

CHARLESTOWN PARISH

NEWSLETTER

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

6TH. FEBRUARY 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	6th.	09.30	Personal Intention.	
Sunday	6th.	12.00	People of the Parish	
Monday	7th.	10.00	Personal Intention.	<i>St. Mel of Longford.</i>
Tuesday	8th.	10.00	Personal Intention.	<i>St. Josephine Bakhita.</i>
Wednesday	9th.	10.00	Personal Intention.	
Thursday	10th.	10.00	Personal Intention.	<i>St. Scholastica.</i>
Friday	11th.	10.00	Mass for the Sick.	<i>Our Lady of Lourdes.</i>
Saturday	12th.	10.00	Sean McNicholas, Main Street, Charlestown.	

Sunday	13th.	09.30	Patrick and Mary Phillips.
Sunday	13th.	12.00	Dom and Teresa Brennan, Glann.

CHARLESTOWN EVENING MASSES

Saturday	5th.	20.00	Bobby O'Connell, The Square [21st. Ann.]
Saturday	12th.	20.00	Tony Lennon [2nd. Ann.] son Adrian & deceased family members.

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH, BUSHFIELD

Sunday	6th.	10.30	Personal Intention.
Sunday	13th.	10.30	Susan Cassidy and Thomas Cassidy, Leeds & Barnacogue.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time [C]

(1) Jeremiah 17:5-8 Psalm 1 (2) 1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20 Gospel Luke 6:17, 20-26

NOVENA: The Novena to Our Lady of Lourdes which began on Wednesday last, 3rd. February, will conclude on Friday, the feast day of **Our Lady of Lourdes, World Day of Prayer for the Sick**. Mass that morning will be offered for the Sick and the **Anointing of the Sick** will take place during the Mass.

If you would like someone prayed for at that Mass, please add their name to the lists available in both churches.

On Friday evening from **8 to 9 pm** there will be a **'Holy Hour of Healing'** and all are welcome.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT: From February 2nd, the weekly **Bereavement Support Group** will resume every **Wednesday, 11 am** in the Family Centre, Knock. These meetings aim to help those who are grieving to find healing, hope and comfort. All are welcome. Contact Monica Morley 094 9375320

ADORATION: Sincere thanks to all who faithfully attend to their **'Hours of Adoration'** and we are so grateful that all the hours, apart from two, 3-5 pm early Friday morning, are covered. If anyone would like to take one or both of those hours, please contact Michelle at 086 8803528 or Fr. Tommy at 085 7789936. Let us thank God daily for the blessings and graces of Adoration.

FEASTDAYS FOR THE COMING WEEK:

Monday 7th. February: *St. Mel.* One of the earliest saints, it is believed that Mel travelled from Briton with St. Patrick. Patron of the diocese of Ardagh and Clonmacnoise. Mel died in 488.

Tuesday 8th. February: *St. Josephine Bakhita* 1869-1947. Josephine, born in Sudan, kidnapped at an early age, was sold into slavery. After years of slavery she was rescued and brought to Italy where she became a Christian and later a sister with the Canossian Daughters of Charity, Venice.

Today is International Day of Prayer and Awareness against Human Trafficking, first observed in 2015 and on the feast day of St. Josephine Bakhita. Each year around 2.5 million people are victims of trafficking and slavery. This is one of the most lucrative illegal activities in the world.

Through the Day of Prayer we reflect on the experience of those who have suffered but also we are called to reach out to victims and survivors. [Liturgical Calendar for Ireland]

Thursday 10th. February: *St. Scholastica* 480-574. Scholastica was the twin sister of St. Benedict, author of the Rule of Benedict, the foundational document for Western Monasticism.

Friday 11th. February: *Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes:* On this day in 1858, Our Lady appeared to fourteen year old Bernadette Soubirous at the grotto of Massabielle, Lourdes. Since then Lourdes has become a place of international pilgrimage, a place of healing, a place of hope.

In 1992, Pope John Paul II instituted the World Day of Prayer for the Sick to be commemorated on the 11th. February, the feast day of Our Lady of Lourdes.

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In your mercy pray for

MARTIN REGAN, formerly of **Temple**, brother of the late **Bernadette Doherty, Tavneena** who died recently in **Swindon, Wiltshire, England**.

MINISTERS OF THE WORD: Now that restrictions have eased and people are beginning to return to Mass, I am appealing once again for Ministers of the Word for all masses but particularly for the 12 noon Mass. If you are a Minister and have taken a break, why not think of resuming the Ministry. New volunteers are always welcome and training will be available. Please let me know [085 7789936] if you would like to engage with this Ministry.

CHURCH CLEANING:

Would you like to be a volunteer helping to clean the church in Charlestown once a month, usually a Saturday, 5-7 pm. I am very grateful to those who are already doing this but if there were more volunteers it would mean that a person would be helping three or four times in the year. If you would like to be part of this blessed and necessary work for the Lord and the community, please contact Katrina at 086 4095150 or Fr. Tommy at 085 7789936. If you are coming along try and encourage one or two others to come along with you.

KNOWING THE BIBLE:

Fr. Eugene Duffy will present a series of four sessions, a brief introduction helping us to become familiar with the Bible. These will look at its formation, the various kinds of literature it contains, the contexts in which the books were written and some of the key figures and events encountered there. If you have a Bible please bring it with you on the night.

The venue is the Gateway Hotel, Swinford and the presentations are on **Tuesdays, 15th. & 22nd. February and the 1st. & 8th. March, 8-10 pm each evening**. There is no charge.

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

ENROLMENT:

Enrolment forms for Cloonlony NS for the 2022-2023 school year may be downloaded from the school website www.cloonlonyns.ie or by contacting the school at 094 9254 932 or 086 3193 124 or by email to office@cloonlonyns.ie