

MOYVANE PARISH NEWSLETTER

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Vigil and Sunday Masses: Saturday 27th and Sunday 28th May

MOYVANE:	Sat	27 th	7.30pm	Fr. John Lucid, our former Parish Priest (Rec Dec)
KNOCKANURE:	Sun	28 th	10.00am	David Dillon, his parents Margaret & Vincent & his aunt Kathleen Stack, Kilmorna (Anni)
MOYVANE:			11.00am	John Carmody, Ahalahana (Anni)

Church of the Assumption Moyvane - Monday 29th May to Sunday 4th June

Mon	29 th	7.30pm	Micheál Mulvihill (Anni) & his loving wife Margaret Gurtromosillihy
Wed	31 st	7.30pm	For the twenty two deceased, the bereaved, injured & traumatized in the Manchester Arena bombing
Thurs	1 st	7.30pm	Bríd Brouder, Kilbaha (Anni)
Fri	2 nd	7.30pm	Michael Barrett, Tarbert & former Creamery Manager Moyvane (Anni) & his loving wife Bridie
Sat	3 rd	7.30pm	Michael Flaherty, Glenalappa (Anni)
Sun	4 th	11.00am	Sr. Mary Andrew O'Flaherty, Clacton-on Sea, UK & Murhur (Rec Dec)

Church of Corpus Christi Knockanure - Fri 2nd to Sunday 4th June

Fri	2 nd	8.00pm	Eileen Goulding, Knockanure Village (Anni)
Sun	4 th	10.00am	Nancy & Denis Flaherty, Lisaniskea (Anni)

PRIEST ON DUTY THIS SUNDAY: Canon Declan O'Connor ☎ 087/0908949. Emergencies only.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION: KNOCKANURE: Tuesday 10am to 6pm; MOYVANE: Wednesday 10am to 7pm.

LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTIONS: Offertory €1474.35; Second Collection for Education of Priests

€577.50; Dues €70. Many thanks for your generosity.

PRAYERS & SYMPATHY: To Eileen Collins & Family, Murhur on the death of her cousin Mary McGrath, Foynes whose funeral took place last Wednesday. May Mary Rest In Peace.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGES: The Diocese is still recruiting for the youth pilgrimage to Taizé from 25th June to 2nd July. Taizé is located in the Burgundy region of France and is a well known place of pilgrimage for young people. Contact Tomas Kenny, Diocesan Pastoral Team, on 086/3683778 email tomaskenny@dioceseofkerry.ie Lourdes from 2nd to 7th September - for further information contact Diocesan Office 064/6631168.

WONDERFUL RESPONSE: It was heart-warming to see so many volunteers at the meeting on Tuesday night to make preparations for the Phil Coulter concert. Very many thanks to all who attended and to those who have taken on tasks to ensure the concert runs smoothly. Anyone who has means of distributing tickets outside the Parish please contact the Parish Office. Many thanks to those who are unable to go to the concert and who have made generous donations to the painting fund. The response to date has been very good so let's keep the momentum going as we head towards the 13th. It promises to be a great night.

THE HUMAN SPIRIT

Our spirit is our most precious possession. It is our greatest source of energy. However, while it can be very strong, it can also be very brittle. It can be an oak unmoved in a storm or a frail reed swaying in the wind. It can be a piece of granite or a piece of china. What is it that enables the spirit to soar and what is it that causes it to sink?

Sadness weights it down; joy lifts it up.
Criticism erodes it; success enlarges it.
Despair causes it to wilt; hope breathes new life into it.
Rejection wounds it; acceptance heals it.
Hatred poisons it; love punishes it.
Fear cripples it; solitude calms it; prayer strengthens it.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on us.

REMEMBER.... The best thing to save for the future is your soul.



WAITING ROOM

Before leaving His mother and His apostles Jesus told them to wait in Jerusalem for the coming of the Holy Spirit. So they returned from the Mount of Olive to the upper room. This upper room became a waiting room. We all are familiar with waiting rooms of one kind or another. We have waited for planes, trains, buses. We have been in the waiting rooms of Doctors, Dentists and hospitals. We are familiar with the peculiar atmosphere that prevails in waiting rooms. An air of



uncertainty prevails which makes us feel nervous and apprehensive. In general the people we meet in waiting rooms are strangers to us. Still, it's better than being alone. But of course it's much better if you have a friend or friends by your side. What makes the experience so difficult is precisely the waiting. Waiting is not easy. It means being idle. Idleness can be unbearable especially for active people. The poor do more waiting than the rich. The latter are able to skip the queue. But the hardest thing about waiting is the sense of powerlessness that usually accompanies it. Things are out of control. Our destiny is in the hands of someone else. There is nothing to do but wait. However waiting, though painful, can be a graced thing. The soul is nurtured by want as well as plenty. Waiting brings home to us how inter-dependant we are. We need others. Besides, waiting is part of life. The earth has to wait for rain. The farmer has to wait for the spring. Waiting is necessary for change, growth and healing to happen. Health is a very precious gift. But there are also times when we experience weakness and vulnerability and we must be open to these experiences. Only when a hole appears in the wall are we able to see beyond what it was like for the apostles. They experienced many emotions as they waited in the room. They put their trust in the Word of Jesus. But that doesn't mean they weren't apprehensive about the future. As they waited, they became aware of their own powerlessness, but that only served to dispose them to receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. As they waited they prepared themselves for the coming of the Holy Spirit by prayer. In that way they supported each other. We must try to make these days, days of prayer and in the light of the awful sinful actions in Manchester on Monday, our world, and indeed all of us are in need of the Holy Spirit.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASS 2017 - MURHUR N.S.

Our prayerful blessings and congratulations to **Darragh Scanlon, Donnacha O'Connor, Cian Fitzgerald, Katelyn Casey, Joshua Nestor, David Hunt, Abbie O'Sullivan and Matthew Saint John** who received their First Holy Communion on Saturday. A special word of thanks to their teacher Mr. Galvin and to all the teachers, staff and their families who helped so generously in preparing the children.

WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES 21ST - 26TH AUGUST 2018 - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

There is a huge amount of literature available in both Churches this weekend with regards the Pope's visit to Ireland in 2018 for the World Meeting of Families. I encourage you to take these leaflets to your homes for reflection and discussion. In the words of Pope Francis "Does the Family continue to be good news for today's world? I am sure the answer is yes! And this yes is firmly based on God's plan....How much better our family life would be if we used the words... Please, Thank you and I'm sorry" The website is www.worldmeeting2018.ie Our Parish Pastoral Council will be discussing ways in which we as a Parish can best be involved for this very special gathering at our next meeting.

THE ASCENSION OF JESUS

As have been the custom in recent times these Holy Days have been moved to Sunday. Thus, our readings today are all about the Ascension of the Lord. The Ascension of Jesus is a climax of his victory over sin and death. It is a day of joy, hope and celebration. It is important to realise that Jesus hasn't left us but he is still with us helping us in all our joys and struggles.

NOTICES

KNOCKANURE COMMUNITY CENTRE: Rambling House this coming Thursday 1st June at 9pm. All welcome to come along and enjoy a great night of music, song and dance. Adm free. Refreshments served. Contact Ann Flavin on 086/3090948. Active Retirement Social Day on Monday 12th June. Music by Stevie Donegan. €10. New members welcome. If attending please phone the centre on 068/49799.



Boro Extra Sunday 28th May, 2017



ARDFERT RETREAT CENTRE: (Book now ☎ 066/7134276)

Diocesan Adoration Day: Led by Fr. Bernard Healy, C.C., on Thurs. 1st June 9.30am-4.00pm.

A Doorway into Stillness: A day of Spiritual Nourishment for mind and body led by Antoinette Dilsworth RSJ, Sat. 10th June 10.30am-4.30pm.

A Day with Mary: Celebrate the Centenary of Our Lady of Fatima preached by Rt. Rev. Msgr. Dan O'Riordan P.P. Castleisland, Sat. 17th June 10.30am-4.30pm.

Growing Old Gracefully: Welcome to a Guided Participative Experience facilitated by: John Dunne & Kathy Cunningham. Friday 28th-Sunday 30th July.

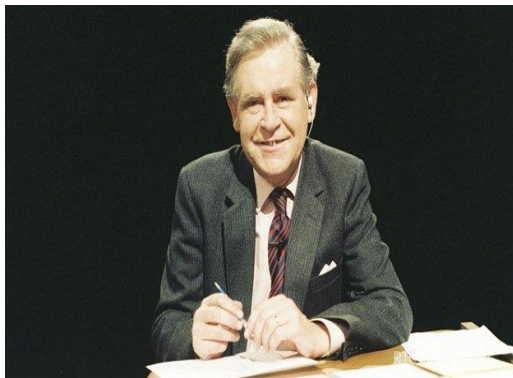
Enrich your Faith: Foyer of Light, Charity and Love 5 day Silent Retreat preached by Fr. Kilian Byrne, Aug 7th-13th. Contact Helen 086/1678027.

LISTOWEL FAMILY RESOURCE CENTRE: Enjoy a workout with your Baby & Buggy, whilst meeting other mums and having a laugh! June 12th 10am. Cost €5. Contact Toni on 068/23584.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION ART WORK: I draw your attention to the excellent art work done by the First Holy Communion classes and their teachers which are on display in both Churches for the next number of weeks. Our thanks to all who helped in putting this art work in place.

FR. JOHN'S THANKSGIVING MASS: After Mass this Saturday evening 27th a memorial plaque will be unveiled in memory of Fr. John who served this parish generously and faithfully for twelve years. This plaque will be unveiled in the Church grounds where former priests have been interred. It is hoped that it will act as a reminder from time to time to keep Fr. John and his family in our prayers. May he Rest In Peace.

EXAMS AND HOLIDAYS: Our prayerful support is with all those commencing the Junior and Leaving Cert shortly. Be assured of our continual remembrance in our prayers. We also pray a spirit of blessing and enjoyment on those who will be getting their holidays in the coming weeks. We wish them God's safety and blessing in enjoying their holidays.



"I'VE STARTED SO I'LL FINISH"

One of the popular TV programmes for many years was the quiz "Mastermind" with its question master Magnus Magnusson. When time ran out for each contestant a buzzer sounded, but if Magnus hadn't completed the question he said, "I've started so I'll finish" it gave the contestant an opportunity to answer one more question and to increase their score. The saying became quite a catchphrase, but it is a good motto for life too. There is something rather sad about letting something we once started with enthusiasm remain unfinished. On the other hand there is immensely satisfying about a job that has been

completed. At the end of a life filled with many hardships and dangers, shipwreck and imprisonment, St Paul wrote: "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith" There's something to encourage us!

PHIL COULTER CONCERT

As there has been a great upsurge in the sale of tickets it's important that any parishioner who has tickets would be in regular contact with myself or Jacqueline as we need to keep an eye on how sales are going. If anyone feels they can help in any capacity for the concert your help would be greatly appreciated. Once again very many thanks to all who attended last Tuesday's meeting and for the great level of involvement and suggestions made at the meeting.

THE GRINDSTONE.....!

I have never liked the sound of the old expression about "keeping your nose to the grind stone" but I do see the point of a rather similar saying which I heard for the first time recently: "Life is a grindstone. Whether it grinds you down or polishes you up depends entirely upon the stuff you are made of"

