

# CHARLESTOWN PARISH

## NEWSLETTER

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT 13TH. 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	13th.	09.30	Gerry Loughran, Tyrone.
Sunday	13th.	12.00	Betty Dunleavy, Barrack Street. Francis & Bernadette Doherty, Tavneena
Monday	14th.	10.00	Personal Intention.
Tuesday	15th.	10.00	Personal Intention
Wednesday	16th	10.00	Personal Intention.
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>17th.</b>	<b>09.30</b>	St. Patrick's Day <i>Joanna Hamilton, Sonnagh [3rd. Ann.]</i>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>17th.</b>	<b>12.00</b>	Pat Harrington [50th. Ann.] & son John [10th. Ann.] Cashel.
Friday	18th.	10.00	Personal Intention.
Saturday	19th.	10.00	Mary Brett, Bellaghy [1st. Anniversary]
Sunday	20th.	09.30	Margaret Ginty, Cloonaweema, Month's Mind Mass.
Sunday	20th.	12.00	Special Intention. Peter Rushe, Barnacogue.

### CHARLESTOWN EVENING MASSES

Saturday	12th.	20.00	Mary & Pat Battle, son Bertie, daughters Kathleen, Mary & Margaret.
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>16th.</b>	<b>20.00</b>	Vigil Mass, St. Patrick's Day
Saturday	19th.	20.00	Personal Intention.

### ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH, BUSHFIELD

Sunday	13th.	10.30	Personal Intention.
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>17th.</b>	<b>10.30</b>	St. Patrick's Day. <i>Maureen O' Grady, Kilgarraiff.</i>
Saturday	19th.	12.00	Paraic McDonagh, Kilgarraiff [1st. Ann.]
Sunday	20th.	10.30	Personal Intention.

### READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

(1) Exodus 3:1-8, 13-15      Psalm 102      (2) 1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12      Gospel Luke 13:1-9

**PASTORAL COUNCIL:** A 'Parish Pastoral Council' meeting will be held on **Tuesday 15th. March at 8 pm** in the Pastoral Centre. All are welcome to attend.

**ALONE:** 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](mailto:karen.byrne@alone.ie) or on 086 057 6401.

### WEDDING BELLS

Congratulations to

**LAURA WALSH, Killeen**

**&**

**LUKE COLLERAN, Charlestown**

married on Friday 11th. March in Bushfield Church.

### FEASTDAYS FOR THE COMING WEEK:

**Thursday 17th. March**      *St Patrick. Patron saint of Ireland.*

**Friday 18th. March**      **St. Cyril of Jerusalem** 315-386. Appointed bishop of Jerusalem in 348. He was active in the Arian controversy and for this was exiled more than once. He wrote articles on the faith and these were well received for the clarity and orthodoxy of their expression.

**Saturday 19th. March**      **St. Joseph, Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Protector of the Holy Family.**

### ST. PATRICK'S DAY:

**Mass Times:**      **Charlestown:** Vigil Mass, **Wednesday 8 pm. Thursday 9.30 am** and **12 noon.**  
**Bushfield:**      **Thursday, 10.30 am.**

**SYNODAL JOURNEY:** Pope Francis has invited us all to reflect on what it means to be a member of the Church today. He sees us as a pilgrim people making our way through the world, following the person of Jesus Christ.

We are the Pilgrim People of God or a synodal people, that is on a journey together.

The Pope is asking us to reflect on what that experience is like:

How are we finding the journey?

Do we find support as we go?

Where is that support found and how could it be improved?

Are there people being left behind and how might we reach out to them?

We are invited to think about these and similar questions and on the sheets provide in both churches write down our reflections and drop the completed sheets into the offertory boxes in both churches.

Completed sheets will be collected and sent to the Diocesan Office before closing date Friday 8th.

April Further information may be found on the diocesan website at [achonrydiocese.org](http://achonrydiocese.org)

**ANAM CARA MAYO :** Anam Cara Mayo, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding a Parent Evening on **Tuesday 22nd March at 7.15 pm** in the T F. Royal Hotel, Castlebar. This event is free and open to all bereaved parents, regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether their death was recent or not. Anam Cara also offer an online support service. Contacts: telephone 085 2888 or email [info@anamcara.ie](mailto:info@anamcara.ie)

**SWIMMING POOL:** The AGM for the 2021 season of Charlestown Swimming Pool will take place on **Monday 28th. March at 8 pm** in the Pastoral Centre. All are welcome to attend.

**THE CHURCH CHOIR:** We are delighted to welcome back the Choir in Charlestown Church after its forced absence of two years and we are very thankful to all who have returned. The next practice will be on Thursday 24th at 7 pm.

### PRAYING FOR THE PEOPLE OF UKRAINE

The Irish Bishops have invited parishes across the country on St. Patrick's Day to reach out in a special way to the Ukrainian people living in Ireland and around the world, sending greetings of prayer and solidarity to them in this time of anguish. At the 'sign of peace' at Mass on that day, and for the remainder of Lent, bishops ask priests to call for peace in the world and especially in Ukraine and, after a moment of silence, to invite everyone to offer a gesture or greeting of peace (without the handshake), holding in prayer all who are caught up in this conflict.