



Mass Times & Masses for the dead as follows:

Sat	23rd Mar	8.00pm	Birthday Remembrance Mass for Ciaran Farrell, Derrygeel.
Sun	24th Mar	10.30am	Patrick & Mary Liz Brennan & D.F.M. Derrygowna.
Mon	25th Mar	8.00pm	Special Intention.
Tues	26th Mar	7.00am	Special Intention.
Wed	27th Mar	7.00am	Mass for the People of the Parish.
Thur	28th Mar	7.00am	Special Intention.
Fri	29th Mar	<u>7.00pm</u>	<u>Please note change of time re: Station. Adoration after Mass.</u>
Sat	30th Mar	8.00pm	Annie Healy, Pollagh. (Month's Mind.)
Sun	31st Mar	10.30am	John Farrell, Derrahau. (Month's Mind.)
Mon	1st April	8.00pm	Joe & Lizzie Cosgrave & Bridie Kelly. Derrydarragh.
<u>Eucharistic Adoration continues on Wednesday 3pm-9pm and Friday 7.30pm-8pm.</u>			
<u>Eucharistic Roster</u>			
	8.00pm	Sat	30th Mar Mary Casey & Thomas Dennigan.
	10.30am	Sun	31st Mar Yvonne Kenny & Elizabeth Whitton.

Readers' Roster	8.00pm	Sat	30th Mar Maura Brehon.
	10.30am	Sun	31st Mar Yvonne Kenny.

The Diocesan Safeguarding Conference takes place on Tuesday April 2nd at 8pm in St. Mel's College, Longford. Tea/Coffee @ 7.30pm. The theme for the conference is Safeguarding: An ongoing challenge and a vital ministry in the Church in Ireland. Teresa Devlin, CEO of the National Safeguarding Board for the Catholic Church in Ireland is the guest speaker. All are welcome.

Stations already held - Enquiries: 086 0603433.

Fri	1st Feb:	Laura & Ken Dermody, Loughawn.
Thurs	7th Feb:	Teresa and Sean Farrell
Fri	8th Feb:	Bernie & Michael Farrell, Tipper.
Fri	15th Feb:	Yvonne & John Kenny, Derrydarragh.
Thurs	21st Feb:	Breda & Eamon Murphy, Claris / Cross.
Fri	22nd Feb:	Anna & Jimmy Costello, Cleraune/Pollagh.
Fri	1st Mar:	Betty Whitton, Forthill.
Thurs	7th Mar:	Martin & Gaye Skelly, Carrowbeg/Leab.
Fri	8th Mar:	Bridget Hopkins, Drummee.
Fri	15th Mar:	Maura & Ray Brehon, Portanure.

To be held:

Fri	29th Mar:	Siobhan Casey, Elfeet/Loughfarm.
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Midland Motor Club: The rally takes place on Sunday 24th March travelling through Lisrevagh, Thureen, Lisnacusha, Newpark, Clonmee, Greenhall, Aughavaden, Lightfield and Caltra. There will be 3 timed runs: 1st 10.13; 2nd 12.55; 3rd 15.37. Roads will be closed from 9am to 5pm approx. This rally is a round of the National Championships, the Border and Midland East championships. We are having drivers from all over Ireland and The UK. We wish to thank residents on the route for their cooperation and hope you all enjoy the action.

Reflection: Years ago, an old lady in the southern states had no money to buy food. But with complete trust in God, she got down on her knees and prayed aloud: "Dear Lord, please have pity on me ... I have very little food left ... I entreat You to send me a side of bacon and a sack of corn meal."

Over and over again, she pleaded in a loud voice. Now, one of the town's worst characters was passing by and overheard her supplication. It was too good for him to let pass, so he decided to play a trick on her.

Hurrying to the nearest store, he bought a side of bacon and a sack of corn-meal. Upon his return to the cabin, he dropped the food down the chimney. It landed right in front of the woman as she knelt in prayer.

Jumping to her feet, she exclaimed jubilantly, "O Lord, you've answered my prayer!" Then, she ran all around the neighbourhood telling everyone the good news.

This was exactly as the scoundrel had expected. With great glee, he ridiculed her before the whole town, by telling how he had dropped the food down the chimney himself.

But the wise old woman replied: "Well, the devil may have brought it ... but it was the Lord who sent it"

The great saints tell us that for those who pray faithfully to God, ... even the ill will of our enemies will be used by Him to bring us advantage. The danger is that we will be complacent and leave it until it is too late.

It isn't the thing you do, dear,
It's the thing you leave undone
That gives you a bit of a heartache

At setting of the sun,
The tender work forgotten,
The letter you did not write,
The flowers you did not send, dear,
Are your haunting ghosts at night.

The stone you might have lifted
Out of a brother's way;
The bit of heartsome counsel
You were hurried too much to say;
The loving touch of the hand, dear,
The gentle, winning tone
Which you had no time nor thought for
With troubles enough of your own.

Those little acts of kindness
So easily out of mind,
Those chances to be angels
Which we poor mortals find -
They come in night and silence,
Each sad, reproachful wrath,
When hope is faint and flagging,
And a chill has fallen on faith.

For life is all too short, dear,
And sorrow is all too great,
To suffer our slow compassion
That tarries until too late:
And it isn't the thing you do, dear,
It's the thing you leave undone
Which gives you a bit of heartache

At the setting of the sun. - Margaret Sangster

Moral: Lent reminds us that we cannot live up to this beautiful poem without the grace that comes from prayer. To paraphrase the verse ... It isn't the prayers you said my dear ... It's the ones you left undone ... which gives you the pain of heartache at the setting of the sun. God has given us this Lent ... Will we have another one?