

CHARLESTOWN PARISH

NEWSLETTER

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

16TH JANUARY 2022

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 after the 10 am Mass & 7.30 to 7.50 pm.

ADORATION Monday 10 am to Friday 11 pm.

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CHARLESTOWN MORNING MASSES

Sunday	16th.	09.30	People of the Parish.
Sunday	16th	12.00	Mickey Dunleavy and deceased family members.
Monday	17th.	10.00	Personal Intention.
Tuesday	18th.	10.00	Personal Intention.
Wednesday	19th.	10.00	Personal Intention.
Thursday	20th.	10.00	Personal Intention.
Friday	21st.	10.00	Personal Intention.
Saturday	22nd.	10.00	Ann Halligan and Pat Halligan, Killaturley.
Sunday	23rd.	09.30	Mary and Jack Regan, Lurga.
Sunday	23rd.	12.00	John O'Neill, Barnacogue [3rd. Ann.]

CHARLESTOWN EVENING MASSES

Saturday	15th.	20.00	Personal Intention.
Saturday	22nd.	20.00	Tommy Cox, Lurga [23rd.]

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH, BUSHFIELD

Sunday	16th.	10.30	Patsy Hanley, Cloonlyon [3rd. Ann.]
Sunday	23rd.	10.30	People of the Parish.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time [C]

(1) Nehemiah 8:2-6, 8-10 Psalm 18 (2) 1 Corinthians 12:12-14, 27 Gospel Luke 1:1-4, 4:14-21

R. I. P

In your mercy, please pray for

TOMMY HALLIGAN, Lavey Heights, formerly Tavneena, who died Tuesday, 11th. January in The Mayo Hospice, Castlebar. Funeral Mass was celebrated in St. James's Church, Charlestown, Friday 14th followed by burial in the adjoining cemetery.

ANNIVERSARY MASS:

The Third Anniversary Mass for **Adelle Gavin nee Cahill**, will be celebrated in the church of 'Our Lady, Help of Christians', Swinford, Saturday 22nd January at 6.30 pm.

CRIB DONATIONS:

A sincere thanks for your very generous 'Crib Donations' this year. As happened last year, the donations will be sent to the Peter McVerry Trust, Housing the Homeless, and I am delighted to be sending the princely sum of €2,800 to the Trust this year. It is heartening to know that donations from our parish will be used for this worthy cause so thank you sincerely for your generosity.

GETTING MARRIED:

For the coming year in the parish, a number of weddings have been booked, some of them postponed from last year, but, please God, all of them will take place as planned this coming year.

The Wedding Day is a very special occasion in a couple's life, it marks a new beginning for them, the first day of their life together as husband and wife, a day in which they entrust themselves into each other's care pledging to love, care and support one another in the good and not so good times of their life together. It is a pledge made in trust, in courage and in the strength of their love for one another. In the context of the sacrament of matrimony it is a pledge made in the presence of and with the blessing of the Lord.

Marriage is a noble calling. It is the sacred union of husband and wife and as such it asks those entering this sacred state to humbly ask the Lord for his blessing and his support as they strive to live faithfully and fully this unique vocation.

For a Catholic, getting married in church is a statement of faith. It recognises that marriage is a meeting point with the Lord, a sacrament, an opportunity for the couple to accept the Lord's blessing as they set out, husband and wife, on the road of life.

I appeal to all Catholics, baptised and raised in the faith, to choose a Catholic wedding and mark the start of their married life in the presence of and with the blessing of the Lord. It is a statement of belief that marriage is a sacred undertaking and through it the couple promise that the Lord will have an honoured place, a welcome space in their lives.

Preparations and Requirements - Church.

Couples need to inform the priest of their parish of their intention to marry at least six months before their planned wedding. Confirm a date and arrange to complete the first part of the Pre-Nuptial Enquiry Form. Arrange for a Pre-Marriage Course.

Closer to the wedding date, couples should arrange a liturgy suitable for the day.

In the time of preparation, couples should attend Sunday Mass faithfully, go to confession regularly and make prayer part of their everyday. A wedding is a special day and marriage is a sacred commitment so ask the Lord through prayer and worship to make it the best it can be.

Preparations and Requirements - State.

Call the Registrar of Marriages to prepare a Civil Registration Form. There is a Civil Registrar in every county and couples are free to contact any one of those. Contact numbers are available on line. On first contact with the Registrar a couple will be informed of what they need and then they will be given a date on which to meet with the Registrar.

ENROLMENT:

Tavneena NS is now accepting enrolments for the school year 22/23. Tavneena offers small class sizes, low pupil teacher ratio and spacious well ventilated classrooms. Enrolment forms may be downloaded from the school website www.tavneenans.scoilnet.ie. For further information call 094 9254 910 or email tavneenans@gmail.com

A WORD ON COVID:

Covid is still very much with us so in our places of worship we are reminded to exercise judgment and caution with due regard to public safety. To keep the congregation as safe as possible we are to stay within the capacity limits of the building with no standing/crowding in the aisle or at the back of the church. With this in mind, keeping the congregation as safe as possible, protective measures already in place, hand washing, sanitising, face coverings, should remain. Thank you for your co-operation and with God's help we will soon see an end of Covid. Please keep praying.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES:

Thanks to all who have already taken their 'Offertory' Envelopes for the coming year. If you cannot locate an envelope with your name on it, please let me know and I will get one for you.

If you would like to make your contribution through the bank by Electronic Transfer or through On-line Banking, Direct Debit or Standing Order, the following information should be helpful:

Account Name: Charlestown Church Account,
IBAN number: IE34BOFI90536031 3832 86.
Branch Code: 90 54 83.

Account Number 31383286
Bank Identifier Code [BIC] BOFIE2D