

# MOYVANE PARISH NEWSLETTER

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## Vigil and Sunday Masses - Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> and Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> April

**MOYVANE:** Sat 21<sup>st</sup> 7.30pm Richard Stack, Clounbrane (Anni), his wife Hanna & deceased of the Stack & Flaherty families

**KNOCKANURE:** Sun 22<sup>nd</sup> 10.00am Ita Guina, Castlemahon (Rec Dec) (grandmother to Mary Sweeney)

**MOYVANE:** 11.00am Michael Donal O'Sullivan (Rec Dec) (brother to Maureen Nolan & uncle to Liz O'Sullivan)



## Church of the Assumption Moyvane: Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> April

Wed 25<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm Special Intention

Fri 27<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm Jerry & Jenny O'Carroll & Christopher their son, New Houses

Sat 28<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm Margaret, Patrick & Oliver Carmody, Cuss (Anni)

Sun 29<sup>th</sup> 11.00am Nora Brosnan, Barragougeen (Anni) & deceased members of the Joy family

## Church of Corpus Christi Knockanure: Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> April

Sun 29<sup>th</sup> 10.00am Noreen & Patrick Sweeney, Kilmorna (Anni)

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PRIEST ON DUTY THIS SUNDAY: Fr. Seán Hanafin ☎ 087/8341083. Emergencies only.

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

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION MEETING: for all who attend Eucharistic Adoration in Moyvane on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> April at 7pm in the Sacristy. It is important that everyone attends this meeting.

LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTIONS: Offertory €1,332.85; Trócaire €754.24; Dues €340. Very many thanks for your generosity.

SECOND COLLECTION: At all Masses next weekend 28<sup>th</sup> / 29<sup>th</sup> in aid of Peter's Pence (Pope's Charity).

PRAYERS & SYMPATHY: To Clodagh Donegan Ward & the Donegan family on the death of Clodagh's grandmother Emer Ward, Tarbert whose funeral took place in Tarbert on Friday. To the Kennelly family on the sudden death of Teresa whose funeral took place on Friday in Knockanure. May Emer and Teresa Rest In Peace

5 WAYS TO PRAY FOR (AND WITH) YOUR FAMILY! As we prepare for Pope Francis' visit to the World Meeting of Families, why not join us as we explore old and new ways of prayer? Wednesday May 9<sup>th</sup> at 10am - 11.30am in the Parish Centre, Church of the Resurrection, Park Road, Killarney and again on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> May at 10.30am - 12noon in St. John's Parish Centre, Tralee. Aileen Murphy and Frances Rowland from the Diocesan Pastoral Team will host a time of prayer and reflection. All are welcome!

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

PIETA HOUSE - DARKNESS INTO LIGHT: Walk is taking place in Listowel on May 12<sup>th</sup> at 4.15am. Registration is online only @ <http://dil.pieta.ie>

ROAD WORKS UPDATE: Road works will continue next week between Moyvane and Knockanure. We would ask all road users to maintain a slow speed through the work area to keep the road open. We encourage all motorists to respect the green light and to travel slowly and respect workers. Thank you.

## RESPECT FOR LIFE IS DEEPLY EMBEDDED IN IRISH SOCIETY

The title 'mother' is possibly the most honoured title in the world today. Mothers are the most loved and respected in every culture, in every continent, in every country down through the ages. I well remember back in 1981 at my mother's deathbed when I asked the nurse "can you find a heartbeat?" I can still see the expression on the nurse's face as she turned to me and said; "No Father, I'm sorry".....life and heartbeat are inseparable. The question "can you find a heartbeat" is also asked in a different setting when a pregnant woman visits a pre-natal clinic. Coming as early as six weeks in her pregnancy as vivid evidence of ultrasound, the nurse's words "I can hear the heartbeat loud and clear" The beautiful vocation of motherhood begins with the beating of the child's heart and lasts for life. We must always care for the mother and the child. Responsible support must also come from the father. We must especially support women with crisis pregnancies. Human life is sacred and precious. Every human being must be treated with the greatest respect. This respect for life is shared by people of all faiths and none. While it is enriched in our Catholic faith it is our common humanity that convinces us of the right to life for every human being. Can I ask you to reflect on the witness of those who participate in the para-Olympic games who show us how people compete and excel in sports and use their gifts to the full. **Important to note** - the Catholic Church has never taught that the life of the child in the womb should be preferred to that of the mother. A doctor may give any treatment that is necessary to either mother or child without deliberately intending harm to the other. Abortion is the deliberate medical intervention to end the life of the unborn child. There is a danger that people may confuse abortion with necessary medical intervention. After thirty years, we are facing a referendum on abortion. Irish people are being asked to speak for the infants in the womb who have no voice to beg for protection for their lives, which are just beginning. I find it sad that in all political debates there is no alternative to abortion or the impact of abortion in England. Neither is there any mention of the 'rightness' or the 'wrongness' of human behaviour. All authorities on moral matters agree that the deliberate taking of a human life is always gravely wrong. We can be sure that if a society decides that a human life disposable at the beginning, it won't be too long before it decides the same for human life at its end. We will be asked in the referendum to remove the only remaining effective law to protect the unborn. I encourage you to take time to pray at this particular time as to how you will vote in the referendum. May Mary who gave birth to Jesus protect all mothers and all unborn babies, all medical and nursing staff and all who make the laws of our land. Please pray and reflect as you vote on the referendum. **"Ireland should be very proud of the 8<sup>th</sup> Amendment"** John Bruton, Former Taoiseach.

### KIND AND SO CARING - OUR GOOD SHEPHARD

For as long as I can remember the fourth Sunday of Easter has always been known as 'Good Shephard Sunday'. It has the same theme each year and always the Gospel of St. John. While Matthew, Mark and Luke wrote in great detail about Jesus, John was content to focus more generously on the love and kindness of Jesus as the ever faithful and caring Good Shephard who never leaves his flock unattended. Raised in a family of no religion, the boxer Frank Bruno became a Catholic impressed by what he experienced in a Catholic Boarding School. It was difficult and believed in boxing as a remedial subject for young men whose energies might otherwise remain undirected. Bruno confessed "I read the Bible ever since my days in Boarding School. I take the Bible with me wherever I go, I read the Bible every night, not much just a little, it makes me feel ok". Asked if he had a favourite passage without hesitation, Bruno replied 'The Good Shephard'. I really love it where Jesus tells us "*though I walk in the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil for you are there with me*". The accurate paraphrasing of the fourth verse of Psalm 23 is not what you'd expect from a boxer who had this quotation pinned on the wall of his training gym. Back in 2010, my late father died on Good Shephard Sunday, getting dressed and ready for Mass, he died suddenly and peacefully by his own fireside. Over the years the image of the Good Shephard has given me peace, consolation and assurance that at our most painful moments in life - He shepherds us in so many ways. The very sudden death of Teresa Kennelly has shocked and saddened the whole parish. Never was the blessing, care and love of our Good Shephard more needed at this sad and difficult time. At the tender age of 38, she leaves her loving partner Mick, her adoring children Daniel and Aoibhe, loving and tender parents Mike and Joan, brother Timmy, his wife Margaret and their children and all in the extended family. To all of them we extend our prayerful support and the blessings of the Good Shephard who remains with us always to help and to bless us. May Teresa rest gently in the loving presence of the Good Shephard.

