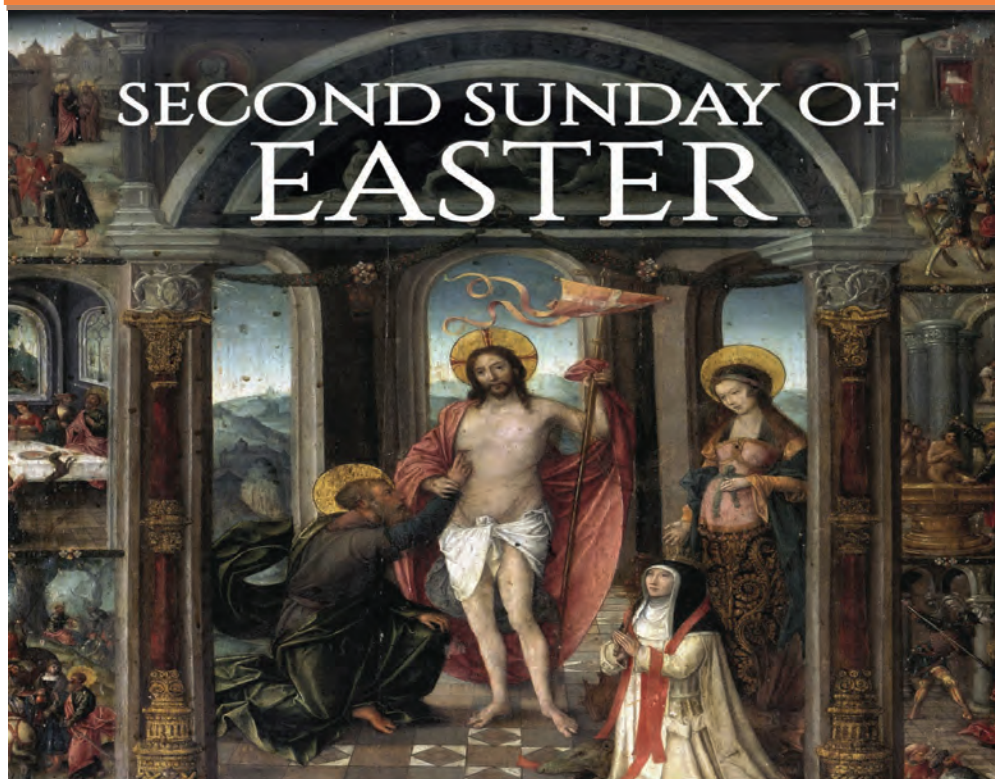


# Parish Newsletter

8th April 2018

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Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."  
- Jn 20:28-29

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Monday 9th April 75th Anniversary of our Parish.



## ANNIVERSARY MASS

**MASSSES: SUNDAY:** Vigil, 6.30p.m., 9.00a.m., 10.30a.m. (Family Mass ), 12 noon. **PASTORAL AREA SUNDAY EVENING MASS 7pm IN CRUMLIN. MONDAY – SATURDAY 10.00a.m. Confessions** after 10.00a.m. Mass Saturdays or on request. **Parish Office** Monday to Friday 9.15am—1.00pm, Monday to Wednesday 2.00pm—5.00pm. Closed Thursday and Friday afternoons.





"If the Eighth Amendment is repealed it will have an impact, not only on the general public, but those of us working in the health sector whose duty is always to save lives."

Eilish Butler, 27, is a nurse from Innishannon, Co. Cork >



**Eilish's Story** "The possibility of unrestricted abortion access up to 12 weeks is a major concern for me and many other nurses on the wards. We are shocked, and nervous, that abortion could be available in Ireland up to full term of pregnancy in some instances.

"Science shows us the humanity of the unborn child. A unique human life begins at conception. Our gender, fingerprints, freckles, eye colour and blood type are determined at that moment.

"The heartbeat is detectable just 21 days after conception. At five weeks, a baby's eyes, ears and nose are forming. The brain is dividing into distinct segments and the buds that will become the legs and arms are growing. At seven weeks the baby moves for the first time. Fingers, toes and eyelids are almost completely formed. By week 12, all vital organs are formed and the baby can clearly be seen kicking and leaping about on 12-week ultrasound scans.

"On April 27, it will be 51 years since the 1967 UK Abortion Act was introduced. Today, in England and Wales 185,000 abortions happen every year, with one in five pregnancies now ending in abortion. If the Eighth Amendment is repealed, Ireland will go from a country that cherishes and protects the lives of mothers and babies *equally* in pregnancy, to a country where unborn babies have no legal protection at all.

"At present doctors, nurses and other healthcare professionals work to protect the lives and health of their two patients, mother and baby. If the Eighth Amendment is repealed it will have an impact on both the general public and those of us working in the health sector."

## What can I do?

Why not express your views on Ireland's culture of life on social media in a compassionate way? Don't forget to use #ChooseLife as the hashtag!

## Your Questions

### What happens if a pregnant woman's life is at risk?

If a seriously ill pregnant woman needs life-saving medical treatment which may, as a secondary effect, put the life of her baby at risk, such treatments are always ethically permissible provided every effort has been made to save the life of both mother and baby. Abortion is the *direct and intentional* ending of the life of an unborn baby. The Catholic Church upholds that necessary medical intervention to save the life of a pregnant woman, which results in the unintended death of her unborn baby, is never considered an abortion.

### What if the baby dies?

If a baby dies as a result of life-saving medical treatment to save the life of a pregnant woman, it is extremely sad and a tragic outcome. If the intention of the doctor is not to directly and intentionally end the baby's life, then this is not an abortion.

**We remember**

**John Satelle,  
and**

**Annie Farrell  
who died recently  
MAY THEY REST  
IN PEACE**

## Church Collections

**w/e 24th/25th March**

**1st Priests: € 1039**

**2nd : €820**

**Envelope Collection:  
€1180**

## PARISH LOTTO

Development Fund

There was no winner of last week's Jackpot.

The winning numbers were  
**Lotto Nos 11, 27, 30, 31**  
**Jackpot €7700**

Congratulations to last week's winners of the three €20 Prizes. The Draw takes place on Tuesday morning

after 10 a.m. Mass.  
Entries for the Lotto draw each week must be put into the safe in the church by 11.00a.m. on Mondays. All are welcome to attend the draw.

## Entrance Hymn

**Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!**

**Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!**

**Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!**

**Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!**

**Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!**

**Unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia!**

**Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!**

**Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!**

**But the pains which he endured, Alleluia!**

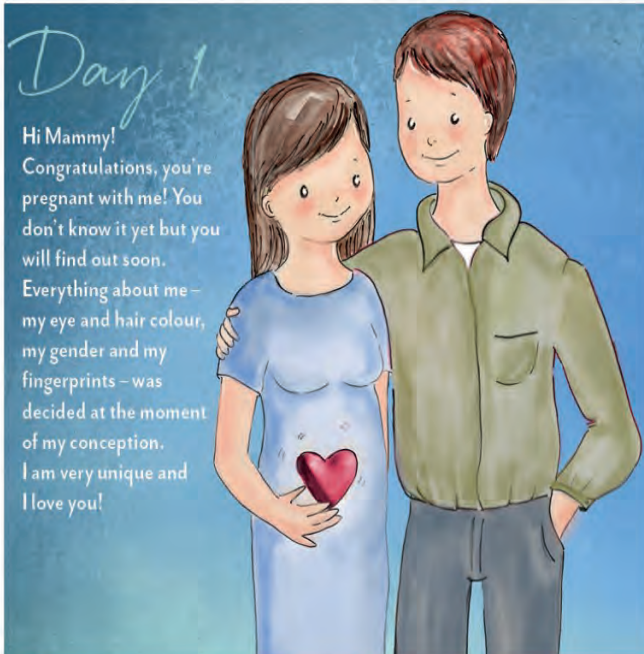
**Our salvation have procured, Alleluia!**

**Now above He reigns as King, Alleluia!**

**Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!**







Hi Mammy!  
Congratulations, you're pregnant with me! You don't know it yet but you will find out soon. Everything about me – my eye and hair colour, my gender and my fingerprints – was decided at the moment of my conception. I am very unique and I love you!

Over the coming weeks we will be following the development of Baby Bump based on pregnancy milestones from conception up to 12 weeks.

## Church teaching

### The unborn child is a person

There is no moment as significant as the moment of conception in terms of defining the beginning of personal existence. Everything else is simply the process of growth and development of a person who has already embarked on the wonderful journey of life.

It is illogical to consider a newborn child to be a person deserving human rights and, on the other hand, an unborn child to be a non-person undeserving of human rights.

For Christians, there is no conflict between faith and reason. Reason leads us to recognise the continuity of human life, from conception to natural death, and faith allows us to see each person as having their origin in God and their fulfilment in eternal life.

## Modern science

### A window into the womb

Amazing advances in ultrasound technology reveal the humanity of the unborn child. By day 21, a baby's heart is beating. At just six weeks, the baby's eyes and eyelids, nose, mouth and tongue have formed.

By week 8, everything found in a fully grown person is developing. By week 12, fingerprints and fingernails appear. The baby's lips can open and close. Babies can yawn, swallow and suck. They have 20 tiny teeth buds in their gums and can be seen kicking and leaping about in the womb.

All of this is happening even before the mother's bump starts to show.



"I wasn't with my girlfriend long when she got pregnant. I was so stressed out. A friend recommended Cura. It really helped to talk to someone who didn't know me personally. I'm working through things now with my girlfriend" Michael, 35.

Cura is an agency of the Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference which supports women experiencing unplanned pregnancies. If you need Cura's help call 1850 622 626 or visit [Cura.ie](http://Cura.ie)

"HUMAN LIFE IS SACRED and begins at the moment of conception. Once it begins life should be allowed to flourish and to continue until its natural end.

This is the view of the Catholic Church, of people of different faiths and by those who consider the protection of life as an issue of fundamental human rights. The Eighth Amendment of the Constitution upholds the equal right to life of both mother and her unborn baby; and its removal would mean that some lives will become less valuable than others.



Excerpt from the Pastoral Message of Bishop Francis Duffy of Ardagh and Clonmacnois

## Family Prayer

We pray for our children wherever they may be asking Jesus, Mary and Joseph to watch over and guard them throughout their lives and that the faith we have passed on to them may sustain them through all that life will put before them. Amen.

A Prayer for Children from The Family Book of Prayers

To access videos, testimonies and frequently asked questions visit [www.chooselife2018.ie](http://www.chooselife2018.ie)

# WHAT'S ON

## MONDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> APRIL:

The Parish is 75 years old today - Mass at 10.00am . Anniversary Cake following!

**Do this in Memory** and Confirmation Parent Leaders meeting in the Pastoral Space at 7.00pm

**Baptism Preparation** meeting at 7.30pm

## TUESDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> APRIL:

**Mercy Associates** at 10.30am in the Oratory

**Legion of Mary** at 2.30pm in the Pastoral Space

## THURSDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> APRIL:

**Come and meet your fellow Pilgrims on the Parish Pilgrimage to Rome, Assisi & Genazzano** at 7.30pm in the Pastoral Space. Tickets will be distributed and Itinerary finalised. Light Refreshments.

## FRIDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> APRIL:

**Eucharistic Prayer Group** 2.30-3.30pm in the Oratory

## Recessional Hymn

Alleluia, Alleluia

Give thanks to the risen Lord

Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to His name

Spread the good news o'er all the earth

Jesus has died and has risen



*We have been crucified with Christ  
Now we shall live forever  
Come let us praise the living God  
Joyfully sing to our Saviour*





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