

CHARLESTOWN PARISH

NEWSLETTER

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 22ND. 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	22nd.	09.30	Personal Intention.
Sunday	22nd.	12.00	Sean & Ann McDermott, Killeen.
Monday	23rd.	10.00	Patrick, Mary & John Brennan, Barnacogue.
Tuesday	24th.	10.00	Personal Intention.
Wednesday	25th.	10.00	Personal Intention.
Thursday	26th.	10.00	Brigid Martina McDonagh.
Friday	27th.	10.00	Special Intention.
Saturday	28th.	10.00	Personal Intention.
Sunday	29th.	09.30	Personal Intention.
Sunday	29th.	12.00	Deceased members of the Active Retired Group.

CHARLESTOWN EVENING MASSES

Saturday	21st.	20.00	Michael & Ellen O'Connor, Glann.
Saturday	28th.	20.00	Personal Intention.

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH, BUSHFIELD

Sunday	22nd.	10.30	Personal Intention.
Sunday	29th.	10.30	Roger Butler and his father Sean, Kilgarriff.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

(1) Acts 1:1-11 Psalm 46 (2) Hebrews 9:24-28, 10:19-23 Gospel Luke 24:46-53

R. I. P.

In your mercy pray for

FRANKIE CAMPBELL, who died recently in **London**, son of **Ann Campbell** nee **Durkan** formerly of **Lurga**.

JAMES GRIMES, **Tubbercurry** formerly of **Carrigallen, Co. Leitrim**, brother of **Sean Grimes**, **Lowpark**, who died **Monday 16th. May**. **Funeral Mass** and **burial** took place on **Thursday, 19th. May**.

TAVNEENA PRE-SCHOOL: An Open Evening for prospective parents of children who are eligible for ECCE places in September 2022 and also for pre school children needing after school care, will be held in Tavneena NS, Tuesday, May 31st., 7-8 pm. If you are interested and eligible for a place, please come along, meet the preschool teachers, view the facilities and find out about the play based curriculum.

A limited number of places are available so please make contact by Email or by phone, Email tavneenapreschool@gmail.com Telephone 087 2421044.

Kilmovee Bingo is back on Sunday nights at 8.30 pm sharp. Over €3000 to be won on the night

FIRST COMMUNION:

Congratulations to

Ben, Conor B, Conor S, Joseph, Noah, Sean, Tadhg

pupils from Barnacogue and Cloonlyon National Schools who received their first Holy Communion on Saturday 21st. May in Bushfield Church.

Sincere thanks to all involved, the children themselves, their parents and all family members, the teachers especially Ms McCann and Ms. Melody, immediately responsible for the First Communion Class and Angelique for her invaluable work with the class through the year. Thanks to those responsible for the booklet. Thanks to teachers and children and all others involved with the art work in the church, thanks to those responsible for preparing and decorating the church inside and out, the FAS team for looking after the grounds and Miriam for the flowers. Thanks to all involved in any way. Please remember the children, their families, their teachers and their assistants in your prayers.

AN OPEN MEETING:

The Parish newsletter on Sunday 8th. May looked at a possible path of parish and personal renewal for our parish, looking at a fuller return to Sunday Mass, considering the number of week-end masses with a view to reducing that number, uniting parishes, parish outreach, preparation for baptism, promoting vocations and organising for a Parish Mission.

I put all of that as an agenda for the Parish Pastoral Council and while they are the elected representative body within the parish, I feel that for this particular task of parish renewal, the wider parish needs to get involved so the next Parish Pastoral Council meeting fixed for this coming Monday, 23rd. May will be an **'Open'** meeting. Please do try and come along and may I ask you, please, to bring another person with you. The meeting will start at **8.30 pm** in the Pastoral Centre.

I need your help, the parish needs your help, God needs your help. We have here a good parish, thanks to the marvellous work of those who have gone before us, but there is always room for improvement, a good parish can become a great parish. Working together and working with and for Lord, let that be our goal to make this good parish a better parish.

GATHER AND PRAY:

The dark shadow of Covid-19 is fading, giving way to a brighter light, a light of hope. Let us welcome this emerging light of hope, celebrate it, give thanks for it. Let Pentecost Day, Sunday 5th. June be our day to celebrate, to shake off fear and to give thanks in prayer for God's love and care.

Please come to church on that day. Come with an openness to listen and a willingness to receive.

Encourage others, family, neighbours and friends to come.

The Holy Spirit is coming. Be there to rejoice, to celebrate, to cast out fear, to raise your spirits, to rediscover hope, to see afresh God's amazing love, to give thanks.

THE HOLY SPIRIT NOVENA: In preparation for Pentecost Day and the coming of the Holy Spirit, let us do as the apostles did, spend the nine days from Ascension to Pentecost (the original novena) in prayer for the coming of the Holy Spirit, so from Friday 27th to Saturday 4th., please join with this novena of prayer, offering the following prayer to the Holy Spirit or any other prayer of your choice.

'Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and enkindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created and you will renew the face of the earth.'

'O God who by the light of the Holy Spirit did instruct the hearts of the faithful, grant that by the same Spirit we may be truly wise and ever rejoice in his consolation through Christ our Lord. Amen'

CLOTHES COLLECTION:

The CBD Complex will be holding a 'Clothes Collection' from Mon. 23rd. to Fri. 27th. May, also on the following week, Mon. 30th to Fri. 3rd. June, 10 am to 4 pm daily. Outside these hours check Facebook or message 089 261654. No Duvets or pillows, please.

TEA DAY:

Western Alzheimer's Tea Day organised by the Charlestown Active Retired Group held in Walsh's Pub, Friday 6th. May raised €625. Thanks to everyone who donated and brought tickets for the raffle. Your kindness is deeply appreciated.

OPEN DAY:

An 'Open Day' in aid of Western Care Association will be held at Westport House, Saturday 28th. May, 12 noon to 6 pm. Each person is asked to donate €5 and for that they have access to and multiple use of all activities on the day. Your support is much appreciated.