

CHARLESTOWN PARISH

NEWSLETTER

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT, MOTHERS' DAY 27TH. 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	27th.	09.30	Personal Intention.
Sunday	27th.	12.00	Laura Cafferty nee Gallagher, Jersey, formerly Kilmovee.
Monday	28th.	10.00	John Hogan, Dublin.
Monday	28th	12.00	Funeral Mass. Jim Halligan, Tavneena.
Tuesday	29th.	10.00	Michael & Mary McDonnell, Tavneena
Wednesday	30th.	10.00	Personal Intention.
Thursday	31st.	10.00	Personal Intention.
Friday	1st.	10.00	First Friday Mass. <i>Personal Intention.</i>
Saturday	2nd.	10.00	People of the Parish.
Sunday	3rd.	09.30	Personal Intention.
Sunday	3rd.	12.00	Tom Doherty, Lurga.

CHARLESTOWN EVENING MASSES

Saturday	26th.	20.00	Patrick Caulfield Snr, wife Delia, Patrick Jnr & remembering Hope Rose
Friday	1st.	20.00	First Friday Mass, <i>Personal Intention.</i> Rosary 7.30.
Saturday	2nd.	20.00	Nora Doherty, Bulcaun [1st. Ann.]

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH, BUSHFIELD

Sunday	3rd.	10.30	Personal Intention.
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READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

(1) Isaiah 43:16-21 Psalm 125 (2) Philippians 3:8-14 Gospel John 8:1-11

R. I. P

In your mercy pray for

LAURENCE DONOHUE, formerly **Lowpark**, brother of **Patricia Maloney, Barrack St.** who died recently in Nottingham.

EDDIE HORKAN, Glann, who died **Monday 21st. March.** Funeral Mass took place **Friday, 26th** in **St. James's Church** followed by burial in the adjoin cemetery.

JIM HALLIGAN, Tavneena, died **Friday 25th. March.** Reposing this **Sunday 27th** in **Horkan's Funeral Home, 5 to 7 pm.** **Funeral Mass Monday 28th. March** in **Charlestown Church** followed by burial in the adjoining cemetery.

THE ROSARY:

The Rosary is recited twice daily, Monday to Saturday, 9.30 am and 2 pm. And at 6 pm each Sunday. All are welcome to join in praying the Rosary.

MAYO CANCER SUPPORT:

Mayo Cancer Support are seeking participants for the West of Ireland Women's Mini Marathon, taking place 1st May, to help raise vital funds for local cancer support services. For more information please contact 094 9038407.

Mothers' Day

Mothers are very special and for so many of us they reflect the human face of God in their kindness, love, forgiveness and generosity.

Mothers, we say thanks for all you mean to us.

And this is a day to put thanks into action,

a day to spend time with mothers, especially if they are alone or unwell,

a day for forgiveness, for reconciliation, for renewing friendship.

This is a special day. This day will not come again, so, Lord, help us to use it well.

For mothers who have passed from this life,

let us remember them with prayer and if possible a visit to their graves.

We wish all mothers a happy Mothers' Day.

May the Lord bless you and keep you safe in his loving care.

SYNODAL JOURNEY: The Church is called to be a sign of God's love at work in the world. This is a challenge for all its members, as each one of us is asked to show God's love in our interactions with others. We are also asked to do this as local communities, as the community of Jesus' disciples. The Pope and the Irish Bishops are asking us to reflect on how we are faring as Christian communities around the country and around the world. They want to hear what all of us on the ground have to say. They want to know what our experience of the Church is like and how this could be improved. This is the aim of the synodal pathway on which we are being asked to embark.

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

THE CHRISM MASS:

This year Bishop Paul is inviting parishioners from every parish in the Diocese to participate in the Chrism Mass at St. Nathy's Cathedral, Ballaghaderreen, Monday 11th. April at 7.30 pm. He would particularly like those who are ministering in parishes such as Readers, Extraordinary Ministers of the Holy Communion, members of Parish Councils, Finance Committees, Sacramental Co-ordinators, Adoration Groups, Altar Societies, Sacristans, Parish Secretaries, all those involved in any way with parish activities to be present for this occasion. At this Mass the bishop blesses the oils to be used at the sacraments throughout the year. Priests also renew their commitment to service. Following the Mass, refreshments will be available in St. Nathy's College. This is an occasion to celebrate the unity of the people and priests of the diocese with the bishop. We look forward to a large attendance at this celebration.

SPECIAL COLLECTION: The Irish Bishops have requested that a Special Collection for Ukraine be taken up at all masses this weekend, 26/27 March. This collection is to support humanitarian efforts in Ukraine and especially the families and children who have had to flee their homeland in advance of the Russian invasion. The proceeds of this collection will be directed to Caritas Internationalis, the helping hand of the church in Ukraine and surrounding regions. The bishops appreciate that rising prices here are a real problem for many people so whatever you can give will be greatly appreciated. A dedicated collection box, clearly marked, will be available in both churches.

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting, Tuesday 29th March, 8 pm in the Pastoral Centre.

CANA - RETREAT FOR COUPLES

Rediscover the meaning and fun in your marriage, your family life, and your commitment to each other. Experience the seven thematic days of the CANA Week over three weekends through April, May & June. The weekends include talks, testimonies and time to share with each other as a couple and with other couples. Contact details: Brian & Lisa Harmon 041 6851563, 086 8386 or 087 9080023 or email info@canaireland.org or www.canaireland.org