

<p><i>Parish Flag</i></p> 	<p><b>Parish of the Holy Redeemer, Dundalk.</b> Tel: 9334259. Fax: 9332905. email holyredeemer@eircom.net</p>
<p><b>17th March 2010.</b> <b>Solemnity of St. Patrick</b> <b>Priests of the Parish: Fr. Padriag Keenan &amp; Fr. Patrick Rushe.</b></p>	
<p><b>PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MISSION STATEMENT</b> <i>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</i></p>	

**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.

On **St. Patrick's Day** we are asked to remember in our prayers those who have emigrated. Many of you reading this will no doubt have been touched by the sense of loss that comes with a loved one emigrating

**St. Patrick** first encountered Ireland as a migrant. Thus, it is fitting that on the Feast of our National Patron, we again seek to highlight the needs of the many Irish emigrants spread throughout the world. Today too we remember in a special way those emigrants whose journey has been a difficult one, particularly the elderly Irish in Britain, our undocumented in the United States and Irish prisoners overseas.

**The collection today** is in support of Immigrants/Emigrants.

**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, Mount Avenue. Brickfield Close. Ard Easmuinn,

**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 2010**  
**The Dues** is a source of income for *Cardinal Sean 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.*

# Trócaire Lenten Campaign

## Focus – A JUST WORLD

*“The world has more than enough food.  
Yet, today more than one billion people are hungry”*

(Ben Ki-Moon. Secretary General United Nations)

### This is unacceptable.

*Reflection*

**St. Patrick.**  
**Traced through time.**  
*If you walk a beach you see lines traced in the sands, remaining there till washed away.  
Or the way the sea can change the shape of the coast with its gentle and rough tides.*

*Our feast this day is one of whose lines have not been washed away,  
the one who traced the gospel of Jesus on the shores of a country and shaped its future;*

*for what he traced in the hearts of people has remained through centuries of prosperity and of poverty, of persecution and peace-*

*the faith of Patrick and its effects through a history of hardship,  
The statue of Patrick in younger countries, where his people shared that faith, the words of Patrick, a consolation and a spur to put the concerns of God first in life.*

*And with Patrick we recall our people who shared faith and love in the homes of their own country and among their own people; parents, grandparents, extended family, priests, sisters, brothers.*

*and men and women who, like Patrick, heard that call to go among others and share that message of God's saving love for people; of education, health and dignity where those might not be found.*

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