



Mass Times & Intentions as follows :

Sat	7th Mar	8.00pm	Paddy Hopkins, Drumnec.
Sun	8th Mar	10.30am	Nan Dowd. (Month's mind).
Mon	9th Mar	8.00pm	Special Intention.
Tues	10th Mar	7.00am	Special Intention..
Wed	11th Mar	7.00am	Mass for the people of the parish.
Thurs	12th Mar	7.00am	Special Intention.
Fri	13th Mar	7.00pm	Re: Station Mass. Special Intention.
Sat	14th Mar	8.00pm	Kate, John & Mary Shanley, Derry gowna. Also Kathleen Gibney, Navan & D.F.M.
Sun	15th Mar	10.30am	Frank & Rose Burke & their son Oliver, Derrahaun.
Mon	16th Mar	8.00pm	Special Intention.
Tues	17th Mar	10.30am	St. Patrick's Day. Michael & David Dowd & D.F.M. Aughnacross.

Stations: Thurs 12th Mar 8.00pm: Carmel & Sean Hopkins, Drumnec - Saint's Island.

Fri 13th Mar 8.00pm: Jack & Anne Bannon, Ballinahinch.

Eucharistic Adoration continues Wednesday 3-9pm and Friday 7.30-8pm.

Eucharistic Ministers:

8.00pm Sat 14th Mar Teresa Costello & Bernadette Farrell.

10.30am Sun 15th Mar John Flood & Carmel Hopkins.

Readers

8.00pm Sat 14th Mar Siobhán Casey.

10.30am Sun 15th Mar Dermot Healy.

Concern Christmas Fast A sincere thanks to all who supported our annual fast and church gate collection. At total of €1000 was raised. Thanks to all concerned.

The celebration of Mass and Church liturgies: Those with virus symptoms are dispensed from the Sunday obligation to attend Mass.

- Members of the clergy and congregations who feel ill should self-isolate and stay at home for fourteen days. The Chalice should not be shared with Concelebrants, Ministers of Holy Communion, or members of the congregation.
 - Holy Communion should be received in the hand and not onto the tongue. For Priests and Ministers of the Holy Communion, hand hygiene and respiratory hygiene can reduce the spread of infections. This means thoroughly washing and sanitising your hands with disinfectant gel before and after distributing Holy Communion.
- The exchange of the Sign of Peace continues to be suspended as a precaution.

Laziness: Some people refer to Paul Raiton of Consett, England, as the laziest man in the world. That would be difficult to prove, but his legal troubles certainly provide evidence that he is in the running for the title. In December of 2009, Raiton was reported to the authorities by a cyclist who saw him "walking" his dog by driving his car slowly and holding the leash out the car window! Raiton admitted that his unusual method of exercising his dog, "was a silly thing to do and there was an element of laziness," and pled guilty to a charge of "not being in proper control of a vehicle." He was fined sixty-six pounds and ordered not to drive for six months.

Gossip and scandal: Four priests met for a friendly gathering. During the conversation one priest said, "Our people come to us and pour out their hearts confessing certain sins and needs. Let's do the same. Confession is good for the soul." In due time all agreed. One confessed to being too fond of the golf-course, sneaking away when on duty. The second confessed to smoking cigars and a glass or two of brandy every now and then, and the third one confessed to a flutter or tow on the horses. When it came to the fourth one, he wouldn't confess. The others pressed him saying, "Come now, we confessed ours. What is your secret vice?" Finally he answered, "It is *gossiping* and I can't wait to get out of here to share the latest."

Half hearted spirituality: Dr. Al Fasol, a retired preaching professor, wrote about the true story of a man who experienced a rude awakening in church. He generally slept in church, so he dropped off like he always did, only this time a power outage left the auditorium in total darkness. The pastor did not use notes to preach and kept right on preaching. Somewhere toward the sermon's end, the groggy parishioner woke up. He rubbed his eyes but couldn't see a thing. He heard the preacher and could feel his wife and daughter on both sides of him, but everything was pitch-black. In a state of panic he stood up and declared, "Help me, I'm blind!" to howls of uncontrolled laughter and everlasting ignominy.

F. B. Meyer explained it this way: "A bar of iron worth \$2.50, when wrought into horseshoes is worth \$5. If made into needles it is worth \$175. If into penknife blades it is worth \$1,625. If made into springs for watches it is worth \$125,000. What a trial by fire that bar must undergo to be worth this! But the more it is hammered and passed through the heat, beaten, pounded, and polished, the greater its value."

The Meaning of Lent: Are you wondering about the trials through which you are passing? With impatient heart, are you saying, "How long, O Lord?" The heat of the flame and the blows of the hammer are necessary if you are to be more than an unpolished, rough bar of iron. God's all-wise plan, though it calls for the fire, produces the valuable watch spring of a strong and mature spirituality.

What have I offered to the Lord this Lent so far so that He can help me overcome my faults and failings?