

**Services for Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> March, Mothering Sunday****Morning Prayer at:**

9.30am	Emlaghfad, Ballymote
10.45am	St. Paul's, Collooney
Midday	Holy Trinity, Ballisodare

**Forthcoming Events and News****St Paul's Select Vestry**

There is a select vestry meeting tomorrow, Monday 20<sup>th</sup> at 8.30pm in the school. Agendas are available today.

**Register of Vestry Members**

The Register of Vestry for the respective parishes will be open from Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> March until Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> March inclusive. Those who contribute to church funds and are of 18 years of age are entitled to register. If you have registered in the past it is not necessary to do so again. Registered Vestrypersons are entitled to vote at the annual Easter Vestry. The forms will be available at the back of the church.

**Confirmation – CHANGE OF DATE**

The Bishop has had to move the service of confirmation in the Ballisodare Group to June 18<sup>th</sup> at 11.15am in St Paul's Church Collooney. An outing to Croagh Patrick is arranged for all candidates in the diocese on April 1<sup>st</sup>. Please ask Andrew for a form.

**Mother's Union**

The annual service of celebration of the MU will take place on the festival of annunciation of our Lord at 8.00pm on Thursday March 23<sup>rd</sup> at St Paul's Church, Collooney. All welcome. The service will be followed by a talk from Joyce Bright on her trip to Israel.

**'Ballisodare Community Open Night'**

An event giving an update on the community's assets as well as giving an overview of all the groups who are working, volunteering and contributing to the social, economic and environmental life of the village. Thursday, 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2017, 7.30pm at the Salley Gardens.

**Contact Details**

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**Lent Course**

The Lent Course, God's Heart for Migrants continues at the Rectory, 8.00pm Wednesday.

**The Happy Easter Egg – Final Call**

At the back of church is a poster and a sign up sheet for the Happy Easter Egg. This is a great way of giving an egg with the message of Easter. Eggs are €8 and the order needs to be placed by Sunday March 19<sup>th</sup>. I need a minimum of 20 eggs for an order to make it viable.

**East Africa Appeal**

The Bishops' Appeal Committee, with the endorsement of the two Archbishops, has launched an emergency appeal for East Africa in response to the growing food crisis in the region. The Bishops are appealing to you to give generosity and compassion for those who desperately need our help. A poster and further information is available at the back of church along with a basket for any donations. +Patrick Tuam, Chair, Bishops' Appeal Committee

**A Spring Prayer**

Dear God, spring is a metaphor for change. Some changes we eagerly await, and some we abhor. Some changes we plan and others arrive uninvited. To all these changes we ask the gift of your perspective beckoning us to expectation, hope, and rebirth.

May the sunlight and the rain be reminders that you are at work renewing the earth. As a God of renewal, you are ever at work in our lives, too. Open our eyes and lives to the needed changes in our lives this spring. Awaken us to new life and perspective, for we pray in Jesus' name.  
 Amen