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Pictured above are 'Biscuit Bibles' made by Sunday Club
after learning about Jesus temptation in the desert.

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Parish visiting and House Communion. Over the last two years visiting from the Rector has mostly been in case of pastoral emergency. As the situation continues to improve, and if you feel you would like a visit from the Rector please do not hesitate to contact the rector or Rev. Pound. Similarly if you would like Holy Communion but feel unable or are nervous of going to Church, please contact the rector and we can see what might be arranged.



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.

Financial Assistance – The country is going through a cost of living crisis, and if you are finding it financially very difficult this year, please do contact the Rector as there may be funds available that may be of some assistance. Complete confidence is guaranteed.



Many thanks to all who supported, donated and those who served the Pancakes on Shrove Tuesday in Caheragh Hall. Over €650 was raised for parish finances. It was a great success, and the clergy were kept very busy all afternoon!

Thank you also for your support of the Bishop's appeal at our retiring collection last month, which raised nearly €1,000. Thank you so much for your generosity! In light of the of the devastating earthquakes that hit

Turkey and Syria it was decided that our retiring collection should support Christain Aid's relief mission there. We will support our Diocesan project through Bishop's Appeal later in the year.



Retiring Collection.~ The Charity we will be supporting at our retiring collection on the third Sunday of the Month (Sunday 19th of March) will be **Cancer Connect** which is a charity that co-ordinates transport to Cork hospitals for passengers attending Radiotherapy and Chemotherapy treatments, and cancer related appointments. More details about this charity can be found at

www.cancerconnect.ie



The St. Vincent De Paul Society regularly have Bingo nights in Abbeystrewry Hall. They have most generously offered to hold the Bingo night on 20th March at 8.30pm in Abbeystrewry Hall for the benefit of the renovation work recently done to the Hall. Please do support the parish (and St. Vincent De Paul) on this night.

Sunday Club and Messy Church...



The pandemic shut many of our parish activities down in the parish, but I am delighted to say that we have restarted our Sunday club as well as Messy Church (Sunday Club pictured above). There will be three messy Churches a year (once a term), and the other Sunday's will be Sunday Club (at the same time as Morning Prayer in Abbeystrewry Church) This month we have Messy Church with a Holy Week theme on **Sunday 26th at 4 pm to 6pm in Abbeystrewry Hall (and no Sunday club in the morning).**



Coffee morning and Cake Sale. Advanced notice that there will be a Coffee Morning and Cake sale in aid of parish finances on **Saturday 8th April.** There will be a planning meeting for this, and also to discuss other parish fundraising events on **Tuesday 14th March at 8 pm** in Abbeystrewry Hall.

The **Easter General Vestry** meeting will be on Wednesday 29th of March 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.



The **Flower club** in Skibbreen are holding a flower demonstration Wednesday march 8th. 8/15 pm Abbeystrewry hall with Sandra Jackson from Mallow. All welcome.



Tractor Run ~ There will be a Tractor run in aid of Bandon Grammer school on Sunday 2nd April departing at 1pm. If you would like to donate, here is the idonate link:
<https://www.idonate.ie/cause/bandongrammarschoolasdspecialclass>

Services in March

Sunday 5th March ~ The Second 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 12th March ~ The Third Sunday in Lent

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



Friday 17th March ~ Saint Patrick

- 10.30 Eucharist in Abbeystrewry Church

Sunday 19th March ~ The Fourth Sunday in Lent

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

Sunday 26th March ~ The Fifth Sunday in Lent

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



Sunday 2nd 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 in the Creagh Chapel (Abbeystrewry Church) Wed 1st, Wed 8th, Wed 15th, Wed 22nd, Wed 29th.

Holy Week and Easter ~ Once service times have been finalised, these will be on our website (www.abbeystrewry.com). The monthly newsletter will be issued earlier next month to advertise these services.



If you would like to receive the parish newsletter in the future by email (saving paper!) please email the Rector at

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