

**REFLECTION—brought to you by the Diocesan Pastoral Council**

Several years ago when living in the United States. I became acquainted with a family of Irish origin. Among the children was one who was looked on as wild & troublesome...a 16 year old boy. Let's call him Seán. A crisis arose while I was there he was diagnosed as suffering from a disease. As an outsider & a priest & as somebody to whom he related to little...I was asked to speak to him. Not the easiest prospect, but to my surprise Seán took the initiative & asked me to speak with him. Our dialogue went in an unexpected direction. He produced a poem that he wanted me to read & which he later gave me as a present. Part of it went as follows:

*They think I'm just a piece of dirt, as my father said to me; It seems that I don't care a damn for anyone but me. But they don't know the hopes I have locked up inside of me. They never ask about the poem I'd like my life to be. If they saw this, they'd sneer and mock 'cos the me they chose to see is the cause of this whole family shame— True, but only part of me. But what I want after all this mess, is that some day they will see that I do care and seek out my space to live and give and BE. I want a different sort of life not one of simply me, not grabbing but giving of myself Christ-like & tenderly.*

It may be unsure as verse but it is really a cry from the heart. It expressed a longing for recognition of his generosity, something deeper than all the hurt & guilt. That secret self can remain under lonely lock & key until somebody offers a word of recognition – as I was able to do. Indeed later that evening I managed to have Seán show some of his poems to his father & mother. It was a healing moment when he read one of them (not this one) aloud. I could see a strange pride in the eyes of his parents; their Seán was something other than a shame & a trouble-maker. (From *Where Is You God* by Michael Paul Gallagher). **Can we seek out and give that recognition to others?**

**DRAW TICKETS**

Horeswood GAA Club is putting in a walking track & has been allocated a Sports Capital Grant of €10,800. In order to proceed & fund the remainder of this worthwhile venture, which will benefit many in the community, members will be calling around the Parish selling Club & County Draw tickets, costing €50 or can be paid monthly. First prize each month is a car. The first draw will take place Wednesday May 1<sup>st</sup>. Your support would be greatly appreciated.

**HORESWOOD PARISH INFORMATION**

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**Parish Office Opening Hours:** Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday: 10am-1pm

**MASS TIMES**

**HORESWOOD**

Saturday 7.00pm  
 Sunday 10.30am  
 Weekdays 9.30am  
 Confessions 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday 7.00pm

**BALLYKELLY**

Saturday 8:00pm  
 Sunday 11:30am  
 Tuesday & Friday 9:30am

**Baptisms Horeswood:** First & Third Saturday of the month 4:00pm  
**Baptisms Ballykelly:** Second & Fourth Saturday of the month 4:00pm  
**Marriages:** A minimum of three months notice must be given to both Church & State.



**FIFTH SUNDAY**  
*In Lent*

**PARISH OF HORESWOOD**  
**Church of St. James, Horeswood**  
**Church of St. Brigid, Ballykelly**  
 Volume 8 No. 14 April 7th 2019  
**Fifth Sunday of Lent**

**IN LOVING MEMORY**

**Please remember in your prayers**  
**HORESWOOD**

Saturday 7pm

**John Keating, Ballykerogue, anniversary.**

Sunday 10:30am

**Paul & Anita O'Brien, Fermanagh, formerly Great Island, anniversaries.**

Wednesday 9:30am

Mass for the parish

**BALLYKELLY**

*Mass Intentions April 13th & 14th*  
**Horeswood:** April 13th, John Foran, Nuke, anniversary. April 14th Jim Chapman, Ballykerogue anniversary & Ellen Forristal, Horeswood, Month's Mind. **Ballykelly:** Saturday April 13th Angela Long, Ballykelly, anniversary. Sunday April 14th Ann Culleton, Dunganstown, anniversary.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

Stations of the Cross every Thursday during Lent at 9.00am in Horeswood



**MASSES FOR THE COMING WEEK**

**Horeswood:** Monday– Friday 9:30am.  
**Ballykelly:** Tuesday & Friday 9.30am.

**HOLY WEEK CEREMONIES**  
**HORESWOOD**

Penitential Service in Horeswood Monday April 15th at 7pm

**HOLY THURSDAY**

Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:30pm followed by exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until 9.30pm.

**GOOD FRIDAY**

Celebration of the Lord's Passion at 3pm

**HOLY SATURDAY**

Easter Vigil at 9pm

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Mass at 10:30am – Blessing of Salt at Mass on Easter Sunday.



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**WEEKLY ENVELOPES**  
**HORESWOOD: 31/03/2019 €403.00**  
**BALLYKELLY: 31/03/2019 € 88.70**  
**Thank you for your generosity.**

**READERS FOR APRIL**

**HORESWOOD**

7pm April 6th & 20th **Eileen Furlong**  
 7pm April 13th & 27th **Ann Caulfield**  
 10:30am **Betty Parker**



**BALLYKELLY**

8pm April 6th **June Hearn**  
 11:30am April 7th **Tommy Lennon**  
 8pm April 13th **Anne Howlett**  
 11:30am April 14th **Oweny Lennon**  
 8pm April 20th **Pat Brennan**  
 11:30am April 21st **Margaret Nolan**  
 8pm April 27th **Niamh Dempsey**  
 11:30am April 28th **Geraldine Molloy**

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**  
**HORESWOOD**  
**APRIL**

7pm April 6th & 13th **Eileen Furlong**  
 10:30am April 7th & 14th **Susan Devane & Katriona Dawkins**  
 8pm April 20th & 7pm April 27th **John Howlin**  
 10:30am April 21st & 28th **Ann Roche & Catherine Breen**



**THE HOOK OF FAITH: THIS WEEK'S CONTENT**  
 Check out the latest resources at [www.thehookoffaith.com](http://www.thehookoffaith.com) This week's interview is a story of hope from a man who is recovering from addiction to dysfunctional sexual behaviour. Compelling listening as we fight our own demons with Christ during Lent. We have a homily for this Fifth Sunday of Lent with Mgr. Joe McGrath, PP of New Ross and the third video mediation on the 'Seven Last Words' of Jesus. We include the results of a new survey by the Iona Institute that compares married and cohabiting parents and finally a reflection on how God is like a patient fisherman who tries to allure us to faith him by the hooks around us and win us.

**READERS AND EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS FOR EASTER**

A meeting of the Eucharistic Ministers and Readers will take place on **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April at 7.00pm in the parochial house to arrange the Easter Ceremonies for Horeswood Church** On **Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> April at 7.00pm a meeting of the Readers and Eucharistic Ministers will take place in Ballykelly Church to arrange the Easter ceremonies for Ballykelly.** If you are unable to be present for that meeting please let the office know if you are available for your ministry during the Easter Ceremonies.



Holy Week

**BLOOD DONATION CLINIC**  
**Brandon House Hotel**  
**Monday April 8<sup>th</sup> - Thursday April 11<sup>th</sup> (inclusive)**  
**4:30pm - 8pm**

**TROCAIRE LENTEN CAMPAIGN 2019**

Lent 2019 highlights the different ways land is stolen from vulnerable people - by corporate lands grabs, by war, or simply because they are women. Lent 2019 asks people in Ireland to show their love by supporting people in the World's poorest countries who are often defenceless against these attacks. Join Trócaire in prayer and thanksgiving this Lenten season to celebrate the resilience, hope and steadfast spirit of people in Guatemala, Uganda and Lebanon.



**Accord Catholic Marriage Care Service seeking marriage preparation facilitators** ACCORD Catholic Marriage Care Service is currently recruiting volunteers to train as marriage preparation course facilitators.

If you have a **positive attitude towards marriage in the Catholic Church & If you have the enthusiasm to be part of the Accord team in supporting couples who are preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage**

Accord wants to hear from you! Successful applicants will receive professional training and will be part of a team delivering marriage preparation courses locally. Contact Aisling on 01 505 3112 or email [info@accord.ie](mailto:info@accord.ie) or [www.accord.ie](http://www.accord.ie)

**HORESWOOD LADIES FOOTBALL CLUB**  
**Coffee Morning & Cake Sale**  
 Sunday April 14<sup>th</sup> at 11.30am in the Indoor Complex.  
**Annual Easter Draw** in Centra Campile on Saturday 20th April. Lines are on sales now from any club member.  
 Your support is appreciated.

**SPLIT THE POT**  
**Saturday March 31st**

**WINNER**

This week our lucky winner was **Bridget Furlong - €226.00**  
**Next Draw: Saturday April 6th (at the end of Mass).** Winners may collect money from the Parish office from Tuesday onwards after the draw has taken place.

**New Mission Team in Ferns Diocese**

The formation of a new Mission Team in Ferns diocese is being explored. Its aim will be to promote & foster mission awareness in parishes & the diocese. Interested parishioners & especially those who have worked overseas on mission/development work are invited & welcome to become involved. Enquiries to Fr Paddy Cushen on 087 2387559 or email [paddycushen@eircom.net](mailto:paddycushen@eircom.net)

**CAMPILE UNITED 300 DRAW**

1st prize €500, Ann Egan, Seller, Karen Egan  
 2nd prize €100, Seamus Shannon Seller, Shane Banville  
 3rd prize €50, Alice Leacy Seller, James Keating.  
 4th prize €25, Elaine Byrne Seller, Mick Kent  
 Sellers Prize: Karen Egan. Thank you for your continued support. Next draw takes place in Harts' on Friday April 26th.

**HORESWOOD MUSICAL SOCIETY PRESENTS**

**'The Sound of Music'**

for four nights only  
 Thursday April 11<sup>th</sup> to  
 Sunday April 14<sup>th</sup>  
 in Campile Hall  
 (Sunday night's performance starts at 6:30pm)

This year's chosen charity is  
 St Louis Day Care Centre, Ramsgrange  
**Booking Number: 086-0703257**



<b>COLLECTORS APRIL</b>	
<b>Saturday 7pm</b>	<b>Sunday 10:30am</b>
Seán Wallace	Lar Quinn
Seán Clancy	Michael Shannon
Nicholas Carr	Martin Hartley