

Lent Springtime of the Spirit

Each year the trees give us a lesson in renewal. First the bud, then the blossom, and finally the shoot.

Spring dresses the trees in a new robe, and makes them young again. But this is possible only because in Autumn they let go of their old leaves, and in between endured a period of nakedness. Lent is the springtime of the spirit.

Lord help us not to be afraid to let go of old habits, and to face our spiritual poverty, in order that you may renew us, and so at Easter we will feel young again in our discipleship.

Fr Flor McCarthy

Home Visits

I will visit the sick & housebound in their homes on Thursday & Friday of the coming week, at the usual times. TM

Lotto Results

In the draw on 21st Feb. the numbers were: 5, 17, 20, 22. The Jackpot was not won. Lucky Dip Winners were: **Jimmy Cawley**, Ballina, **Michael Ford**, Ballina, **Garrett Howley**, Bonniconlon. Next Draw on March 7th. The Jackpot will be €5,100.

Home Energy Saving Scheme

National Energy Assessors (NEA) are holding a free information evening to be held in **Jordans Bar and Restaurant**, Dublin Road, Ballina on **Wednesday 4th March 2009 at 8pm**. Topics for discussion will be the new Home Energy Saving Grant Scheme and how you can benefit. Under this scheme existing home owners can claim a grant for insulation and improvements to heating systems. Further information is available from Peter at **096-79477**.

NEWSLETTER

Church of
The Immaculate Conception & St Joseph,
Attymass

1st Sunday of Lent

1st March 2009

Website: www.attymass.ie



Church of
**The Immaculate Conception
& St Joseph**



Mass Intentions

Sun. 10.30am People of the Parish
 Mon. 9.30am Val Gilboy
**Tue. 7.30pm Michael Hennigan
 Currower**
 Wed. 9.30am Private Intention
 Thur. 9.30am Private Intention
Fri. 7.30pm Tom Langan
Sat. 7.30pm John Flannelly

Child Minder Available

A Child Minder, in the Attymass area, is available for employment. For further information call 086-4060632.

Stations of the Cross

The Stations of the Cross will be prayed on Fridays during Lent at 7.15pm, before the Evening Mass.

Fr. Mulligan 096-45095
Mobile 086-8181345
Fr. Peyton Centre 096-45374
Fax 096-45375

On Our Doorsteps!

Fr Patsy Kelly, MSC, Galway will speak on the Gospels for the Sundays of Lent in the Fr Peyton Centre on **Thursday 5th, 12th, & 19th March at 8pm**. This is an opportunity for all of us to deepen our understanding of our faith and to grow closer to God this Lent. And it is right on our own doorsteps! The Lenten Talks have been organised by the Cluster Steering Committee.

Achonry Dinner Dance in Park Hotel, Kiltimagh Fri 13 March
 Tickets @ €30 from Thomas 087-2344338.

**Ministers for next
Week-End**

Sat. 7 Mar. Vigil Mass 7.30pm

Reader: Mary Lavelle
 E. Ministers: Beatie Hughes
 Mary Gallagher
Sun. 8 March 10.30am Mass
 Reader: Paul Quinn
 E. Minister: Beatrice Howley

Fr Peyton Memorial Centre

Tue. 3rd March: 12.15pm Mass - Special Intention

Opening Hours: Monday to Friday 10am - 5.30pm
 Saturday
 Sunday

Community Meetings

Tuesday 3rd March

Card Game in the Community Centre at 9pm.

Wednesday 4th March

Meeting of Voluntary Social Housing Committee in the Centre at 8pm.

Thursday 5th March

Lenten Talk in Fr Peyton Centre given by Fr Patsy Kelly MSC.

Neighbourhood Masses

It is proposed to hold Neighbourhood Masses on the following dates:

Wed.18 Mar. Ballycong, Kildermot, Mullahowney
 Wed. 25 Mar. Ardrass, Byhalla, Carrick, Treanoughter
 Wed. 1 April Cullane, Kilgellia, Fr Peyton Avenue.

Recent Wedding

Congratulations & Best Wishes to **Patricia Cunnely**, Carrowkeribla & **Pat Coleman**, Ballaghaderreen who were married in the Church of Our Lady Star of the Sea, Quilty, Co. Clare on Saturday, on Sat. 14 February.



Christening

Congratulations to **Jackie & Daniel Ruane**, Currower & Ballina whose daughter **Grace Anne** was baptised and welcomed into the Christian Family on Saturday 28 February.



Offertory Collection

22/02/09 €950.730