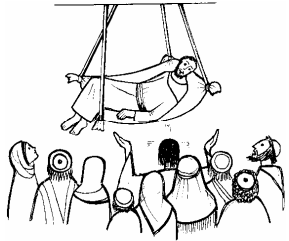


Forgiveness

Forgiveness is like the child's dream of a miracle. Through forgiveness what is broken is made whole again, what is soiled is made clean, and what is lost is found.



Nothing greater can happen to a human being than that he or she is forgiven. Those who are forgiven are no longer trapped in their past. They are set free - free to move forward again.

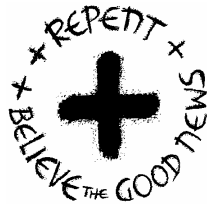
The Lord not only forgives our sins, but helps to learn from them. We learn about our own weakness. We learn about the goodness of God. And we learn to be compassionate towards others who sin.

Fr Flor McCarthy SDB

Ash Wednesday

Wednesday next, 25th February is Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent. Ashes will be blessed & distributed at **9.30am Mass & again at 7.30pm Mass.**

Coming forward for the Ashes is a sign that we intend to take Lent seriously by turning back to the Lord.



"Do This In Memory"

The next meeting for the First Communion Class is on Sun. next, 1st March, the 1st Sun. of Lent, at 10.30am Mass.

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 grant funding for insulation and improvements to heating systems. Further information is available from Peter at 096-79477."

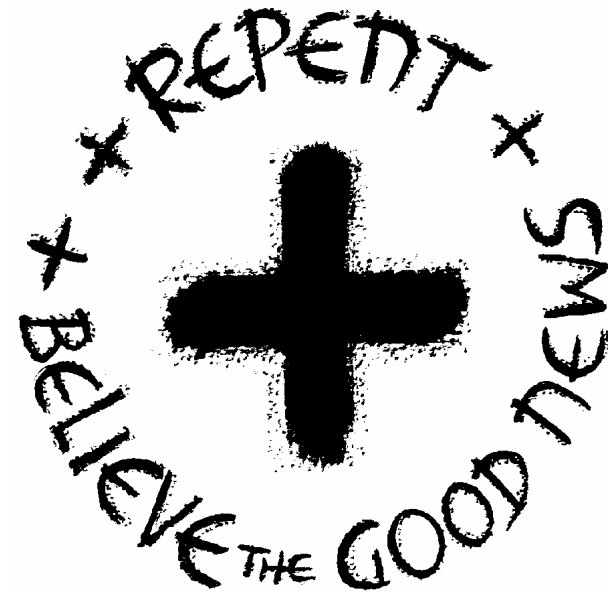
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Mass Intentions

Sun. 10.30am People of the Parish

Mon. 9.30am Private Intention

Tue. Mass in the Fr Peyton Centre, 12.15pm

Ash Wednesday

Wed. 9.30am Private Intention

Wed. 7.30pm Margaret Roddy,
Currower

Thur. 9.30am Private Intention

**Fri. 7.30pm Paddy Walsh & Walsh
& Mullen Families (D)**

**Sat. 7.30pm Mickey & John Loftus
Cullane**

Child Minder Available

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

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

**What Are You Doing
for Lent?**

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.

Ministers for next Week-End

Sat. 28 Feb. Vigil Mass 7.30pm

Reader: Sr Helena

E. Ministers: Martina Mulherin
Peggy Mulherin

Sun. 1 March 10.30am Mass

Reader: Pat Gaughan

E. Minister: Monica Ferguson

Fr Peyton Memorial Centre

Tue. 24th Feb: 12.15pm Mass - Mary & Michael Molloy & Michael Crean

Opening Hours:

Monday to Friday 10am - 5.30pm

Community Meetings

Tuesday 24th February

Card Game in the Community Centre at 9pm.

Thursday 25th February

Meeting of Cluster Steering Committee in Fr Peyton Centre at 8pm.

Steering Committee Meeting

Fr Pat McHugh of the Western Theological Institute will address a meeting of the **Cluster Steering Committee on Thursday next 26th February at 8pm** in the Fr Peyton Centre.

The Steering Committee is made up of lay and clerical representatives from the parishes of Attymass, Bonniclon, Foxford, Killasser and Straide. The theme of Thursday's meeting is "Where Do We Go From Here?".

Trócaire Lenten Appeal

Trocaire boxes are now available at the back of the church. The focus this year is on those who are homeless as a result of war. The poster features a 7yr boy from Somalia. The caption reads

"War ruined his home, his family, his life. You can rebuild his world."

Night Classes

Night classes commence in St Joseph's Secondary School, Foxford on **2nd March 2009**. The following courses are on offer-

1. Digital Photography
2. Gardening & Flower Arranging
3. D.I.Y.

for further information please call **087-6722455**.

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