

MOYVANE PARISH NEWSLETTER

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Vigil and Sunday Masses - Saturday 5th and Sunday 6th May

MOYVANE:	Sat	5 th	7.30pm	John O'Connor (Anni)
KNOCKANURE:	Sun	6 th	10.00am	Pádraig McMahon, Lisaniskea, Kilmorna (Anni)
MOYVANE:			11.00am	Jerry & Jeremiah McCarthy, Gordromosillihy (Anni)

Church of the Assumption Moyvane: Thursday 10th to Sunday 13th May

Thurs	10 th	7.30pm	Jerry Brosnan, Church Rd, at the request of the local Cumann Fine Gael
Sat	12 th	7.30pm	Tom O'Flaherty, The Village (Anni)
Sun	11 th	11.00am	David Foley, Kilbaha (Anni) & deceased members of the Foley & O'Connor families

Church of Corpus Christi Knockanure: Saturday 12th and Sunday 13th May

Sat	12 th	11.00am	First Holy Communion - Scoil Chorp Chríost
Sun	13 th	10.00am	Martha O'Sullivan, Carrueragh, Kilmorna (Anni)

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each other
as I have
loved you.
John 15:12

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

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: **KNOCKANURE:** Tuesday 10am - 5pm; **MOYVANE:** Wednesday 10am - 2pm.

LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTIONS: Offertory €1,321.74; Diocesan Collection Peter's Pence €700.78;

Shrines Knockanure €63; Dues €260. Very many thanks for your generosity.

PRAYERS & SYMPATHY: To Gerald Kennelly & family, Ahalahana on the death of his sister Marie Kennelly, Blackrock, Co. Cork & Lisselton whose funeral took place in Cork last Monday. Memorial Mass for Marie will be held on Monday 7th May at 11am in St. Teresa's Church, Ballydonoghue. To Betty Fitzgerald & family, Lower Aughrim on the sudden death of her husband Jim whose funeral took place here in the parish last Monday. To Joan Moloney & family, The Village on the death of her brother Patrick Feury, Glin whose funeral took place on Friday in Glin. To Gerry Woods & family, Knockanure and Connie Nolan & family, Glenalappa on the death of their first cousin Bill Woods, Bronx, USA and l/o Glin whose funeral will take place in the States. May Marie, Jim & Patrick & Bill Rest In Peace. Masses for the aforementioned at a later date in the parish.

ARDFERT RETREAT CENTRE: Self Care Day: "Tools to manage life's every day stressors".

Facilitated by Anna O' Donoghue & Batty Garnett, Sat 26th May 9.45am-4.00pm. Contact Anna 087/9447105.

Adoration Diocesan Committee Annual Retreat Day: Thurs. 31st May 9.30am-4.00pm. Phone 066/7134276.

MICHAEL ENGLISH CONCERT: With less than a month to go it's all hands on deck with the final push for the tickets. They seem to be going very well. I would ask all those who have tickets to give us an update on how they are progressing with the sales. Tickets are available after all weekend Masses and outside of office hours from the following number **085/8110770**. To avoid disappointment tickets can be reserved. Concert on Tuesday 5th June, doors open at 7pm and concert at 8pm sharp.

NOTICES:

THE GORTAGLANNA ANNUAL COMMEMORATION: takes place on Saturday 12th May at 7.30pm. People are asked to assemble at Mc Mahon's Bridge. Guest speaker Councillor Toiréasa Ferris.

CLOTHING COLLECTION IN AID OF MURHUR N.S: bags can be dropped off at the school between 9.30am & 12.30pm daily until the 9th May.

MOYVANE DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION: would like to thank all those who took part in the recent county wide clean up especially the teachers and pupils of Murhur National School and all those individuals who did their own roads and own areas.

LISTOWEL FAMILY RESOURCE CENTRE: meeting of the Alzheimer's Carers Support Group takes place on Tuesday May 8th at 12.30pm. Also Certified Paediatric First Aid for babies, two day course Monday 14th & 21st May 10.30am - 12.30pm. Limited spaces contact Toni Clarke on 068-23584.

PASTORAL MESSAGE FROM BISHOP RAY

The right to life of the unborn child *"So great is the value of human life, and so inalienable the right to life of an innocent child growing in the mother's womb, that no alleged right to one's own body can justify a decision to terminate that life...."* (Pope Francis, 'The Joy of Love' 83)

THE REFERENDUM

The current Referendum campaign is causing great hurt and distress to many, many people. It involves an issue that is sensitive in the extreme. In all we say and do let us ever seek to speak and act gently, kindly and sensitively. It is very necessary that we all reflect deeply on *"the right to life of an innocent child growing in its mother's womb"*. In this Pastoral Message I speak of two subjects: the fundamental right to life of the unborn child and the intention of our legislators at this time.

FROM CONCEPTION TO BIRTH

Ideally every pregnancy focuses on the gift of the child, the gift of the love given and received, and the gift of parenthood. When a couple realise that they are expecting a baby their hope is that all will go well, that they will soon have a baby in their arms. In many circumstances however pregnancy can also be a time of challenge and even crisis for parents. Fear of being unable to cope, of being isolated and in some cases of being overwhelmed, are natural and entirely understandable. All parents are deserving of every support from the state, society and their local community to help them welcome a new family member. Always when the life of the mother is at risk all assistance is given. Modern science and medicine have revealed so much about *'the nine month journey'* of pregnancy. By twenty eight days a tiny heartbeat can be recognised. By ten weeks the baby's form and shape is clearly recognisable with the vital organs in place. Today we are in a position to see photographic evidence of all of this. From the earliest days, parents and healthcare professionals alike speak of expecting a baby. As Christians our conviction is that the unborn child has a right to life. Christians are not alone in this. In every country of the world huge numbers of people, people of all faiths and of none, share this conviction regarding the unborn. It is wrong to terminate life, human life. The unborn child does not just become human at birth. The right to life of the unborn child is a fundamental right. Abortion is wrong. **"Love them both" - mother and child, Standing up for and defending this right to life of the unborn child is the heart of opposition to abortion.**

THE INTENTION OF OUR LEGISLATORS

Before Easter our Dáil and Seanad passed the necessary legislation for the Referendum and set Friday May 25th as the date. The Referendum proposal involves removing all protection for *"the right to life of the unborn"* from the Constitution and inserting the phrase *"Provision may be made by law for the regulation of termination of pregnancy"*. How could a person not but be sad to see such a phrase inserted in our Constitution? Looking at the Report of the Joint Oireachtas Committee on the 8th Amendment, and also at the legislation the Government has proposed if the Referendum is passed leads me to one conclusion: the majority of our TDs and Senators will support a system of abortion similar to Britain. Many of our smaller political parties and many individual TDs and Senators have repeatedly insisted that they will not rest until this is the case. In Britain, where in 1968 abortion was introduced for *'extreme cases'* only, each year in the region of 190,000 abortions are carried out, the equivalent of one in five of all pregnancies. The choice now facing the people of Ireland is stark.

CONCLUSION

The only conclusion that I personally can draw is: if Article 40.3.3 is removed from the Constitution, then within a short few years the position regarding abortion in Ireland will likely be similar to that of Britain. I urge all citizens to think deeply about this Referendum proposal. I encourage you to vote. I commend the work of Pro Life groups seeking to protect the right to life of the unborn child. Please give these groups what support you can. They seek to be the voice of the voiceless, a voice for unborn children. In doing so remember that this is an issue that is sensitive in the extreme. In all we say and do let us ever seek to speak and act gently, respectfully and sensitively. Please pray that the people of our country will choose to speak out in defence of life, the life of every innocent child growing in their mother's womb. **Bishop Ray Browne.**

FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS

Our prayerful good wishes to the children of Scoil Chorp Chríost who will be making their First Holy Communion on Saturday next 12th at 11am in Knockanure Church. Please God the weather will be kind. First Holy Communion for the children of Murhur N.S. will be on May 26th at 11am.