

Parish Newsletter

22nd April 2018

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4th SUNDAY OF EASTER

"I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. These also I must lead, and they will hear my voice, and there will be one flock, one shepherd." - Jn 10:17

JOHN'S LANE CHURCH

FEAST OF OUR MOTHER OF GOOD COUNSEL

THURSDAY 26th APRIL 2018




The Triduum in preparation for the Feast begins on Monday 23rd April with Masses at 11.00 a.m. and 3.00 p.m. Feast Day Mass at 11.00 a.m. ONLY

Rosary will be recited each day beginning 15 minutes before Mass commences

Preacher: Fr. Declan Brennan OSA

Our Lady of Good Counsel,
Pray for us.



PRAYER FOR LIFE

Prayer of Intercession for the retention of the 8th Amendment.
with
Sr. Briege McKenna OSC

Wednesday 23rd May 2018.
7.30pm—10pm. Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, Mourne Road, Drimnagh, Dublin 12.

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Mass 7.30pm followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Rosary, Chaplet of the Divine Mercy, Testimony, concluding with Prayer for Healing and Benediction.

Luas Red Line Drimnagh, 5 minutes walk up Sperrin Rd. Buses 122 Jct. Mourne Rd and Sperrin Road and 123 Jct. Galtymore Road and Sperrin Road. Car Parking in Church Grounds. www.mourneroad.ie

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Celebrate Together

75th Celebration Concert

18th May @ 7:30pm

Our Lady of Good Counsel Church,
Mourne Road,

The concert features our Parish Choir
supporting
The Alzheimer's Day Centre,
Curlew Road



Tickets €10 from the Parish Office, at the door on the night or after 12 mass on Sundays at the middle and end of the church. The concert is part of our year-long festivities and the choir are joined by a host of guest artists performing everything from Elvis to musicals to light opera.



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.

"It is not easy to be pro-life as a medical student. Some may criticise my stance, others may support me, but I chose a career in medicine to save lives."

Clare Crowley, 27, is a final year medical student at the University of Limerick >



Clare's Story "For as long as I can remember abortion has been a divisive issue in Ireland. At times, it is not easy to hold pro-life views as a medical student. I, like many other medical students, decided to pursue a career in medicine to help people and save lives. It is very easy to claim to be pro-choice, but committing the act is starkly different.

"I have read and heard the testimonies of doctors in other countries who have, and who continue to conduct abortions. It makes for very bleak reading. Initially an emotional conflict often exists, a tug of war between the woman's right to choose versus the humanity of the unborn baby. In time this conflict of conscience is slowly eroded and one becomes completely desensitised to the unborn baby, irrespective of the stage of pregnancy.

"Ireland has an excellent maternal care record. Despite the many faults of our broken healthcare system, this is a fact we should be very proud of. During my training, I have witnessed the amazing work of all those who are involved in caring for pregnant women from GPs to midwives and obstetricians. All deserve great credit for their unwavering work and dedication.

"Best obstetric care advocates caring for two patients – the pregnant woman and her unborn baby. Irrespective of the circumstances of pregnancy, a doctor has a duty to care for the health and wellbeing of both.

"Some pregnancies are planned, some unplanned and some even unwanted. In such instances, a woman needs compassionate care and support. The Eighth Amendment gives women in unplanned pregnancies time, instead of hastening into a rash decision they may later regret."

What can I do?

Be informed and prepared to have conversations with others about Ireland's culture of life. Visit www.chooselife2018.ie for ideas to start conversations!

Your Questions

What is the Eighth Amendment?

The wording of the Eighth Amendment reads as follows:

"The State acknowledges the right to life of the unborn and, with due regard to the equal right to life of the mother, guarantees in its laws to respect, and, as far as practicable, by its laws to defend and vindicate that right".

This is a declaration to respect, defend and vindicate the equal right to life of a mother and her unborn child. It enshrines in Irish law a deep conviction that every human life is precious, equal and worth cherishing.

What will happen if the Eighth Amendment is repealed?

If the Eighth Amendment is repealed the right to life for unborn children in Ireland will be without any constitutional protection. This would radically change the law, for all unborn children and indeed for all of us, that the right to life is a fundamental human right.



We remember
Brian Hamilton
&
Mary Brennan
who died recently
MAY THEY REST
IN PEACE

Church Collections

w/e 14th/15th April

1st Priests: **€876**

2nd : **€725**

Envelope Collection:
€1475

PARISH LOTTO

Development Fund

There was no winner of last week's Jackpot.

The winning numbers were

Lotto Nos 9, 12, 22, 31

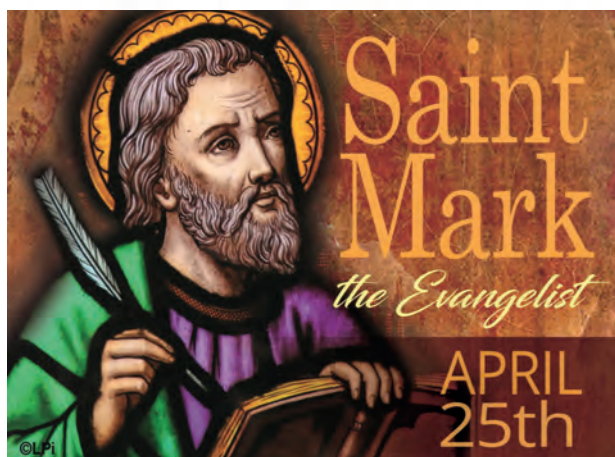
Jackpot €7900.00

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

Hail Redeemer, King divine!

Priest and Lamb, the throne is thine;
 King, whose reign shall never cease,
 Prince of everlasting peace.

Angels, saints and nations sing :

*"Praise be Jesus Christ our King;
 Lord of life, earth, sky and sea,
 King of love on Calvary!"*

SING
Hallelujah

Eucharistic King, what love

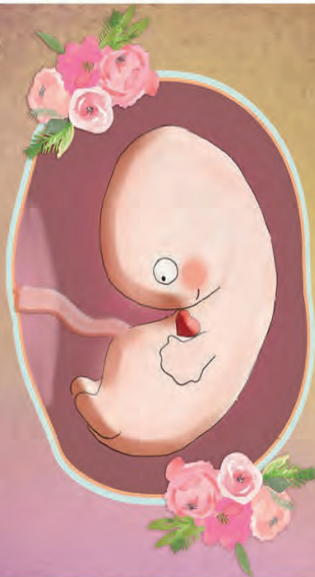
Draws thee daily from above,
 Clad in signs of bread and wine :
 Feed us, lead us, keep us thine!

King, whose name creation thrills,

Rule our hearts, our minds, our wills;
 Till in peace, each nation rings
 With Thy praises, King of kings

Week 5!

Hi Mammy!
We're now connected by our umbilical cord. There is a lot going on inside and outside my tiny body. My brain has divided into distinct segments and my nervous system, spine, lungs and liver have started to form. I have tiny buds that will one day be my arms and legs. If you could see me you'd see the beginnings of my nose, eyes and ears. I hope I get your good looks!



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

Church teaching

The Power of Language from *Two Lives, One Love*

Words like 'foetus', 'embryo' and 'zygote' are scientific terms but are used in debates to dehumanise unborn children in a way which seeks to normalise abortion. These terms are misleading when they are used to suggest the unborn child is not a human being from the moment of conception.

Reasons to cherish a culture of life

The unborn child is one of us

Advances in 4D ultrasound technology are a real window into the womb.

By Day 21, a baby's heart is beating. Facial features are starting to form from week four. At just six weeks, the baby's eyes and eyelids, nose, mouth and internal organs have developed in their basic form.

From week eight the nervous system is beginning to respond. From week nine the baby can yawn and swallow and from week 12 the baby can suck its thumb. This is all happening before the mother's bump is showing.

Abortion rates in other countries

When abortion becomes legal in a country, it becomes more acceptable.

In England and Wales, 1 in 5 pregnancies end in abortion every year. Over 185,000 abortions were carried out in 2016 according to the *Department of Health UK*. France and Spain also have an abortion rate of 1 in 5. Italian and Portuguese *Ministry of Health* figures reveal a rate of 1 in 6. Sweden's abortion rate is 1 in 4. There is every reason to believe that, if legalised, Irish abortion rates would rapidly rise as they have in other countries.

"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 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 an unborn child. There is a danger that people may confuse abortion with necessary medical intervention. Under the Eighth Amendment, no life-saving treatment is ever, or legally can ever, be denied to an expectant mother."



Excerpt from the Pastoral Message of Bishop John Buckley of Cork and Ross

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

WHATS ON

SUNDAY 22ND-FRIDAY

27RD APRIL: PARISH 75TH Anniversary Pilgrimage to Assisi, Rome and Genazzano. **MON-**

DAY 23RD APRIL: Choir Practise at 7.45pm in the Choir Gallery. **TUESDAY 24TH**

APRIL: Legion of Mary at 2.30pm in the Pastoral Space.

THURSDAY 26THTH APRIL: **FEAST OF OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL. FRIDAY**

27TH APRIL: Eucharistic Prayer Group 2.30-3.30pm in the Oratory

Family Carers Are you caring for a family member at home? A spouse, a partner or a close relative or neighbour? - become a member of Family Carers Ireland and benefit from a local and national network that helps family carers who need advice and that informs and influences government policy relating to home-based care. As a member you can also avail of our exclusive deals. For more information call 05793 22920 or visit our website www.familycarers.ie

Sacristan & Church Cleaner – St Francis Xavier's, Gardiner Street is seeking the appropriate person to fill job of Church Cleaner and Sacristan. 8am to 1pm Monday to Friday. Please submit CV and references to: The Parish Priest, St Francis Xavier's Church, Upper Gardiner Street, Dublin D01RK07 or by email to sfx@jesuit.ie

Job Opportunity for a Parish Pastoral Worker - St Michael's Parish, Inchicore: Fr. Louis McDermott OMI, Parish Office, 52A Bulfin Road, Inchicore, Dublin 8. Telephone: 01 4531660 or email: stmichaelsparishomi@gmail.com Closing date is Tuesday 24th April 2018,



"When I thought I might be pregnant I did the test in my local Cura centre. My counsellor sat and talked with me about the results. I went back a few times and I brought my mam. It was a really tough time but going to Cura definitely helped" Emma, 21.

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

Recessional Hymn

How lovely on the mountains are the feet of Him
Who brings good news, good news
Announcing peace proclaiming news of happiness

Our God reigns x 4

It was our guilt and sin that bruised and wounded Him
It was our sin that brought Him down
Out from the tomb He came with grace and majesty
He is alive, He is alive
He's alive x 4



New book examining the Eighth Amendment 'Whistle-Blower: Life Death, Hope and the Eighth Amendment' by Fr. Pádraig McCarthy is available from Veritas and other bookstores for €5. The author, Fr. Pádraig McCarthy, is a retired priest of the Archdiocese.



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