



## Collections – thank you!

Collection	23 February	Collection	2 March
First collection for the Diocesan priests	€2,072	First collection for the Diocesan priests	€1,770.18
ACCORD:	€2,790	SHARE	€1,555.28
Parish collections	€2,364	Parish collections	€2,297.67

### Report from the Parish Pastoral Council.

The Parish Pastoral Council met on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February. We extend a warm welcome to Fr Paul Kelly as he commences ministry in our parish. We look forward to having him join us for our next meeting, which takes place on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> March.

A vote of thanks was extended to Fr John McNamara, Parish Priest, Leixlip parish and Fr Tony O'Shaughnessy, Parish Priest, Confey parish for their assistance to Fr Liam over the past few months.

### Notice to all Parish Volunteers:

With a view to improving communication with all Parish volunteers, the Parish is setting up a database of all volunteers who participate actively in its work through membership of the various parish groups or in any other way. This is being coordinated by the Parish Pastoral Council and will be setup in accordance with the *Parish Human Resource Policies and Procedures of the Archdiocese of Dublin*. The information gathered will be used for **Parish purposes only**. We would greatly appreciate your cooperation. At all Masses on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup>, Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> and Monday 24<sup>th</sup> March Michael O'Dwyer (in St Mary's Church) and Margaret Noonan (in Ladychapel) will be distributing a letter to all parish volunteers and a form to be completed. We would ask you to collect this letter/form and to return it to Michael O'Dwyer or Margaret Noonan who will be at all Masses the following weekend. These forms can also be left into the Sacristy or returned by email to [maynoothparishoffice@eircom.net](mailto:maynoothparishoffice@eircom.net). Thank you for your cooperation

#### Parish Newsletter

- The next edition of the newsletter will be published on 29/30 March. Items for inclusion must be sent to the Secretary at [maynoothparishnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:maynoothparishnewsletter@gmail.com) before Saturday 22 March
- The committee reserves the right to edit submissions due to space



# Parish Newsletter

St Mary's & Ladychapel, Maynooth

16 March, 2014



Dear Reader

Chocolate. Not a word you want to hear in Lent? You may have stopped eating it as part of what you are doing in Lent. So how is it going? Has it been easy or have you lapsed? Had to start again? There is no shame in that.

Hershey is a brand of chocolate famous in America. Milton Hershey, who founded the company, dropped out of school when he was 10 and became an apprentice printer, but was fired. He then became an apprentice in a sweet factory and stayed at this a little longer. Later he started a sweet company in Philadelphia but it failed, just like the one he started in Chicago and the one in New York. He did not give up and started his fourth sweet company with a recipe that he had come across years earlier for caramel sweets. It was successful. Later he sold it and started the Hershey Company to bring chocolate, then an expensive luxury, to everyone.

Hershey did not let his failings overcome him, he did not give up. Tomorrow we celebrate St Patrick's Day. Patrick was someone who did not give up, not when captured as a slave and not when he came back to Ireland. He persisted and we all share his legacy.

St Paul says "bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God". So how is your Lent going? If you feel like giving up, rely on God, persevere and you will be amazed what can be achieved.

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#### Mass times (Maynooth)

Saturday Evening:  
19:00 (The Folk Group  
every 2<sup>nd</sup> week)

Sunday  
08:45, 10:00 (Family  
Mass Group), 11:30  
(Choir) 13:00, 18:00  
(Maynooth Gospel Choir 1<sup>st</sup>  
Sunday of the Month)

(Ladychapel)  
Sunday 10:00 (Adult  
Choir)

Live streaming available  
@  
[www.maynoothparish.org](http://www.maynoothparish.org)

[maynoothparishoffice@eircom.net](mailto:maynoothparishoffice@eircom.net)



### World Water Day – 22<sup>nd</sup> March

World water day is about what you will do in 2014 and beyond to promote sustainable practices in the realm of water and of energy. The key messages are...

#### Water requires energy and energy requires water

Supplies are limited and demand is increasing. Demand for freshwater and energy will continue to increase significantly over the coming decades. This increase will present big challenges and strain resources in nearly all regions, especially in developing and emerging economies.

#### What we can do:-

Think of new ways to save both energy and water, remembering that they are interdependent.

**Maynooth Bethany Bereavement Support Group** is available to listen, offer support and comfort to help you deal with Bereavement or any Loss. All contact between you and our Bethany trained members is strictly private and confidential. The Maynooth Bethany meet on a Thursday Night in the Maynooth Community Space in Carton Park (near Tesco). Bethany have information on the grieving process to help you understand why you are feeling the way you are! If you need to meet us, a message can be left on the Bethany Mobile: 086 2700740

**St Patrick Breakfast:** St Patrick Foundation invites you to their 2014 St Patrick Breakfast. This takes place in Carton House on St Patrick's Day 08:30 to 09:45. Tickets are available in Maynooth Bookshop and the Community Council Office. Adults €15, Students €10, u/12 €8, u/4 FREE.

**FaithFest** for Teenagers takes place in Holy Cross College, Diocesan Centre, Dublin 3 on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March from 18:00 – 21:30. Meet other young people to explore faith and life in a fun and exciting way through Music, Prayer and Workshops. For ages 12 – 18 years. For bookings email [faithfest@dublindiocese.ie](mailto:faithfest@dublindiocese.ie)

The **Camogie section of Maynooth GAA** is holding a 5k Family Fun Run/Walk on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> March commencing at the Main gate of Maynooth College at 11:00. Registration takes place from 10:00

#### Recent Deaths in Maynooth Parish

We pray for the repose of the soul of John (Balla) Fleming (Old Greenfield) and Eddie O'Callaghan (New York)



<b>Sunday 16 March</b>	Please note that the Sunday evening Mass at 18:00 will be the Mass of the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent and not the Mass of St Patrick's Day.
<b>Monday 17 March</b>	<b>St Patrick's Day – Masses in St Mary's Church</b> at 08:45, 10:00 (in Irish – music led by St Mary's Parish Choir. Shamrock will be blessed during this Mass) and 13:00. Please note there will be no Mass at 11:30 (as the Parade is taking place) and no evening Mass. <b>Mass in Ladychapel</b> will be at 10:00.
<b>Wednesday 19 March</b>	20:00 - <b>Meeting of St Joseph's Young Priests Society</b> – Parochial House.
<b>Wednesday 19 March</b>	20:00 – <b>Meditation for Lent</b> – St Mary's Church
<b>Thursday 20 March</b>	20:00 – <b>Bible Study Group Meeting</b> in Parochial House - reflecting on the scripture readings of Lent – all welcome.
<b>Saturday 22 March</b>	10:00 – 13:00 - <b>Ministers of the Word Lent Seminar</b> - The Parish readers join with the readers of the parishes of Confey and Leixlip for the Lent Seminar in Leixlip Parish Centre. This will be led by Sr Celine Mangan, OP
<b>Sunday 23 March</b>	10:00 – <b>Do This in Memory Mass</b> – for all the children of the schools of the parish who are preparing for First Holy Communion this year. This Mass will take place in St Mary's Church.
<b>Sunday 23 March</b>	<b>Maynooth Senior Citizens – Church Gate collection</b>
<b>Monday 24 March</b>	20:00 – <b>Meditation for Lent</b> – St. Mary's Church
<b>Wednesday 26 March</b>	20:00 – <b>Parish Pastoral Council Meeting</b> – Parochial House
<b>Thursday 27 March</b>	20:00 – <b>Bible Study Group Meeting</b> in Parochial House - reflecting on the scripture readings of Lent – all welcome.
<b>Sunday 30 March</b>	<b>Church Grounds Collection</b> – Daffodil Day in aid of Irish Cancer Society
	<b>Trocaire Boxes</b> are available in the Church Porches