

FR. JACK O' HANLON PAINTINGS: the following is an extract from the advice and quote from the National Gallery re the restoration of the damaged works of art. We would welcome your thoughts on the matter.

'The works of art are in a poor and very fragile condition. Each work of art was cut from its stretcher and apparently rolled face out and kept in a poor environment. There are extensive areas of loss to all works of art.

The proposed methodology would be to humidify each work of art to remove the planar distortions and relax the canvas. Each canvas would then be blotter washed to remove ingrained soiling and be consolidated at the same time to stabilise the paint layer...

The works of art could then be either placed into individual archival folders and in turn into an archival box so that they are safely housed and could be used and handled for archival purposes. Alternatively they could be adhered onto a honeycomb board so that they could be framed for display purposes. It is estimated the cost of conservation treatment would be: €8,000 + vat @13.5%. The cost remains the same for either option but does not include the cost of framing nor delivery of the works of art'.

ECUMENICAL SERVICE:

You are invited to an **Ecumenical Service** in Our Lady of the Rosary Church on Monday 11th March from 12 noon to 12.50 pm. Students from ÁrdScoilRís, Villiers, JFK and Salesian Primary School will participate in the Service.

The Theme is '**SOCIAL JUSTICE**'.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY will hold their monthly collection this weekend.

AN ISSUE OF SERIOUS PASTORAL CONCERN for our priests is the frequency with which they learn that some of our Parishioners are not receiving any pastoral visits even though they are sick at home or in hospital or in nursing home care. Hospitals and Nursing Homes are not permitted to disclose such information to priests anymore. Unfortunately it can also be the case that the first the priests hear is when the parishioner dies. Our priests are asking for our co-operation by letting them know when a relative is not able to come to Mass over a period of time. Please leave the Name, Address and Phone Number in the Sacristy. It would help if you also gave your own contact number so that you can be contacted should any need arise.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS on Tuesdays and Thursdays during Lent after 10.00 am. Mass

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT on Fridays during Lent after 10.00 am Mass until 12.30 pm.

LENTEN SCRIPTURE REFLECTION will take place in the Salesian Convent, Fernbank on **April 1st**, from 10.45am - 12.30am.

Venue: Salesian Convent, Fernbank. Facilitator: Sr. Mary Downey

Please phone Elizabeth at [0872546492](tel:0872546492) if you wish to attend.

MAKE FRIDAY A DAY WITH A DIFFERENCE!

The 'Irish Catholic' of February 7th carried an article by Chai Brady. In it he says 'Reintroducing meat-free Friday would help Christian spirituality and the environment according to a monk (Brother Anthony Keane O.S. B. Glenstal Abbey) and a professor (Prof. Bullivant, St Mary's University, London). Prof. Bullivant also said, 'this led to Friday being just another day'

Could we think of making a change in our lives for the Fridays of Lent? Traditionally, abstinence

refers to going without meat, but we can also fulfil Friday penance by abstaining from alcohol, smoking, some foods; by making a special effort at family prayer, assisting at Mass... Can we think about this challenge as we begin Lent?

NEWSLETTER VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We wish to thank those who volunteered to prepare the Parish Newsletter during 2018. Additional volunteers are needed this year.

Do you have a computer, can you type and send an e-mail? The preparation of the Parish Newsletter involves collecting information/news and a list of Mass Intentions by Wednesday from the Sacristy. Typing it up and emailing it to St John's Parish office by Friday, collecting the printed newsletters and bringing them to the Church by Saturday morning. Training will be provided if needed. Please contact the Sacristy.

LENT AT GLENSTAL ABBEY

'Journeying with God's People in Exodus' - Join us over 5 of the Sundays in Lent and explore this journey, theirs and ours, through Exodus @ 4.30pm, in the Library followed by Refreshments & Vespers.

Contact: events@glenstal.com / 061 621005 / www.glenstal.org

DESERT DAY IN PREPARATION FOR LENT

A Desert Day will take place in Westbourne, Ashbourne Avenue on Saturday, **March 9th** from 10.30 to 5.00. The day will give you an opportunity to enter more deeply into the season of Lent in the peaceful surroundings of Westbourne Convent. There will be time for quiet prayer, reflection, the Sacrament of Reconciliation and will conclude with the Eucharist. Booking is essential as places are limited.

For information contact: Sr. Phyllis Moynihan at [0879636893](tel:0879636893) Email: phymoy@yahoo.co.uk

IRISH BLOOD TRANSFUSION SERVICE will be holding a blood donor clinic in the Greenhills Hotel, Ennis Rd. on **Monday, 4th March** from 5.00 pm – 8.00 pm

PARISH WEBSITE

www.ourladyoftherosaryparishlimerick.ie

Fr. Des McAuliffe P.P. Tel: 061 324825

Fr. Tom. Ryan C.C. Tel: 087 2997733

Parish Clerk: Margaret Clifford at Church Sacristy Tel: 061 325288

**Office Hours: 09:00 - 09:45 Weekdays
09:00 - 12.30 Sunday**

MASS TIMES: Weekends and Holy Days

Saturday Vigil 18:00

Sunday 10:00; 11:30

Weekdays:

Mon. to Fri. 10:00

Saturday 09:45 : Prayer Service

BAPTISMS: Saturday 17:00

Sunday 12:15

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 2 nd	18:00	Mary & Gerard Gleeson (A) Brid Fitzsimons (1 st A) Michael Henchy (M.M.)
Sun 3 rd	10:00	Michael Leonard (A)
	11:30	Kittie & Mattie Cooney (A) Cormac & Corie McGowan (A) Sarah & James McGarry (A)
Mon 4 th	10:00	John & Josephine O'Brien (A)
Tues 5 th	10:00	Michael Leonard (A) Ita Fitzpatrick (A)
Wed 6 th	10:00	ASH WEDNESDAY
Thurs 7 th	10:00	
Fri 8 th	10:00	Special Intention
Sat 9 th	11:00	CONFIRMATION
	18:00	Gerard Barry (A) Tom Fox (A) Moir Keane (A) Phyllis Mehl (A)
Sun 10 th	10:00	Noel & Rita Sweeney (A) Dec. Mem. of the Quaid Family
	11:30	Fr. Pat Fitzpatrick (A) Dan Healy (A) Nora Bennis (M.M.)

