWF's website, I (the rector) believe it is important to support this because: "Wildlife across has halved in less than a generation.

Natural habitats are being put under increasing pressure. And climate change is leading us into uncharted territory". I believe as a parish that we have to be serious about trying to help in helping to care for this God given planet we inhabit, so please do support this collection. For more information on WWF, please visit

https://wwf.panda.org/our_ambition/ If you have any suggestions of charities that you feel the parish should support, please do let the rector know.



Womens World Day of Prayer ~ will be on **Wednesday 11th March** at 8 pm in Abbeystrewry Church (please note the change from the Diocesan magazine). This year the theme of the service is "Rise, take your mat and Walk" and has been prepared by the women of Zimbabwe. This is an Ecumenical service, and it is our parish's year to host the event. Please support if you can.

Morning Prayer 3 ~ On Sunday 22nd March the parish will be using the new liturgy which was approved by the General Synod. The new service is called Morning Prayer for use on Sundays, referred to as Mp3. New booklets have been ordered, and we hope people will enjoy the new liturgy. It is most similar to what has been Service of the Word, and service of the word will still be used on occasion.

Mission to seafarers ~ Approximately 2,400 commercial ships a year come into The Port of Cork. The Port of Cork has offered a building (which it will refurbish and kit out) to the Mission to Seafarers (Ireland) for use as a Seafarer's Drop-in Centre at Ringaskiddy.. Mission to Seafarers (Ireland) has asked our Diocese and our ecumenical partners to work with them in getting this drop-in centre up and running 5 nights a week (Monday to Friday) from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Shipping and seafarers are the lifeblood of essential supplies to our island nation. We could not live here without them. Can we help? Can you help, please? Please consider this request prayerfully, and speak in the coming days with your rector.

Services in March

Sunday 1st March ~ The First 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 8th March ~ The Second Sunday in Lent

- 8.30 Eucharist in Abbeystrewry Church
- 10.15 Morning Prayer 2 in St. Mary's Caheragh
- 11.30 Morning Prayer 2 in Abbeystrewry Church

Wednesday 11th March

- 20.00 Women's world day of prayer in Abbeystrewry Church

Sunday 15th March ~ The Third Sunday in Lent

- 8.30 Eucharist in Abbeystrewry Church
- 10.15 Eucharist in St. Mary's, Caheragh
- 11.30 Eucharist in Abbeystrewry Church

Tuesday 17th March ~ Saint Patrick's Day

- 10.30 Eucharist in Abbeystrewry Church

Sunday 22nd March ~ The Fourth Sunday in Lent

- 8.30 Eucharist in Abbeystrewry Church
- 10.15 Morning Prayer 3 in St. Mary's Caheragh
- 11.30 Morning Prayer 3 in Abbeystrewry Church

Sunday 29th March ~ The Fifth Sunday in Lent

- 8.30 Eucharist in Abbeystrewry Church
- 11.30 Group Eucharist in Abbeystrewry Church
- 17.30 Messy Church in Abbeystrewry Hall

Sunday 5th April ~ The Sixth Sunday in Lent (Palm Sunday)

- 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 March at 10.30 am in Abbeystrewry Church: Wed 4th, Wed 11th, Wed 18th, Wed 25th and on Wednesday 1st April.

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!!

