

CHARLESTOWN PARISH

NEWSLETTER

FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 6TH. MARCH 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	Tommy and Bridie Drudy, Glann.
Sunday	6th.	12.00	Thomas & Mary Mulligan, Church St. & deceased family members.

Monday	7th.	10.00	Tara and Rosaline McCormack.
Tuesday	8th.	10.00	Special Intention
Wednesday	9th	10.00	Special Intention.
Thursday	10th.	10.00	Personal Intention.
Friday	11th.	10.00	Personal Intention.
Saturday	12th.	10.00	Philip Rooney, The Square [Month's Mind Mass]

Sunday	13th.	09.30	Gerry Loughran, Tyrone.
Sunday	13th.	12.00	Betty Dunleavy, Barrack Street.

CHARLESTOWN EVENING MASSES

Saturday	5th.	20.00	Kathleen Gallagher, Lurga.
Saturday	12th.	20.00	Mary & Pat Battle, son Bertie, daughters Kathleen, Mary & Margaret.

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH, BUSHFIELD

Sunday	6th.	10.30	Tom & Teresa Carty, Barnalyra.
Sunday	13th.	10.30	Personal Intention.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY Second Sunday of Lent [C]
(1) Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18 Psalm 26 (2) Philippians 3:17-4:1 Gospel Luke 9:28-36

R. I. P In your mercy pray for
MARGARET GINTY, Cloonaweema, who died Sunday 20th. February. Burial took place in Charlestown cemetery following funeral Mass in St. James's Church, Wednesday 23rd February.
GERRY LOUGHRAN, Tyrone, brother of Mary Higgins, Lavey Manor, who died recently in Tyrone. Memorial Mass Sunday 13th. March at 9.30 am in Charlestown Church.

ENROLMENT: St. Joseph's Community College is now accepting enrolments for the 2022/2023 school year. St. Joseph's offers small class sizes across a wide range of subjects. To book for a visit to the school or for further information please telephone 094 9254211 or email info@sjc.ie

BIBLE SEARCH: A large 'Family Bible' is missing from the Adoration Chapel in Charlestown Church since Thursday last. If anyone knows anything about its present whereabouts, please let me know.

SYNODAL JOURNEY: The 'Synodal Journey' initiated by Pope Francis and launched last October is underway in the church. In order to reach and involve as many people as possible in this process, our Bishop Paul has issued a short Pastoral Letter to let people know what is entailed and to invite engagement with the process. Copies of the letter are available in both churches. Also available are a number of questions aimed to gather reflections from people, priests and deacons on their experience of church at parish and wider levels. Both Pastoral Letter and the Reflection questions are available on the diocesan website achonrydiocese.org. Completed reflection maybe dropped into the Offertory Collection boxes in both churches. They will be collected from there and sent to the Diocesan Office before the closing date, Friday 8th. April.

HELP FOR UKRAINE: Kilbeagh Community first Responders are organising an urgent Ukraine Aid Appeal. The Art Centre [Eircode F12 D6V9] will be used for dropping off donations of specific items that are desperately needed. A full list of items that are desperately needed is available on the First Responders Facebook page or by contacting 087 387 8408.

Donations maybe dropped off at the following times:

Tuesday 8th. March 6-8 pm.	Wednesday 9th. March 2-4 pm.
Thursday 10th. March 6-8 pm.	Friday 11th. March 12-2 pm.
Saturday 12th. March 12-2 pm.	

Thank you on behalf of the First Responders and on behalf of the people of Ukraine.

PRAY FOR PEACE: A 'Holy Hour' for peace in Ukraine and its neighbouring countries will take place in Charlestown Church this Sunday evening 6th. March starting at 6 pm. All are welcome. If you are unable to come, you may like to join in via the webcam or in the quietness of your own home spend some in prayer for peace and a just and lasting solution to the present crisis in Ukraine.

ALONE: Alone's Support and Befriending Service provides companionship and practical support to older people who would like extra social contact. Trained and Garda vetted volunteers provide weekly visits or telephone calls which enable older people to feel secure and supported at home. The service offers assistance to solve everyday problems, offers friendship and companionship and links the older person in with local events and activities.

Would you be willing to provide companionship to an older person locally?

Alone are currently seeking volunteers in this area. Full training and support provided. If interested please contact Karen on Karen.byrne@alone.ie or on 086 057 6401.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY: The St. Patrick's Day Parade in Charlestown begins at 1 pm. from the CBD Complex. All participants must be registered before the start of the parade. All are welcome.

THE CHURCH CHOIR: After a forced absence of two years we would dearly love to get the choir back in action in Charlestown Church, so we are inviting all choir members, existing and those willing to join, to gather in the choir gallery on Thursday 10th. March 7.30 pm. If God has blessed you with a good singing voice why not use it to honour and praise him by singing in church.

YOUTH 2000: A Youth 2000 Retreat organised by its Connacht Branch will take place in Summerhill College, Sligo, 11th to the 13th. March. For information contact Karen at 087 362 8213 or connaught@youth2000.ie

LENTEN CALL: Lent, with its appeal for prayer fasting and almsgiving may be an ideal time to review our prayer life. How much time do I give to prayer in a day! in a week! Could I do better! Could I do more! Time spent in the presence of the living Lord in Adoration is time well spent. If you are not yet tried prayer before the Lord in the silence of Adoration, may I encourage you to think about giving some time each week to the Lord, just come and rest in His presence and if you would like to make this prayer a part of your Lenten effort contact Michelle at 086 880 3528.

We are so grateful to all who faithfully and willing commit to this gentle and powerful devotion, avail-