

CHARLESTOWN PARISH

NEWSLETTER

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (VOCATION SUNDAY) 8TH. MAY 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	8th.	09.30	Personal Intention.
Sunday	8th.	12.00	Kate & Thomas McLoughlin, Tavneena.
Monday	9th.	10.00	Personal Intention.
Tuesday	10th.	10.00	Michael & Eileen Maloney, daughter Ita, sons Michael & Finbar and grandson Martin.
Wednesday	11th.	10.00	Tom Goldrick & his parents, Michael & Mary, Corthoon.
Thursday	12th.	10.00	Personal Intention.
Friday	13th.	10.00	Personal Intention.
Saturday	14th.	10.00	Living & deceased priests and bishops of Achonry diocese.
Sunday	15th.	09.30	Andy & Teresa Vesey, Tavneena.
Sunday	15th.	12.00	Veronica Higgins, Cashel [1st. Ann.]

CHARLESTOWN EVENING MASSES

Saturday	7th.	20.00	Personal Intention.
Saturday	14th.	20.00	Johnny Gannon, Lurga, Month's Mind Mass.

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH, BUSHFIELD

Sunday	8th.	10.30	People of the Parish.
Sunday	15th.	10.30	Personal Intention.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

(1) Acts 14:21-27

Psalm 144

Fourth Sunday of Easter [C]

(2) Revelation 21:1-5

Gospel John 13:31-35

FEASTDAYS FOR THE COMING WEEK:

Friday 13th. May. *Our Lady of Fatima.* The apparitions of Our Lady to three children at Fatima in Portugal took place in 1917, the first was on the 13th. May and the final one on the 13th. October. At that final apparition in October those present witnessed the *'miracle of the sun'*. At the apparitions, the *'Lady'* asked for prayers for sinners and an end to the war. In the final apparitions the *'Lady'* identified herself as *'Our Lady of the Rosary'* and called for prayer and conversion.

Tuesday 3rd. May. *St. Matthias.* Matthias was chosen by the apostles as the man to fill the position left vacant by the death of Judas. It is believed that he was martyred in Colchis on the Black Sea and his relics brought to Rome by St. Helena.

PILGRIMAGE: The Achonry Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock takes place Sunday next, 15th. May. Anointing of the Sick, 2.30pm. Concelebrated Mass 3pm followed by Rosary Procession.

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.

DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

This Sunday, 4th. Sunday of Easter, Good Shepherd Sunday, is the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. The Lord asked his disciples to *'Pray the Lord of the harvest to send labourers into his harvest'* [Mt. 9:38: Lk. 10:2] Prayer was the call of Jesus to encourage labourers for the harvest, so let us listen to the voice of the Lord and in response, let each one make prayer for *'harvest labourers'*, a constant, an every day effort.

Priesthood in Achonry diocese - *Have you the courage to respond to God's call?*

Contact the Vocations Director, Fr. Paul Kivlehan, The Presbytery, Ballaghaderreen. Tel. 094 9860011 or 087 3683535 or Email pkivlehan@achonrydiocese.org or contact any local priest.

PARISH CLUSTER MEETINGS

Sincere thanks to those who attended the meeting on Tuesday last for our cluster of parishes. The findings from each cluster in the diocese will now be examined at diocesan level and a report sent to the National co-ordinating body and there a final report will be prepared and forwarded to Rome for the synod conference to be held in Rome, 2023.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

For different reasons over the past two years the Parish Pastoral Council did not meet on a regular basis but now, thank God, things are looking much better and I feel we ought to get back to the regular monthly meetings, so on Monday next, **9th. May** there will be a meeting in the Pastoral Centre starting at **8 pm.** Items on the agenda will include Week-end Masses, Return to Sunday Mass, Parish Mission/Novena/Renewal/Retreat, Preparation for Baptism, Promoting Vocations, Uniting of Parishes, Parish Outreach. Obviously this agenda will spread over many meetings for many years. The issues to be considered are big and will impact on all of us, so may I ask that all of us pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit as we look at how best we might serve the Lord in our parish now and into the future.

FIRST CONFESSION, FIRST COMMUNION

During the coming week the children from St. Attracta's NS and Tavneena NS will receive both sacraments of First Confession and First Communion. Please pray for the children, their parents and families and all who have helped to prepare them for these special occasions in their young lives.

PRE-SCHOOL:

Plans are in place for opening a Pre-School, with the first two years free, in Tavneena NS, 5th. Sept. 2022. Email tavneenapreschool@gmail.com or ring 087 2421044.

TRAINING SERVICES: Are you looking for an alternate route to college or looking for a job in the Healthcare Sector? Why not get a qualification that allows you to do both with a guaranteed job at the end. The RWN (Roscommon Women's Network) Training Services, Castlereagh 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

WESTERN CARE:

Western Care are seeking suitable applicants for the role of social care assistant to support a young man with autism to enjoy a full and meaningful life while living at home. If you are interested, please contact the HR Department at hr@westerncare.com for further details.

BLESSING FOR EXPECTANT MOTHERS

On Saturday, May 14, a blessing ceremony for all parents who are expecting a baby, will take place in the Basilica at Knock Shrine, 11am. It will include a short prayer for protection and safe delivery with an individual blessing for all mothers-to-be, who are present. All are welcome.

MARCH FOR LIFE:

The West and South Regional Marches for Life will take place during the month of May at the following venues:

Munster: Cork (City Centre) Friday 10th. May @ 6 pm.

Connacht: Galway (Salthill) Saturday 21st. May @ 3 pm.

Ulster: Donegal (Bundoran) Sunday 22nd May @3pm.

The aim of these marches is to shine a spotlight on Ireland's spiralling abortion rate and to call for resources to be put in place to support and inform women about positive alternatives to abortion.