

CHARLESTOWN PARISH

NEWSLETTER

SIXTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 11TH. FEBRUARY 2018

SUNDAY MASSES 9.30 am & 12 noon, Charlestown. 10.30 am., Bushfield.

VIGIL MASS 8 pm. Charlestown

WEEKDAY MASS 10 am. Evening Mass, First Friday only 8 pm Charlestown.

CONFESSION Saturday 10.30 to 11 am & 7.30 to 7.50 pm.

ADORATION Monday 10 am to Friday 11 pm.

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CHARLESTOWN MORNING MASSES

Sunday	11th.	09.30	Michael Egan, Lavey, Month's Mind Mass.
Sunday	11th.	12.00	Kate and Thomas McLoughlin, Tavneena.
Monday	12th.	10.00	Terence, Gertrude and Susan Dockery, Tavneena.
Tuesday	13th.	10.00	Personal Intention.
Wednesday	14th.	08.00	Ash Wednesday. Mass in Thanksgiving for Life.
Wednesday	14th.	10.00	Personal Intention.
Thursday	15th.	08.00	Personal Intention
Thursday	15th.	10.00	Personal Intention.
Friday	16th.	08.00	Personal Intention.
Friday	16th.	10.00	Personal Intention.
Saturday	17th.	10.00	Patrick McCann. Patrick Jordan & deceased of the McCann & Jordan families.
<i>Sunday</i>	18th.	09.30	Joe McIntyre [2nd. Ann], Lavey Heights and Corthoon.
<i>Sunday</i>	18th.	12.00	Dom & Teresa Brennan, Glann.

CHARLESTOWN EVENING MASSES

Saturday	10th.	20.00	Thomas and Sarah Durkin, Cloonaughill.
Wednesday	14th.	20.00	Ash Wednesday.
Saturday	17th.	20.00	Patrick Durkin, Cloonaughill.

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH, BUSHFIELD

Sunday	11th.	10.30	Susan and Thomas Cassidy, Barnacogue.
Wednesday	14th.	19.00	Ash Wednesday. People of the Parish.
Sunday	11th.	10.30	Margaret and Martin Cassidy, Barnacogue.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY:

		First Sunday of Lent (B)	
(1) Genesis 9:8-15	Psalm 24	(2) 1 Peter 3:18-22	Gospel Mark 1:12-15
READERS 11/02/18	Vigil Anna Lavin	9.30 Tom Ginty	12 A Parent
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EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY

VIGIL MASS:	John Lenehan, Frances Morley, Una McLoughlin.
9.30 AM:	Francis Mulligan, Carmel Walsh, Teresa Ward.
12 NOON:	Mary Bermingham, Sr. Breege, Paddy McIntyre.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER, Bushfield, 11th & 18th Feb. *Rosaleen Durcan* 25th. Feb. *Patricia Harrington*

R. I. P. In your mercy pray for

GERARD McDONAGH, Enniskillen, whose funeral Mass took place in Charlestown, last Wednesday.

BEREAVEMENT: A Bereavement Support Group meets at the Family Centre, Knock every Wednesday at 11 am. Anyone is welcome to attend. Contact Monica Morley on 094 9375320.

LENT: Next Wednesday, Ash Wednesday, marks the start of the season of Lent 2018. Lent is a time of renewal, a time to make a fresh start, a time of repentance.

Pray that during this Lent our hearts will be open to the goodness, love and care God has for each one of us and that we will do our best to bring something of that goodness, love and care into our lives.

What effort at goodness could I make this Lent? What effort at goodness will I make this Lent?

Maybe I could pray a little more often. Spend some quiet time before the Blessed Sacrament.

Read a little of God's Word from one of the of the gospels each day of Lent.

Try to offer a hand of friendship and forgiveness to someone who has hurt you?

Try and use the talents and gifts God has given you to show your thanks for those blessings?

Try and recognise that God's ways are far better than your own and so learn to trust him more.

Stand up for life this Lent and always.

Ash Wednesday is to be observed as a day of penance in the whole church. The church asks that it be observed as a day of fast and abstinence: a fast day recommends one full meal and two smaller ones and a day of abstinence is a day to refrain from eating meat. In the church's calendar there are only two days of fast and abstinence, Ash Wednesday & Good Friday, so let's try and make the sacrifice for these days. **Mass Times** for Ash Wednesday, **8 & 10 am and 8 pm.**, Charlestown, **7 pm.** Bushfield.

BISHOP BRENDAN: We ask your prayers today for Bishop Brendan who at 3 pm. Mass in Galway Cathedral will be installed as Bishop of Galway. May the Lord Jesus and his mother, Mary, keep him ever close to them to guide, direct and support him in his new role. May he find peace and fulfilment as he serves the people of the diocese of Galway.

ST. VALENTINE'S DAY: As part of the preparation for the WMOF 2018 the organisers have prepared an imaginative non commercial St. Valentine's Day card and a book of tokens to celebrate the day. In '*The Joy of Love*', Pope Francis says that St. Valentine's Day offers an opportunity for couples to celebrate the depth and beauty of romantic love in a way that goes beyond commercial interests.

This year Valentines Day falls on Ash Wednesday offering an opportunity to encourage couples to think outside the '*chocolate box*' and give each other non-material gifts that help deepen their relationship. Gift tokens and cards are available in both churches. Feel free to take them and celebrate St. Valentine's Day with a difference this year.

MEETING: A follow-up meeting to the one held in Bushfield Church, Tuesday 29th. January will take place in the church next Tuesday 13th. February at 8 pm. All welcome.

CARDIAC EXERCISE: A Community Based Exercise Programme for Cardiac Prevention & Rehabilitation, supported by Croi and the West of Ireland Cardiac Foundation will take place in the CBD Sports Complex, Charlestown. For details contact Geraldine at 086 8105964.

FOOTCARE: Podiatrist/Chiropodist, Elaine Igoe provides a clinic in Ballymote Pharmacy on the first and third Tuesday of each month. Next clinic, Tues. 20th. February. Call 087 6001324.

TOWARDS PEACE: Towards Peace is a spiritual support service designed for those who have experienced sexual, physical, emotional or spiritual abuse by Catholic Church personnel in Ireland. Support is also available for family members of abuse survivors. The vision of Towards Peace is to provide a safe supportive space, where people who have been affected by abuse in a Church context can be accompanied as they seek their own experience of spiritual peace, one step at a time. Towards Peace provides spiritual support through one-to-one spiritual direction sessions, with a qualified spiritual companion. Up to nine sessions are offered and there is no cost. For more information please call 01 5053028 or visit www.towardspeace.ie or email towardspeace@iecon.ie

ACCORD COUNSELLING: Accord Counselling for couples and individuals experiencing difficulties in their relationship. Evening appointments at the P. C., Charlestown 094 9022214 also www.accord.ie

PROTEST RALLY: The Irish Natura & Hill Farmer's Association are holding a rally in Drumshambo, Monday 12th. February 10.30 am outside the DAFM offices to protest the handling of the 'Fodder Crisis'. Contact Siobhán at 087 9193371.

PHOENIX PLAYERS: The Phoenix Players present 'Buried Child' by Sam Shephard in St. Brigid's Hall Tubbercurry, Thursday & Friday, 15th & 16th. February at 8 pm.