

CHARLESTOWN PARISH

NEWSLETTER

FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 28TH. JANUARY 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 Tuesday 10 am to Friday 11 pm.

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CHARLESTOWN MORNING MASSES

Sunday	28th.	09.30	Jack and Mary Regan, Lurga.
Sunday	28th	12.00	Jim O'Connor, Sandyhill, Month's Mind Mass.
Sunday	28th.	13.00	Funeral Mass. Nancy O'Donnell, The Square
Monday	29th.	10.00	Holy Souls.
Tuesday	30th	10.00	Personal Intention.
Wednesday	31st.	10.00	Personal Intention.
Thursday	1st.	10.00	People of the Parish.
Friday	2nd.	10.00	Personal Intention.
Saturday	3rd.	10.00	Feast of St. Blaise. Paul Haran, London & Tavneena.
Saturday	3rd	12.00	Mae Durkin, Glann, Month's Mind Mass.
<i>Sunday</i>	4th.	09.30	Ann O'Donnell, Barrack Street.
<i>Sunday</i>	4th.	12.00	Frank Walsh, Chicago and Charlestown.

CHARLESTOWN EVENING MASSES

Saturday	27th.	20.00	James Kenny, Lurga
Friday	2nd.	20.00	First Friday. Personal Intention. Rosary 7.30 pm
Saturday	3rd.	20.00	The Morley family, Corthoon, Michael John, Kathleen Johnston nee Morley, Delia, Peter, Tom and their parents Ellen and John .

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH, BUSHFIELD

Sunday	28th.	10.30	People of the Parish.
Sunday	4th.	10.30	People of the Parish.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY: Fifth Sunday of the Year (B)

(1) Job 7:1-4, 6-7 **Psalm** 146 (2) 1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23 **Gospel** Mark 1:29-39

READERS	28/01/18	Vigil	Olive Durcan	9.30	Teresa Ward	12	Agatha Craig
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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, 28th. Jan & 4th. Feb. *Ann Sloyan* 11th & 18th Feb. *Rosaleen Durcan*

R. I. P. In your mercy pray for NANCY O'DONNELL, The Square, who died, Thursday 25th. Jan. Funeral Mass this Sunday at 1 pm.

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.

First Saturday Devotion is being hosted in Knock, Sat. 3rd. Feb., starting at 11 am with Mass at 12 noon

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS: Catholic Schools Week, which begins this Sunday, is an opportunity for all of us to acknowledge and appreciate the wonderful contribution our Catholic Schools make to parishes throughout the country. It is an opportunity to celebrate the tremendous work of our teachers and to sincerely thank them for their dedication and commitment across the broad spectrum of activities, demands and challenges that constitute school life today.

To mark Catholic Schools week in our diocese, Bishop Kelly will celebrate Mass in Charlestown Church on Wednesday 31st. January at 7 pm. Students, Teachers, Parents, Parents' Association members and Board of Management members are invited to this Mass. As this will be Bishop Brendan's last official diocesan engagement before taking up office in Galway it would be fitting if as many people as possible attended. Refreshments will be served in the Pastoral Centre after Mass and this will afford an opportunity to have a word with the bishop, to wish him well and thank him for his time with us in the diocese.

ST. BRIGID: Thursday next is the feast of St. Brigid, Patron of Ireland. St. Brigid's crosses will be blessed at the start of the 10 am Mass on that day.

BLESSING OF CANDLES: Friday is the Feast Day of the Presentation of the Ord. On this day candles will be blessed before the 10 am Mass. If you would like to have a blessed candle in your home or present candles for use in the church, please bring them along and leave them before the altar for blessing. You may collect your blessed candle after Mass.

FIRST FRIDAY: Friday next is the First Friday of February. Mass times are as usual at 10 am and 8 pm. Visiting the sick and the housebound as usual on Thursday and Friday.

BLESSING OF THROATS: Sat., 3rd. Feb. is the feast of St. Blaise, patron of those who suffer from ailments of the throat. There will be a blessing of throats after the 10 am & 8 pm Masses on Saturday.

FREE TRANSPORT: The Irish Cancer Society operates a free transport service for patients attending hospital for chemotherapy treatment. Volunteer Drivers pick the patient up at the door of their home, drop them at the hospital door, then when finished treatment, will pick them up and drop them home. Volunteer expenses are paid. Patients wishing to avail of this free service should contact their doctor or visit the Society's website at irishcancer.ie or contact the Irish Cancer Society at 01 2310 522.

ENROLMENT: Enrolment for Tavneena NS, 2018/19 will take place at the school, Mon. 12th to Wed. 14th February, 9.30 am to 3 pm. Parents/Guardians and new pupils, please feel free to come along on any of those days. School contacts 094 9254910 or email tavneenans@gmail.com

PARENT & TODDLER: Charlestown Parent & Toddler Group meet every Thursday morning, 10am-12 noon at the Sásta Early Learning Centre, Barrack Street. All are welcome to join and connect with other parents, minders and toddlers in a warm friendly environment. Contact 094 9053814.

ENROLMENT: St. Attracta's NS is now accepting enrolment applications for the 2018/19 school year. For Enrolment Forms call the school, 094 9254905 or email office@stattractasns.ie. Open afternoon Friday 9th. February, 2 pm. Parents/Guardians and new students invited to come along.

MEETING: A meeting will be held in Bushfield Church, Tuesday 30th. January, 8 pm to discuss enhancement projects and the painting of the church during the coming year. All welcome.

CHARLESTOWN FC: Charlestown Athletic FC are holding their AGM in the Pastoral Centre this Sunday 28th. January at 6 pm. All are welcome.

THE RAILWAY: A Talk by Frank Masterson on '*The Railway & Land Purchase*' with special reference to Charlestown will be held in the Arts Centre, Thurs. 22nd Feb. 7.30 pm. 094 9255934.

DINNER DANCE: The Achonry Regional PTAA Annual Dinner Dance will take place in the Gateway Hotel, Swinford, Friday 9th. February starting at 8 pm. Music by '*The Duets*'. For tickets at €25 each, contact Mae Doherty 086 1987430 or Aine Halligan 086 6298149.

SWINFORD COUNTRY MARKET, SAT. 3RD. FEB. THE CULTURAL CENTRE, 9.30 AM TO 2 PM

VOCATIONS: The Cistercian Sisters invite women who are considering God's call, to come for a weekend, to see and learn about monastic life in their abbey at Glencairn. The sisters may be contacted by telephone at 058 56168 or through their website, www.glencairmabbey.org