

# CHARLESTOWN PARISH

## NEWSLETTER

**PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD 10TH. APRIL 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	10th.	09.30	John & Ann Harrington and their daughter Bernie, her eleventh Ann.
Sunday	10th.	12.00	Michael A. Doherty, Glann [1st. Ann.] & his parents John & Bridget.
Monday	11th.	10.00	Michael Cassidy, Glann.
Tuesday	12th.	10.00	Kathleen Ward.
Wednesday	13th.	10.00	Special Intention.

<b>Holy Thursday</b>	<b>14th.</b>	<b>20.00</b>	<b>Mass of the Lord's Supper.</b>
<b>Good Friday</b>	<b>15th</b>	<b>15.00</b>	<b>Celebration of the Lord's Passion.</b>
<b>Holy Saturday</b>	<b>16th.</b>	<b>21.00</b>	<b>The Easter Vigil.</b>

Sunday	17th.	09.30	<b>Easter Sunday.</b> Personal Intention.
Sunday	17th.	12.00	<b>Easter Sunday.</b> Special Intention.

### CHARLESTOWN EVENING MASSES

Saturday	9th.	20.00	Michael & Bridget Frain & deceased family members, Bulcaun.
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>16th.</b>	<b>21.00</b>	<b>The Easter Vigil</b>

### ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH, BUSHFIELD

Sunday	10th.	10.30	Personal Intention.
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>16th.</b>	<b>20.00</b>	<b>The Easter Vigil</b>
Sunday	17th.	10.30	<b>Easter Sunday.</b>

<b>READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY</b>	<b>Easter Sunday [C]</b>		
(1) Acts 10:34, 37-43	Psalm 117	(2) Colossians 3:1-4	Gospel John 20:1-9

**R. I. P** In your mercy pray for  
**KEVIN GALLAGHER, Lurga**, who died **Sunday 3rd. April.** Funeral Mass was celebrated on **Wednesday** in **St. James's Church** followed by burial in the adjoining cemetery.

**CATHERINE (KATHLEEN) HARRINGTON, Lurga**, who died **Sunday 3rd. April.** Funeral Mass was celebrated on **Thursday** in **St. James's 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 in Charlestown Church. All are welcome to join in praying the Rosary.

**TRAINING SERVICES:** Are you looking for a progression route to college or looking for a job in the Healthcare Sector? Why not get yourself a qualification that allows you to do both with a guaranteed job at the end. The RWN [Roscommon Women's Network] Training Services, Castlerea is now recruiting for all courses in Healthcare, Computers and Retail Skills.

For further information call 094 9621690: Call/Text 087 2718118 or email [training@rwn.ie](mailto:training@rwn.ie)

**HOLY WEEK:** Today, Palm Sunday sees the start of Holy Week 2022. The ceremonies for Holy Week are as follows:

**'THE LIGHT IS ON'**  
An opportunity for Confession in Charlestown Church this **Sunday, 10th. April:** **6-7 pm.**

**Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, Morning Mass as usual** **10 am.**

**Monday 11th:** **THE CHRISM MASS: The Cathedral, Ballaghaderreen.** **7.30 pm.**

**Thursday, Holy Thursday:** **MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER:** **8 pm.**  
**Adoration at the Altar of Repose until 12 midnight.**

**Friday, Good Friday:** **CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S PASSION:** **3 pm.**  
**Friday, Good Friday:** **Stations of the Cross, Charlestown Church** **7 pm.**

**Saturday, Holy Saturday:** **Confession, Charlestown Church** **2-3 pm.**  
**Saturday, Holy Saturday:** **THE EASTER VIGIL: Bushfield Church** **8 pm.**  
**THE EASTER VIGIL: Charlestown Church** **9 pm.**

**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. 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 so we look forward to a large attendance at this celebration.

At this Mass the bishop consecrates the Oil of Chrism and blesses the Oil of Catechumens and the Oil of the Sick.

The Oil of Chrism is used to anoint the newly baptised, to seal the candidates for confirmation and to anoint the hands of priests and the heads of bishops at their ordination as well as in the anointing rites at the dedication of churches and altars.

The Oil of Catechumens is used in the baptismal ceremony before the actual pouring of the water.

The Oil of the Sick is used to bring comfort and support to the sick in their infirmity.

At this Mass the priests renew their commitment to service in the ministry of priesthood.

**Good Friday is a day of penance, maybe the fast and abstinence sacrifice of former times, *the fast, one full meal and two smaller ones, abstinence, abstaining from meat and meat products.* Please try and make some sacrifice on this day in thanksgiving for the Lord's gift of love and life eternal.**

### **STATIONS OF THE CROSS, GOOD FRIDAY**

We will pray the Stations of the Cross on Good Friday at 7 pm in Charlestown Church and while all are welcome to join with us in prayer, I would like that some family members of those who were bereaved since this time last year might come along to carry the cross from station to station.

**SPECIAL COLLECTION:** Sincere thanks for your generous response to the Special Collection for Ukraine taken up over the past week-ends. The amount received was **€2100.** Please continue your prayers for an end to the war there and the wars in other areas of the world.

**PRE-SCHOOL:** Plans are in place for opening a Pre-School, with the first two years free, in Tavneena NS, 5th. September 2022.  
Contact Michelle at 087 2421044 or email [tavneenapreschool@gmail.com](mailto:tavneenapreschool@gmail.com)

## MAKING CONNECTIONS

Holy week is a week of remembrance.  
It is a week in which we play the tape of events marking Christ's last days on earth.  
We have played the tape before and we know what we are recalling  
and that very familiarity can distance us from the event,  
separate us from its power.  
But the happenings of that week are far more than historical facts,  
They connect with our present life,  
they reflect emotions that touch all our lives  
and they remind us of God's tremendous love,  
a healing, forgiving love.

Holy Week tells a story of transformation,  
condemnation to forgiveness,  
despair to hope,  
hurt to healing,  
death to life.

It tells the story of Jesus, but it is also your story and my story.  
Judas points the finger of betrayal,  
Peter reminds me of my fear.  
Simon and Veronica speak of courage.  
The centurion speaks of faith.  
John is the faithful one staying with Jesus and Mary to the end.  
The women of Jerusalem speak of compassion  
and Mary remains silent.  
*There is a time for silence, a time for letting go ....!*  
The suffering, struggling Jesus is the companion  
of all the suffering struggling souls of the world.

Could I find myself in Palm Sunday's cheering crowd?  
Would I be found in the condemning crowd of Good Friday?  
Would I, do I, stand with Jesus or apart from him?

Holy Week challenges us to believe that Christianity is founded on failure!  
It challenges us to believe in the uplifting power of God,  
it challenges us to believe the impossible is possible,  
it challenges us to believe that in the hands of God  
success is failure turned upside down.

It challenges but it also offers, for strength and imitation,  
the tremendous power and the outrageous love of God.

*[Adapted]*

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