



# *Bandon Parish*

## *Bulletin*

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# *Palm Sunday*

At the end of *Amoris Laetitia*, Pope Francis says: ‘no family drops down from heaven perfectly formed; families need constantly to grow and mature in the ability to love’ (n. 325). These words are a consolation and a challenge. They console every family that struggles each day with the demands that love makes. They also challenge us to dig a bit deeper in cultivating love in our families. As we prepare for the World Meeting of Families, the celebration of Holy Week can inspire us to a greater love.

In several interviews during her career, Dolores O’Riordan, the late lead singer of the Cranberries, shared that rearing her children gave her far greater satisfaction than world-wide fame ever did. Since her death, her fans have pointed out the place of pride family has in some of the group’s best loved hits. Someone once said education is what is left when we have forgotten everything we learned at school. What’s left is the lasting mark put on us by parents. As our first teachers, they taught us by what they were, with all their foibles, but always passionate about their children: the only people to whom we as their children were irreplaceable. Many people like teachers, doctors, actors and others, are lauded today for being ‘professionals’. But there is still one area of amateurism: parenting. They are unpaid workers in a highly-skilled job. Parents’ love is effective not because they are professionals but because they are amateurs, which means lovers. Their hallmark is that they are self-sacrificing in everything, working for love, not money.

Jesus’ mission has its origin with his Father. It is perhaps not surprising, therefore, that Jesus’ whole outreach to people is characterised by a self-sacrificing love that is so typical of a parent. In this first day of Holy Week, as the cross begins to cast its shadow we begin to see it less as a sign of a cruel God, and more as a symbol of a Father’s unconditional love for us.

*Rev. Thomas Dunne Cashel*

**FIRST READING**

*Isaiah 50: 4-7*

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

The Lord has given me a disciple's tongue. So that I may know how to reply to the wearied, he provides me with speech.

Each morning he wakes me to hear, to listen like a disciple. The Lord has opened my ear.

For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away. I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle.

The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed.

*The word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

*Ps 21:8-9.17-20.23-24*

**R. My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?**

1. All who see me deride me.  
They curl their lips, they toss their heads.  
'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him;  
Let him release him if this is his friend.      *R.*
2. Many dogs have surrounded me,  
a band of the wicked beset me.  
They tear holes in my hands and my feet.  
I can count every one of my bones.      *R.*
3. They divide my clothing among them.  
They cast lots for my robe.  
O, Lord, do not leave me alone,  
my strength, make haste to help me!      *R.*
4. I will tell of your name to my brethren  
and praise you where they are assembled.  
'You who fear the Lord give him praise;  
all sons of Jacob, give him glory.  
Revere him, Israel's sons.'      *R.*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians.

His state was divine, yet Christ Jesus did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are; and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

*The word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

## **EASTER CEREMONIES**

### **Holy Thursday 29th March**

10:00am	<b>Blessing of Oils in Cathedral</b>
6:00pm	<b>Mass of the Lord's Last Supper</b>
7:30pm	<b>Mass of the Lord's Last Supper</b>
9:00pm	<b>Holy Hour with Benediction</b>

### **Good Friday 30th March**

10:15am	<b>Children's Stations Of The Cross</b>
12:00noon	<b>Stations Of The Cross</b>
3:00pm	<b>Veneration Of The Cross</b>
7:30pm	<b>On Calvary's Hill</b>

### **Saturday 31st March**

11:00am-1:00pm	<b>Confessions</b>
6:00pm	<b>Easter Vigil</b>
8:00pm	<b>Easter Vigil</b>

## SPECIAL COLLECTION

A special collection for the parish clergy will be taken up  
at all the Easter Masses.

## ADORATION CHAPEL

Closed all day Holy Thursday March 29th and re-opening  
on Tuesday April 3rd at 10:00am.

**MARGARET MacCARRON REMEMBERED** The loss of Margaret touched many in the local community. Past Pupils have come together to organise a Mass to celebrate her life in the Assembly Hall Coláiste Na Toirbhirte on Friday 13th April at 7:00pm. All are welcome.

**GAGGIN ICA** Afternoon Tea Dance today Sunday 25th March - Music Teddy Crowley.

**POLIO SURVIVORS IRELAND** Which is the new name for the Post Polio Support Group, would like to let you know about our plan for our new National Polio Register. People who have had Polio are asked to sign up to the new National Polio Register. While it is estimated that as many as 7,000 people who have had polio live in Ireland, many are not in touch with the charity Polio Survivors Ireland, making it difficult to lobby for improved services and support for those living with the impact of polio. The Register is being launched in Cork this March, we are asking parishioners to help promote and support the Polio Register and also relay this information to polio survivors and their families. Please contact Niamh if you need more information or materials on 01 88 989 20 or [mvro@ppsg.ie](mailto:mvro@ppsg.ie). Our website is [www.polio.ie](http://www.polio.ie).

**THE OPINION** April issue is out on Thursday next, March 29th.

**BANDON PRO LIFE GROUP** 'If you would like to help out in spreading the pro-life message please contact the following who will be happy to give you more information. Ellen 083 140 2950 or Colette 086 274 4996.

**ST MICHAEL'S CENTRE** Is looking for Care Ring Volunteers! Due to changes in the Care Ring Volunteer Team, we are now looking for more volunteers to help us on a Tuesday & Wednesday morning between 10am-1pm every 3-4 weeks. You will be making calls to older people who will be expecting a call to have a chat about what interests them. You will receive training and be Garda Vetted. If you're already on our volunteer list or new to the project, we would welcome your interest. For more information, please call Mandy on 023 88 41681.

**COFFEE MORNING** At BEDA Hall. We welcome everyone to a coffee morning on Friday 30th March from 11am-1pm. This is a lovely opportunity to meet up with others, have a chat & a nice time, a great way to start off the Easter weekend. Enquiries to Rita at 023 88 41681.

**COLÁISTE NA TOIRBHIRTE SCHOOL FUNDRAISING BOSTON TEA PARTY**  
Will be held on Friday 20th April in GAA Hall at 7.30pm. Please support