

Parish of the Holy Redeemer, Dundalk.

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17th March 2009. Solemnity of St. Patrick

Priests of the Parish: Fr. Padriag Keenan & Fr. Patrick Rushe.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MISSION STATEMENT

*Our mission is to create a vibrant parish for the enrichment of all.
Learning and communicating with each other and,
energised by the Spirit of Pentecost,
we will work to build a spiritual community and witness to Jesus Christ.*

St. Patrick was born very probably in the early years of the 5th century in Britain. He was taken captive at the age of 16 and brought to Ireland where he worked as a slave. His captivity had a very positive effect on his spiritual life. He escaped back home at the age of 22. It was obvious to him that God was calling him to return to convert the Irish. He studied probably in France, returned to Ireland c. 457-461 and made a tremendous number of converts. He died around 830.

The Pope's Intention for March.
General: That the role of women may be more appreciated and used to good advantage in every country in the world.

Missionary: That in the light of the letter addressed to them by Pope Benedict XVI, the bishops, priests, consecrated persons, and lay faithful of the Catholic Church in the Popular Republic of China may commit themselves to being the sign and instrument of unity, communion and peace.

Pastoral Areas.

Fr. Keenan: Woodland Park, Woodview Terrace, Oakland Park, Barton Park, Marian Park, Townspark, Ardee Road, St. Ronan's Terrace, Mounthamilton, (Ardee Road), Knockbridge Road, Ballybarrack, Patrick Tierney Terrace, Brickfield Close, Ard Easmuinn, Mount Avenue.

Fr. Rushe: Ashling Park, Farndreg Estate, New Farndreg, Castleross, Lis Na Dara, Carrick Road, Mounthamilton Close, Willowgrove, Railway Terrace, Demesne Terrace, Rockfield Gardens, Cedarwood Park, Beechmount Drive.

EASTER DUES 2009.

The Dues is a source of income for *Sean Cardinal Brady & the Priests* of the Parish.

The **Priests Dues** are collected during the year. We thank you for your generosity in the past and your continued support.

We wish to inform you that the Easter Priests Dues will be collected during the coming weeks.

We are grateful to all the Dues Collectors for their work and the support of the Parishioners.

TROCAIRE:

Theme: Displacement.

Throughout the world, armed conflict has forced millions of innocent people to flee their homes, leaving everything behind. Each day is a new struggle to survive.

How you can help rebuild innocent lives torn apart by conflict.

On Palm Sunday (5th April) the entire Church Collection will be in support of Trocaire. You and your family are invited to make your Lenten contribution at this collection on Palm Sunday.

Your contribution this Lent will make a real difference.

Trocaire
Really
Offers
Compassion to
All
In
Rehousing
Everyone in need

Reflection

St. Patrick.

You were captured from your own home.
Patrick, keep us free from harm.

You prayed day and night.
Patrick, keep us free from loss of faith

You were made an orphan,
Patrick, keep us free from grief.

You escaped from your captors.
Patrick, keep us free from peer pressure

You were taken into exile,
Patrick, keep free from prejudice.

You answered our call to return,
Patrick, keep us free from fear of people.

You were treated as a slave,
Patrick, keep us free from addictions.

You preached the Gospel message.
Patrick, keep us free from fear of God.

You worked from dawn to dusk.
Patrick, keep us free from exploitation.

You are patron of our nation.
Patrick, keep us free from fear of freedom.

You looked after pigs and sheep.
Patrick, keep us free from idleness.

All notices for inclusion in the Parish Bulletin should be typed or written and submitted to the Holy Redeemer Parochial Hse by 6.00pm of Wednesday each week.

