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### Church of the Assumption Moyvane - Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> June to Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> June

Sat 19 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Parishioners
Sun 20 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	Patrick McEnery (Anni) & Mai & Sonny Buckley, Listowel.
Tues 22 <sup>nd</sup>	7.30pm	Mary Brosnan, Coilagurteen (Anni)
Wed 23 <sup>rd</sup>	7.30pm	Special Intention
Thurs 24 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Timothy & Julia O'Flaherty, Moher (Anni)
Fri 25 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Kathleen Gallagher, Askeaton (1 <sup>st</sup> Anni)
Sat 26 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Jack Mulvihill, Woodgrove (Anni)
Sun 27 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	Jim Groarke, The Village (Anni), baby Anthony & deceased of the Groarke & McKenna families.



### Church of Corpus Christi Knockanure - Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> June

Sun 20 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Rubi McMahan, Washington D.C. & Nancy, Jack, Josie & Pádraig McMahan, Lisaniskea (Anni) & Jackie McMahan, Lisaniskea (Rec Dec)
Sun 27 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Pat Lynch, Carrueragh (Anni) & deceased family members.

**PRIEST ON DUTY THIS SUNDAY:** Fr. Brendan Walsh ☎ 087/7913271. **Emergencies only.**

**OFFERTORY & DUES & SHRINES:** Offertory €1,380.58; Dues €1,570; Shrines Moyvane €202;

Your continual generous financial support is deeply appreciated. Very many thanks.

### **CONGRATULATIONS FR. KEVIN!!**

On behalf of the Parish of Moyvane/Knockanure we would like to congratulate Fr. Kevin on his 40 years in priesthood. His decision to live a life of service to others is one that we are all so very grateful for.

Thank you for sharing with us the graces that our Lord has so richly blessed you with. We pray that this celebration is also a time of happy reflection; a time of satisfaction in the tremendous good you have accomplished, and a time warmed by the promise of the good you will accomplish in the years to come.

Thank you and congratulations.

*Michelle Mulvihill, Chairperson, Parish Pastoral Council.*

### **OUR SON TAUGHT US HOW TO LOVE**

John Killinger tells a moving story about a couple whose new born was mentally affected. They were crushed of course. Still, they loved him as they would any child of theirs. They built a bedroom with glass walls so that wherever they were in the house they would be able to keep an eye on him. For seventeen years, the mother slept next to the boy with her hand next to his heart. If he ever started having trouble breathing, she would be able to wake up and resuscitate him. For seventeen years, they lived this way. One sad day however, a neighbour's girl fell from a tree and hurt her arm. The mother left her son to rush the girl to the hospital. As she was standing in the emergency room of the hospital with the little girl her husband came in carrying the body of their son. He had died while she was at the hospital. His Dad had tried in vain to revive him. As their son lay before them in them in peace, the parents cried. But they gave thanks to God for the gift of their son. "For" his Mum said, "he taught us how to love". I can tell you from experience, learning to love is the greatest healing that faith can bring about. Have you been healed in this way? I most certainly have.

### **A WIDER VIEW OF THE SACRED HEART (continued from last week)**

In last week's Newsletter, we gave an account the speakers at the Novena up until Wednesday. As promised here is an account of our final two speakers: On Thursday, Brenda Fitzmaurice made us movingly aware of the promises made to St. Margaret Mary regarding all who have devotion to the Sacred Heart. It was a beautiful call for all of us to remain close to the Sacred Heart. Final night, Friday we were delighted to have Bishop Paul from Achonry. The story he shared touch me deeply. All too often we are quick to make judgements about those who can and who can't receive Holy Communion. I asked him to speak because he wrote me a personal handwritten letter after my appearance on the 'Confessors'. It's a letter I will always cherish forever. A huge thank you to all of our speakers over the nine days who made our Novena so special. I will celebrate a Mass for their intentions in the coming weeks. Details next week as to how to find the talks on social media.

### **TEN SECOND SERMONS**

- An old-timer is one who remembers when charity was a virtue and not an organization.
- Health is not valued till sickness comes.
- Much happiness is overlooked because it doesn't cost anything.

## TWO PROBLEMS WITH FIRST COMMUNION OR CONFIRMATION

First Holy Communion or Confirmation can create one of two problems. They can hit the pocket or the conscience. While the day costs too much money, I'm not as critical of that as I used to be. The harder the times, the more we need the occasional blow out, the to-hell -with-poverty splash. Families are under such pressure that First Holy Communion or Confirmation can be as good a safety valve as the next. The conscience question is more difficult. It is easily stated, not so easily solved. It centres around those parents who are not practising their religion. Some parents don't bother much with Church because they think that the whole thing is nonsense. Others don't bother because it is irrelevant to their way of life. Either way, should they go along with all the preparations up to taking part in the Mass and going to Holy Communion? Or is it the more honourable thing to refuse to let the child go through with an invitation into something that, later on, the parents won't support the child in living out?



### THE SACRAMENTS ARE MORE THAN A JUNIOR DEBS BALL!

Not easy..... It would be easy if the Sacraments were simply social occasions - a kind of Junior Debs Ball or an Irish language course in the Gaeltacht. Events in a child's life where a parent can fork out the cost without actually believing in the value of the event, happenings with a life of their own, irrespective of the values of the parents. If the Sacraments were just that, then there would be no problems with First Holy Communion or Confirmation. They would be just pleasant markers along the growing years of a child, souvenir days for the photo album. The Sacraments are more than that. They are a further invitation into a way of life, a deeper insertion into a community that is trying its best to follow the Christian life. With each new Sacrament comes the promise that you will get the example and encouragement of the community in living that life. The first community that you have the right to expect support from is your own family. That's the crux. An increasing number of families either cannot or will not give that support. That should create a problem for themselves, for the teachers and for the Priest at First Holy Communion time. I deliberately said 'should' because in practise it is a problem that seldom gets faced up to honestly. We hold First Holy Communion talks for parents and say nice things to them about their children and what the teachers are telling them in school. All the time we know in our hearts and souls that the room is full of adult questions about faith, about Mass and about the place of Confession in their own lives. We know that the parents also know that, but on all sides, there is a hesitancy to face facts and use the occasion for a bit of honest adult religious discussion.

### GRANNIES HAVE A BIG INFLUENCE

I have been involved in a fair number of talks to parents before First Holy Communion and now I have my doubts about their long-term value, especially in big towns. In the rural Parish there is still a solid community set-up. Couples live near parents and grannies have a big influence. Children are swept along by a culture that hand on faith as naturally as it does the local accent. The tide flows in the direction of practice. The Parish agnostic stands out and any irreligious convictions that he has are liable to be put down to the fact that his family were always an odd crowd anyway. Housing estates are a different kettle of fish. You get the strong sense of an uprooted people when you face an audience of First Communion parents from these new urban areas - the other Ireland and the new Ireland. Apart from the constant shock of how young these parents are, there is the fact that they are struggling with so many new experiences. They are adrift, not just from traditional Church values but from the whole network of relationships in which they grew up in. It is easy for these young parents to lose sight of the kind of Church that they grew up in and to drift into fulfilling their mother's worst fears about not going to Mass. It isn't badness. Just that the social tide sweeps their parish sisters and brothers away. Then comes First Communion - confusion, perhaps guilt. Then conscience may raise questions about hypocrisy. Ignore these questions. Take part in your child's big day. The Christian life isn't like ice skating with its compulsory elements and its merciless scoreboard. This is not the style of the Jesus who died on the Cross so that you and I might learn about God's patience, love and forgiveness. This year the First Holy Communion will be held in Knockanure on Sat 11<sup>th</sup> September and in Moyvane on Sat 18<sup>th</sup> September.

### FATHER'S DAY IN THE PARISH THAT KEEPS ON GIVING

Delighted to gift Dads this Sunday with a special gift at all Masses. Have an enjoyable and grace filled day. Dads you do a great job! Blessings and you to you today and always. Keep your cards close to your chest with the unique gift you receive! Today is a very special day for me too, keep me in your prayers.