

Newsletter March 2025

Assumption Church Walkinstown



IRISH SAINT Part 2

Following her conversion experience in Spain, Clare Crockett returned to Ireland and her final year in school. She felt torn between her worldly life and the call she felt from God and what answering it would entail: Although I received this great grace, it is not that I immediately started doing penance and changing my life. Everything that someone says to Jesus when she has received a strong grace either in a retreat, on a pilgrimage, at an encounter—we have to remember it and live it when we return to our daily lives, to our usual environment. She knew that she would give everything or nothing because that is what she always did, and she felt scared. However, within a year, realising that nothing less than God could satisfy her, she made her final decision. In 2001, at the age of 18, she left her family, boyfriend, and all she knew in Ireland to return to Spain and enter the convent where it all started. She didn't speak Spanish. She was entrusting her entire life to God. She took her final vows there in 2010.



She worked in Spain, USA, and Ecuador, doing pastoral care duties, hospital chaplaincy, teaching, and missionary outreach. She was known for her ability to be truly with people and was much loved by her pupils. She died in Ecuador in 2016 at the age of 33 when the building where she was teaching music collapsed during an earthquake. Her body was brought home to Derry. Clare's life was short but lived with great joy. She was completely in love with the Lord and transmitted this very naturally and with simplicity to everyone she met and in everything she did. She explained that every morning she gave the Lord a blank cheque and she would then do whatever He asked of her. This article cannot do justice to the beautiful and inspirational person Clare is. Please see her in action and speaking for herself by putting her name into YouTube. This is what she would want us to know:

There is something that the Lord has taught me. The person who loses his life, and forgets oneself and dies to self is happy. And this is the truth. This is the truth.

You can pray that Clare be officially recognised as a saint, and you can also ask her to pray for you.

Did you know, that we have a special solemnities in Lent. The Church calls us to celebrate our saints, so we don't have to fast on these day's.

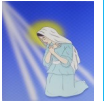
17th March St Patrick



19th March St Joseph



25th March The Annunciation



Dear parishioners,

I hope you are all well and enjoying some of the fine spring weather of late.



We have started our Lenten pilgrimage as of the 5th Mar with Ash Wed. It was a busy day with many coming for Mass at both 10am and 7pm and all the schools were visited as well as the Social Services Centre. We will continue with the extra Mass on Wednesday evenings for Lent at 6pm preceded by Holy Hour starting at 5pm. During which the sacrament of Confessions will be available. Confessions is always available before the weekend masses at 5.30pm Saturday and 11am Sunday when a priest is available.

Pope Francis wrote in his Message for Lent 2025 ... *Dear brothers and sisters, We begin our annual pilgrimage of Lent in faith and hope with the penitential rite of the imposition of ashes. The Church, our mother and teacher, invites us to open our hearts to God's grace, so that we can celebrate with great joy the paschal victory of Christ the Lord over sin and death. [...] This Lent, God is asking us to examine whether in our lives, in our families, in the places where we work and spend our time, we are capable of walking together with others, listening to them, resisting the temptation to become self-absorbed and to think only of our own needs. Let us ask ourselves in the presence of the Lord whether, as bishops, priests, consecrated persons and laity in the service of the Kingdom of God, we cooperate with others. Whether we show ourselves welcoming, with concrete gestures, to those both near and far. Whether we make others feel a part of the community or keep them at a distance.*

Our church will also be open until 6pm week days with the brighter evenings so please do drop in regularly to gladden the Lord's heart who is always so happy to see us and He always gives us a gift of peace in our busy lives. May our fasts which we take on to return God's love, be fruitful for us and others. <https://press.vatican.va/content/salastampa/en/bollettino/pubblico/2025/02/25/250225b.html> Have a blessed Season of Lent. Fr Paul.

Mass Times

Monday — Friday 10am

Saturday - 6pm (Vigil Mass)

Sunday- 11:30am

Holy Days –Mass at 10am

Vigil Mass 7pm previous evening.

Confessions before weekend masses or on request.

Adoration takes place every Thursday morning after 10am Mass in the Church. All are welcome.



Rosary

We say the rosary every morning from 9.30am until Mass at 10am. You are all welcome to come and join in.

Parish Priest. Fr. Paul Glennon. **089 2389681**

Parish Secretary. Ann Conway **01-4502649**

In Memory



We remember our parishioners who have passed away recently especially **Marie O'Dwyer** formally of Walkinstown Ave, **Martin Caffrey** late of Walkinstown Cr and **Mary Keogh & Patrick (Paddy) Barry** late of Walkinstown Ave. We will continue to keep them and their families in our prayers.

We would like to welcome **Sadhbh** who was baptised recently. May God look over her.



Baptisms are the **3rd** Sunday of every month. If you would like to book a baptism please contact the **Parish Office: 01-4502649.**
Mon - Fri 9.30am– 1130am.

Out of hours please leave a message and we will get back to you as soon as possible.

Parish website; www.walkinstownparish.ie

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Sunday Gospel Reflection



Lectio Divina continues in the church every Friday after the 10.00 o'clock Mass. You are very welcome to drop in and check us out – you might like it! If you'd like some information before-hand call John 087 615 7795.



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Parish Celebrations of the Sacraments.

1st Confessions—Wednesday 19th March at 7pm for the boys from Drimnagh Castle.

1st Confessions—Wednesday 26th March at 7pm for the girls from the Assumption school.

First Holy Communion for the girls from the Assumption school will take place on Friday 2nd May at 12pm.

First Holy Communion for the boys from Drimnagh Castle will take place on Friday 9th May at 12pm.

Confirmation for the Boys and Girls.

Thursday 3rd April at 12pm for the boys from Drimnagh Castle conferred by Bishop Donal Roche.

Thursday 10th April at 12pm for the girls from the Assumption conferred by Bishop Paul Dempsey.

Please keep the children and their families in your prayers.

Traditional Irish Blessing

May the sun shine warm upon your face. And rains fall soft upon your fields. And until we meet again, May God hold you in the hollow of His hand.

