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MASSES THIS WEEK

Mon. 9.00am **Tues.** 9.00am **Wed.** 9.00am. **Thurs.** 9.00am **Fri.** 9.00am.

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEKEND

Vigil: *John & Phyllis Clarke 10.30am. No intention*

ANNIVERSARIES NEXT WEEKEND

Vigil: *Tim Rafter / Jimmy & Mary Farrell 10.30am. Pauline Maguire, Peggy & Owen Dyer / Jim McDonnell*

Rest in Peace

*Our prayers are requested for the happy repose of the soul of **Rosemary Barden**, Kilmore Lower, whose funeral was on Monday. Also for the happy repose of the soul of **Rory McKnight**, Castle Glen, whose funeral was in Wexford. **May they Rest in Peace***

Last weekend Collection €1,050. Thank you.

Next Weekend

Readers—Vigil: *Geraldine McVeigh 10.30am. Patricia O'Brien*
E.Ms. Vigil: *Anne Duke 10.30am. Liam Belton*

Feast Days

March 20th

St Joseph

*We celebrate the feast of St Joseph, the husband of **Mary** today. The bible pays him the highest compliment: he was a “**just man**”*

March 25th

The Annunciation

*The angel **Gabriel** announces to **Mary** that she is to be the mother of Jesus.*

Stations

*Lent is a time for Station Masses. Anyone wishing to host a Station Mass for their area please contact **Fr McGovern**. Station Masses may be celebrated up to the end of May.*

Eddie Stone: *Newtownforbes, Saturday April 8th @ 2.00pm.*

Cracked

‘Ring the bells that still can ring.

Forget your perfect offering. There is a crack in everything
that’s how the light gets in.’

Leonard Cohen (singer songwriter)

No one is perfect. This might seem like the most obvious statement in the world, but it’s important to remember. We live in a time when people’s thoughts and actions are more widely recorded and open to scrutiny than ever before. A small mistake can cost someone their reputation or even their livelihood. An opinion expressed, particularly on line, can invite a world of insults. **It appears to be easier than ever to take the moral high ground, and to dismiss a person entirely based on one thing we know about them.**

This is not the way Jesus treated people, and it’s not how he sees us. The **Samaritan woman** Jesus meets is all too aware of what the Jews think of her. She is nervous when approached by Jesus at the well but he sees beyond the label to the person, the woman with a life story of her own. Jesus could tell the woman everything about her life, and he knows each one of us just as well. He knows our past and our faults, our ‘**cracks**’. That is why he is able to speak to us. It is also an important lesson in how we should treat others. **(Intercom magazine)**

Wedding Bells

Congratulations and best wishes to **Michelle McMorro** and **Dermot Feeney**, Treel, who were married on Saturday last. We wish the newly weds every blessing in the times ahead.

Ceremony of Light

The Ceremony of Light in preparation for Confirmation will be celebrated on Tuesday at 7.30pm. Confirmation is on Friday March 31st at 3.00pm.

Fatima -100th Anniversary- 1917-2017

To mark the occasion of the centenary of the apparition of **Our Lady** at Fatima, a statue of **Our Lady of Fatima**, blessed by Pope Francis is touring the country. The closest visit will be to the church of **Sts Peter and Paul**, Athlone, on Tuesday March 21st. The celebrations are timed for 6.00pm. See notice board (side door).

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