

Fr. Kevin McNamara, P.P. ☎ 089/4044816. Presbytery & Office ☎ 068/49308; Secretary: Jacqueline. Assumption Radio 99.9fm from Moyvane Church. Mass cards available in the Parish Office and Holly's. Parish Office: Mon & Thurs 10am - 12noon, Tues & Fri 10am - 1pm. Wed Closed.

Church of the Assumption Moyvane - Saturday 15th to Sunday 23rd May- Radio

Sat 15 th	7.30pm	David Foley, Kilbaha (Anni) & deceased of the Foley & O'Connor families
Sun 16 th	11.00am	Anne Prendiville, Carrueragh (1 st Anni)
Mon 17 th	7.30pm	Mike Dore, Woodgrove (Anni)
Tues 18 th	7.30pm	Maura O'Connor, Aughrim (Anni)
Wed 19 th	7.30pm	Irene Dempsey, Dublin (1 st Anni)
Thurs 20 th	7.30pm	Paddy Moriarty, Ardfert (RIP)
Fri 21 st	7.30pm	Sr. Bridget Windle, l/o Upper Aughrim (Rec Dec)
Sat 22 nd	7.30pm	Angela Kearney, The Village (Months Mind)
Sun 23 rd	11.00am	Bridie Cambell, Aughrim & UK (Anni)



Church of Corpus Christi Knockanure - Sunday 16th to Sunday 23rd May - Tannoy

Sun 16 th	9.30am	Noreen & Pat Sweeney, Knockanure (Anni)
Sun 23 rd	9.30am	Mary O'Carroll, Knockanure at the request of Knockanure Community Centre & Tidy Towns.

PRIEST ON DUTY THIS SUNDAY: Fr. Michael Hussey ☎ 087/2386084. Emergencies only.

OFFERTORY, SHRINES & DUES: Offertory €1,489.96; Shrines Moyvane €201.60; Dues €170. Thank you.

ROSARY: I will pray the Rosary this Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 4pm on the Radio 99.9fm. The Church will be open if anyone would like to come and pray it with me.

PRAYERS & SYMPATHY: To Michael Mahony & family, Coolaclarig on the very untimely death of his loving wife Assumpta whose funeral took place in Listowel last week. This is a very difficult time for the all the family. Her daughter-in-law Deborah O'Flaherty teaches here in Murhur N.S. Our prayerful support to all at this time. To Lilly McMahan & family, Lisanskea on the death of her loving husband Jackie. Jackie was an older brother to Fr. Tom who celebrated his brother's Mass in Knockanure last Monday. Our prayerful support to the family at this time. To the White family, Athea on the death of their loving mother Madge whose funeral took place in Athea on Monday. Madge was a great listener into 99.9fm with her family. Our prayerful support to the White family at this time. May Assumpta, Jackie and Madge rest in peace.

NOTICES

NIARON LTD: Work finished at the joint bay 1km North of Moyvane on Wednesday May 12th. Works at the joint bay south of Moyvane River will continue until May 21st. We Apologize for any inconvenience caused and continue to thank you for your patience and cooperation.

MOYVANE DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION: Pick Up After Your Dog: Please ensure that you clean up after your dogs while out walking. KWD County Wide Clean Up: Clean-up is planned for May 22-30 & the event this year must be held in compliance with current government Public Health advice. Therefore no groups are allowed. Clean ups must be limited to family groups/pods only. As in previous years for clean ups we would encourage volunteers to target their own areas/roads over the coming months, not just the dates above. Most important to note, hand washing and sanitizing should take place before and after clean ups & volunteers should use their own gloves and litter pickers. MDA has registered with KWD for additional litter pickers, bags etc. These items will be available from Ursula or any of the committee.

THE ART OF LIFE

A young son and his mother gather at a rural Marian Grotto these May evenings. They pray the Rosary aloud. Both have been hit with sudden illness recently. They find something extra special, just by praying the Rosary these May evenings at their Holy Well (Grotto). Their current experience made me think - The art of life. Childhood must pass away and then youth, as surely as age approaches. The true wisdom is to be always seasonable and to change with good grace in changing circumstances. To love playthings well as a child, to lead an adventurous and honourable youth and to settle when the time arrives into a green and smiling age is to be a good artist in life and deserve well of yourself and your neighbour. We all need to live in the now. That's the art of life.

COME BACK TO MASS.....AND MORE

The traditional obligation for Catholics to attend Mass every Sunday was lifted here in Ireland and virtually all over the world more than fourteen months ago. So the familiar distinction between practising and non-practising Catholics was suspended. Here in our part of God's Kingdom, the Doorway of Hope and the Holy Hut in Knockanure kept the live line with Mass alive. Now that we are back one week and please God we will remain back with a congregation for Masses, it is difficult to gauge as to how we will move forward as a 'NEW' Church from here on. There are three groups of people that I must find new ways of reaching:

- Those who have simply lost the habit of Sunday Mass.
- Those who are not sure they see the point of Mass or Church anymore.
- And those who have encountered funerals and You Tube Masses and Assumption Radio during the pandemic (The Covid Curious).

Starting with the above (last group first) so many from this group were in touch from around the country and beyond giving such encouraging and uplifting comments and suggestions. They were attracted to what they had found. Will that group still stay linked to Church? As for the other two groups I honestly feel the whole idea of bringing back Sunday obligation will not wash with them. For most it would have the opposite effect. Participation in Holy Eucharist is the font and summit of a Catholic's spiritual and moral life and Mass attendance on Sundays and Holy Days is the mark of Catholics identity. The beautiful gift of Holy Communion is the Bread of Life and such nourishing food for life's journey. We need it now more than ever. The principal events in the life of the universal Church during C19 have included Pope Francis' encyclical Fratelli Tutti and his call for dialogue between faiths during his powerful visit to Iraq. Across the water in England and Wales and Bishops under the banner of Caritas, collected and distributed huge sums of money for relief of hardship, especially for families and children in poverty and hunger providing breakfast and school meals for them.

Here in Ireland our Bishops were slow off the mark, we were told the four Archbishops from the four provinces were meeting the Government on a regular basis. However, there was no feedback from these meetings to the rest of us and these meetings seemed to have petered out. This resulted in every parish having to fend for themselves. Apart from streamed Masses, there seemed to be little else forthcoming. No effort was made to engage with college students or with the youth in general. We didn't receive any clear moral direction as how to go through the C19 crisis from a Church perspective. The Government were calling all the shots.

I am in awe of our young folk in how they have adapted to the new way of education. I met a young parishioner during the week who told me in September (please God) she will be starting her second year in college and she has never met any students in her class and has never been inside the building. I have forgotten and failed to help this age group. Maybe our Church and myself need to do a lot more than simply inviting people of all ages back to Mass. Pray that we can support encourage and guide each other back to Catholic basics. But how?

NEVER IF.....

NEVER say I love you if you don't really care.
NEVER talk of feelings if they aren't really there.
NEVER hold my hand if you mean to break my heart.
NEVER say forever if you ever plan to part.
NEVER look into my eyes if you are telling me a lie.
NEVER say hello if you think you'll say goodbye.
NEVER say that I'm the one if you dream of someone else.
NEVER say the words if they're not true unto yourself.

**Say what
you mean.**

**Mean what
you say.**

WHEN FREEDOM'S SWORD WAS DRAWN - THE 'TROUBLED TIMES' IN NORTH KERRY

The above is a new book published by Martin Moore, Tralee. The Gortaglanna ambush sparked a wider response throughout all of Kerry in the months following, May 1921. This book records those events in great detail which will be of immense interest to the people of Moyvane and Knockanure and indeed throughout Kerry. It is a very easy book to read and it is most informative.

THANK YOU: A huge thank you to you all for our first week back into our Churches. Your understanding and cooperation is deeply appreciated. I am really grateful to all our stewards for volunteering to do this work and they are doing it excellently. Míle Buíochas! May Jesus continue to bless and protect us in our new beginnings.