

The Deep End
'It may bear fruit next year'



Today's Gospel brings a thorny question for Jesus, as the people ask why a number of Galileans were killed by the Romans as they made sacrifices to God. The basic question is why do bad things happen to certain people? Some Jewish leaders at the time viewed the Galileans as second-class Jews, and so they are raising more than a question about meaningless suffering here. They want to know if the Galileans suffered because they were not really 'Jewish enough.' Jesus responds with a sharp question about a recent tragedy involving those killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them. Were they worse offenders than others in Jerusalem? No. Jesus responds further by focusing on those who are still living. In the parable of the fig tree we hear that the tree is not producing any fruit and probably should be cut down. However, the owner of the vineyard agrees to one more year, during which it is given special attention.

Jesus' response to the difficult question on suffering is to focus on the living. We are still alive and therefore should be producing much fruit. Perhaps those who are questioning Jesus need, like the fig tree, much fertiliser, nourishment and growth so that they can focus on producing fruit for the world. The fig tree is blessed, and has received much grace in terms of time and care. The parable is a reminder to all of us of the nourishment and time we have been given; it is a call to examine the fruits that we produce in this world, in our communities, our families and in our church.

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HORESWOOD PARISH INFORMATION

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MASS TIMES

HORESWOOD

Saturday 7.00pm
 Sunday 10.30am
 Weekdays 9.30am
 Confessions 1st Thursday 7.00pm

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.

BALLYKELLY

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

**THIRD
SUNDAY
OF LENT**

PARISH OF HORESWOOD
Church of St. James, Horeswood
Church of St. Brigid, Ballykelly
 Volume 8 No. 12 March 24th 2019
Third Sunday of Lent

IN LOVING MEMORY

Please remember in your prayers
HORESWOOD
Saturday 7pm
Mick & Anna Rowe and the deceased members of the Rowe & Kennedy Families, Tinnock, anniversaries.

Sunday 10:30am
Margaret Dunphy, Campile, anniversary

Pray for **Nan McGrath, nee Flynn, Waterford, formerly Horeswood, anniversary, Tomás Grennan, & deceased members of the Grennan Family, Ballykerogue, anniversaries, Matt Wallace Snr. Horeswood anniversary & James & Nora Howlin, Ballykerogue, anniversaries.**

Monday 9:30am
Nan McGrath, nee Flynn, Waterford, formerly Horeswood, anniversary.

Tuesday 9:30am
Tomás Grennan, & deceased members of the Grennan Family, Ballykerogue, anniversaries.

Wednesday 9:30am
 Mass for the parish

Thursday 9:30am
Matt Wallace Snr. Horeswood anniversary.

BALLYKELLY
Sunday 11:30am
Patrick Fitzgerald, Camblin, anniversary.

MASSES FOR THE COMING WEEK
Horeswood: Monday– Friday 9:30am.
Ballykelly: Tuesday & Friday 9.30am.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS
 Stations of the Cross every Thursday during Lent at 9.00am in Horeswood


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ECUMENICAL QUIET DAY
in St. John of God Retreat Centre, Ballyvaloo,
Tuesday April 2nd 11:15am –4:30pm.
 €25 including lunch & coffee breaks. The day will be led by Rev. Chris Long, Rector, Emeritus of Enniscorthy. Please contact Fr. James Murphy, at 087 8152637 by phone or text before Friday 29 March 29th if you wish to attend.

Mass Intentions March 30th & 31st
Horeswood: March 30th John & Mary Carthy, Ballykerogue, anniversaries. March 31st, Larry Dillon, St James's Villas, anniversary. Ballykelly: March 31st Dominic & Mary Hearn, Ballykelly, anniversaries.

WEEKLY ENVELOPES
HORESWOOD: 17/03/2019 €747.30
BALLYKELLY: 17/03/2019 €178.00
Thank you for your generosity.

READERS FOR MARCH
HORESWOOD
 7pm **Richard Devane**
 10:30am **Rose Breen**



BALLYKELLY
 8pm March 23rd **Niamh Dempsey**
 11:30am March 24th **Geraldine Molloy**
 8pm March 30th **Agnes Flaherty**
 11:30am March 31st **Joe Bridges**

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS
HORESWOOD
MARCH
 7pm March 23rd & 30th
Johnnie O'Leary
 10:30am March 24th & 31st
Trish Hayes & Patricia Clancy



COLLECTORS MARCH	
Saturday 7pm	Sunday 10:30am
John Molloy Michael Byrne John Sinnott	Joe Ryan Bobby Murray Tony O'Shea

SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVES
Lucy Murphy: 087-2842586
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For information on Safeguarding children please contact the Safeguarding Representatives.



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 woman. 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. The campaign is told through the stories of three families living in Guatemala, Uganda and Lebanon. Each story shows a different way families face losing their land and the effect it has on their lives. Each family is a different face to the same injustice, through the lens of the fear they face (violence, hunger, never seeing their home again) and the love people in Ireland can show towards them. Join Trócaire in prayer and thanksgiving this Lenten season to celebrate the resilience, hope and steadfast spirit of people in Guatemala, Uganda and Lebanon.

Please take a Trócaire Box home with you.




Diocese of Ferns
Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2019
May 11th -16th (5 nights)
 Cost from €749 per person. Highlights include, Mass at the Grotto, Anointing of the sick, torchlight procession & Blessed Sacrament procession. Book on line at joewalshtours.ie or you can arrange booking by phone, 01-2410802

THE HOOK OF FAITH: THIS WEEK'S CONTENT
 Check out the latest resources at www.thehookoffaith.com This week's interview is the second part of the series with Fr Billy Swan who explores Lent as a time of prayer when we reconnect with God and hear his voice of truth and love. We have a homily for the Third Sunday of Lent and a reflection on Mary's 'Yes' as we celebrate the Feast of the Annunciation on Monday 25th March. We mark Daffodil Day on Friday 22nd and the challenge to find hope in our faith for people effected by cancer. We include the submission by the Iona Institute to the Government's planned revision of the Relationships and Sexuality Education programme in our schools. Finally we have a short video on the first of Jesus' 'Seven Last Words' that reflects on the Lord's amazing love that asked his Father to forgive those who killed him.

EASTER TRIDUUM RETREAT
 The Benedictine Monks, Rostrevor, Co. Down, invite men (18-40) to an Easter Triduum Retreat from Holy Thursday 18th April until Sunday 21st April 2019. Take time to reflect. Examine your life and consider your call. If interested, please contact: Fr Thierry: benedictine-monks@btinternet.com / +44 (0)28 4173 9979. Facebook: Benedictine Monks Rostrevor / Twitter: @rostrevormonks

GDPR- HOSPITAL VISITS
 Due to GDPR which came in to effect on May 25th 2018, it is not possible for clergy to see the hospital patient list any longer. It will be necessary for family members to request Fr. O'Leary to visit a family member in hospital going forward.

SPLIT THE POT
Saturday March 16th



This week our lucky winner was **Seamus Keating- €227.00**
 Next Draw: Saturday March 23rd (at the end of Mass). Winners may collect money from the Parish office from Tuesday onwards after the draw has taken place.

HORESWOOD LADIES FOOTBALL
Registration will take place on Monday 1st April from 6:30pm-8pm in the Indoor. Our **Minor** team is playing in Division 1 again this year and have their first match of the season away to St Martin's on Thursday 28th March. The **Senior** and **Junior** teams are both in action at the week-end also. **Training** has commenced for nearly all age groups so if you wish to join us this year please contact any player or committee member who will advise you of training times.

RAMSGRANGE ACTIVE RETIREMENT
Monthly meeting: Monday April 1st, in St Louis Day Care Centre at 2:15pm. Our speaker will be Mr Kelly Orthopaedic Surgeon Whitfield Clinic Waterford. New members always welcome.
Trip to Omniplex Cinema, Wexford: Wednesday April 17th. Film TBC. Cost €15. Lunch in Farmers Kitchen before film. Non-members welcome. Bus leaving Ramsgrange at 12 noon Usual pick-ups.
Trip to Rathwood Garden Centre & The Chocolate Factory, Tullow, Monday April 8th. Stopping at Cois Abhainn, Camolin for tea. Cost to members €15, non-members €20. Pick-ups on way - Campile 8:45 am, Ramsgrange 9am, Ballinery/Elm Tree X 9:10am & Wellingtonbridge 9:20am.