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PARISH NOTICES

A Statement from Archbishop Martin, titled "*The Church must always be Pro-Life*" on the defence of human life, is available at the doors of the church. Please take a copy.

Excerpt:

"Christians must be pro-life when it comes to the unborn and those who are vulnerable at the end of their lives... Being pro life means recalling all of us to reflect on the deeper meaning of life and to reject many of the paths of superficiality that lead away from true human fulfilment."

A Special Eucharistic Adoration takes place Friday, 25th May, in Adoration Room of Parish Church from 10 am-10 pm. Please join us in imploring Our Lord & Our Blessed Mother to protect life.

Care of the Elderly Mass with Anointing takes place Tuesday next, 22nd May at 7 pm in the Parish Church. All welcome.

The children from Barrowhouse school will receive their First Holy Communion next Sunday at 9.30 We wish them well.

Collections last weekend:

Parish Dev. - Env. €926

1st Collection - *Common* - €1,145

2nd Collection - *Share* - €972

Thanks to all who contribute.

Sunday, 20th May 2018

Choose Life 2018

"In our native language the word unborn is translated as 'beo gan breith' which literally means "alive but not born"
The baby in the womb is alive...
The command of God is crystal clear 'You shall not kill'
Nor do we have the right to vote to take a life"

Excerpt from Pastoral message of Bishop Alphonsus Cullinan of Waterford & Lismore

See: www.chooselife2018.ie

GDPR

General Data Protection Regulations

New European Data Protection law, GDPR, is being introduced on 25th May 2018. This new law applies to any organisation, including our parish that manage and processes people's personal information. We are now working on ways of ensuring that what we do with your information is compliant with this new law.

It is a work in progress and over the next few months we will keep you informed through the parish website and in the newsletter as policies are put in place. If you have any questions do not hesitate to contact the Parish Office.

PRAYERS FOR THE DEAD

Recently Deceased:

Jim Hannon, Newgrove, Ballytore

Saturday 6 pm

Month's mind:

Anthony 'Tony' O'Neill, James 'Jim' Lawler

Anniversaries:

Edward Myles, Michael Doogue, Martin & Mary Gorman, Kathleen Eaton, Patrick Moran, Mick English, David & Mary Bolger, Margaret & Joseph Dooley, Stefan Clarke Perse, William Lawler, Dec. mem. of Lawler family, William Nolan, Dec. members of Nolan family, William Brennan, Dec. mem. of Brennan family, Paddy & Malcolm Fitzpatrick, Daniel Fitzpatrick, Michéal Myles, Mary McCarthy, Dec. mem. of McCarthy family, Dora Dowling, Mary Foley, Paddy, Daniel & Tom Fitzpatrick, Kathleen Buckley, Rita Brennan, Maureen & Leo Shields, Mary Morrin, John Breen

9.30 am: Barrowhouse: Denis & Lil Langton, William & Christina Langton

10.30 am: Anniversaries:

John Browne, May McCarthy, Tim McCarthy, Malachy McCarthy, Michael Doogue, Martin & Mary Gorman, Sr. Dominic, Dec. members of McHugh family, Seamus Dempsey, Eddie & Eugene Dempsey, Dec. members of Dempsey & Conway families, Michael Renehan, Carmnelita Fabian, Michael & Ellen Mulhall, Mary, Elizabeth & Anthony Davis, Michael Dooley, Micheál Myles, Brendan Carr, Paddy, Daniel & Tom Fitzpatrick, Catherine McCarthy, Mary Leahy, Kathleen & Patrick Clarke, Anthony Fenlon, Dec. members of Fenlon family

12 Noon: First Communion Scoil Mhichíl
Mary Morrin

Mon. 9.30 am: Seamus Dempsey, Paddy, Malcolm & Daniel Fitzpatrick

Tues. 9.30 am: Elizabeth Donnelly, Ellen & Jerry Quinn, Ellen Galvin, Dec. members of Quinn family, Ellen Byrne

Wed. 9.30 am: Kathleen Eaton

Thurs. 9.30 am: Connie Stafford, Michael Doogue, Thomas & Julia Nolan, Stefan Clarke Perse

Friday 9.30 am:

Denis Flynn (Months Mind)
Mary Doll Carthy (Anniversary)

Athy Parish Pilgrimage to Knock,

10th June 2018 departing at 8.30 am from St. Michael's Parish Church.

Cost €22

Further details on booking/tickets will be printed in next weekend's newsletter.

OFFICIAL FAMILY PRAYER FOR WORLD MEETING OF FAMILY 2018

(21-26th August)

God, our Father, We are brothers and sisters in Jesus your Son,
One family, in the Spirit of your love, Bless us with the joy of love.

Make us patient and kind, gentle and generous,
welcoming to those in need. Help us to live your forgiveness
and peace. Protect all families with your loving care,

Especially those for whom we now pray:

(Pause remembering family members and others by name)
Increase our faith, Strengthen our hope, Keep us safe in your love,

Make us always grateful for the gift of life that we share.

This we ask, through Christ our Lord, **Amen.**

Mary, mother and guide, pray for us.

Saint Joseph, father and protector, pray for us.

Saints Joachim and Anne, pray for us.

Saints Louis and Zélie Martin, pray for us.

CEMETERY MASS TIMES

Old & New St. Michael's: Fri. 22nd June, 8 pm

Churchtown: Wednes. 27th June, 7.30 pm

Kilberry: Wednes. 27th June, 7.30 pm

Barrowhouse: Sun. 24th June, 9.30 am