

Parish Newsletter

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ANNIVERSARY MASS

5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

GROW

"I am the true vine,
and my Father is
the vine grower."

- Jn 15:1A



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.

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Dr John Monaghan is a retired obstetrician and gynaecologist >



Dr Monaghan's Story "Doctors have always been faced with the care and management of a woman who develops serious illness when she is pregnant. Unfortunately, in these cases, because delivery has to be brought forward, the baby may lose his or her life.

"No doctor in Ireland has ever been accused of wrong doing for intervening in this way to save a mother's life. This intervention is not the same as performing an abortion which deliberately ends the life of the unborn child.

"There has been a lot of debate about the need to remove the Eighth Amendment to the Constitution in the interest of women's health. The amendment does not restrict doctors from acting to save a woman's life when a serious complication arises in pregnancy.

"The number of mothers who lose their life during pregnancy in Ireland is lower than it is in the UK and considerably lower than in the United States. People can be assured that Ireland is a very safe country to have a baby.

"The reasons for repealing the Eighth Amendment are not about healthcare, despite what is being claimed. Doctors are being asked to end pregnancies where both the mother and baby are healthy. This goes against the clear duty of a medical doctor to 'first do no harm' and a fundamental call to preserve life, not to end it. The health issue in this debate is being used as a lever to broaden the grounds for abortions which are not related to health.

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What can I do?

Why not follow Choose Life 2018 on Facebook and @ChooseLife2018 on Twitter and share our posts to help promote a culture of life online?

Your Questions

What will happen if the Eighth Amendment is repealed?

The Eighth Amendment protects the right to life of pregnant women and unborn babies *equally*. Without it, Ireland's abortion rate will rise dramatically. Statistics from the Department of Health UK reveal over 185,000 abortions were performed in 2016. When abortion was legalised in the UK in 1967, no one could have predicted that in just 50 years 1 in 5 British babies' lives would end in abortion every year. Similar rates are seen in Sweden (1 in 4), France and Spain (1 in 5), Italy and Portugal (1 in 6).

Why do abortions take place?

The UK statistics also show in 2016, 97% of abortions were performed in England and Wales for social reasons. Some 38% of the total number of abortions were performed on women who had at least one previous abortion. The rate of abortion was highest among women aged 22.



We remember
Joe Treacy
Geraldine (Ger)
Manifold
Bertha White
Brian McMahon
Peadar Quarney
who died recently
MAY THEY REST
IN PEACE

Church Collections w/e 21st/22nd April

1st Priests: **€778**
 Vocation Sunday: **€1097**

PARISH LOTTO

Development Fund

There was no winner of last week's Jackpot.

The winning numbers were

Lotto Nos 4, 5, 19, 29

Jackpot €8000.00

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

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



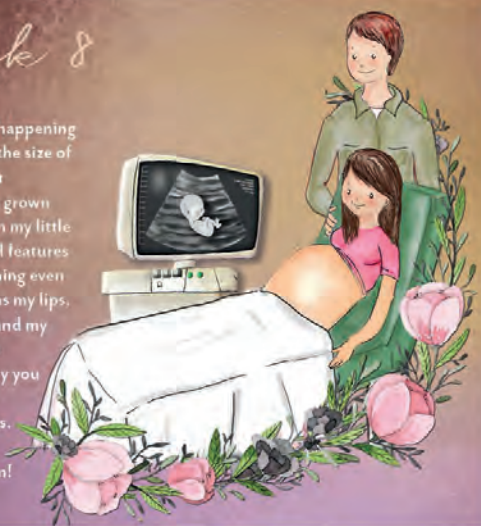
RECESSIONAL

O Virgin mother Lady of Good counsel
 Sweetest picture artist ever drew
 In all my doubts I fly to thee for guidance
 O Mother tell me what am I to do

By thy face to Jesus' face inclining
 Sheltered safely in thy mantel blue
 By His little arms around thee twining
 O mother tell me what am I to do

Week 8

Hi Mammy!
Guess what is happening this week. I'm the size of a raspberry but everything in a grown up is forming in my little body. My facial features are now becoming even more defined as my lips, nostrils, nose and my tongue all take shape. I'm sorry you have been sick in the mornings. You should feel better soon!



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 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 baby 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.

Human Rights Law

The right to life is shared internationally

"As long ago as 1924, the Geneva Declaration of the Rights of the Child stated that the child, by reason of his physical and mental immaturity, needs special safeguards and care, including appropriate legal protection, before as well as after birth".

"This statement was repeated in the 1959 UN Declaration on the Rights of the Child and in the 1990 UN Convention on the Rights of the Child.

"The view that an unborn child has the right to life is a view which is shared by millions across the world" – Baroness Nuala O'Loan.

"YOU AND I HAVE A RIGHT TO OUR life. It is not given to us by the Irish Constitution or by any law. We have it 'as of right' whether we are wealthy or poor, healthy or sick. All human beings have it. For us as a society to now declare that any category of human beings should have that right taken from them is a seriously backward step. It effectively says they don't exist or, if they do, they do not count. That is a manifest injustice. From conception on, a baby has within him or herself the full potential to be whatever destiny might allow."



Excerpt from the pastoral message of Bishop Alan McGuckian SJ of Raphoe. Read it in full on www.chooselife2018.ie

Family Prayer

Thank you Lord for all mothers
On this day let us think of them
Whether they are with us or gone
to their heavenly reward.
We think of their kindness
their compassion, their care for
us and all their unconditional love.
We pray that you will watch over
them and support them in the joys
and struggles of their daily lives.
We ask this through Christ our
Lord. Amen.

A Prayer for Mother's Day from
The Family Book of Prayers

To access videos,
testimonies and frequently
asked questions visit
www.chooselife2018.ie

WHATS ON

MONDAY 30TH APRIL:

Choir Practise at 7.45pm in
the Choir Gallery.

TUESDAY 1ST MAY:

Legion of Mary at 2.30pm in
the Pastoral Space

FRIDAY 4TH MAY:

FIRST FRIDAY—All those on
the Altar list of the Dead will be
remembered at the 10am Mass.

Eucharistic Prayer Group
2.30-3.30pm in the Oratory

1ST SATURDAY - 5TH MAY:

Devotions to Our Lady of
Fatima after the 10.00am Mass

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Monday—Friday 10.30am-
5.00pm in the Oratory.

The Parish Office—due to staff
holidays next week the office will be
closed on Wednesday afternoon, 2nd
May.



"After I had my baby, my friends
were all in college or working.
It was like we had nothing in
common anymore. I emailed
Cura and they put me in contact
with my local centre. I went to
see a counsellor a few times.
She was brilliant." Jenny, 22.

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

PRAYER FOR LIFE

Prayer of Intercession for the
retention of the
8th Amendment.
with
Sr. Brieghe 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.

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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.



Wed 2nd
May

St. Athanasius

Thurs
3rd May

Sts. Philip & James

Summer Buffet Dance

Our Lady's Hall

Saturday 26th May 2018
Doors open 7.30pm.
Buffet served at 8.30pm sharp
Tickets €20—available at Parish
Office. Proceeds to help raise
funds towards cost
of new windows in Our Lady's
Hall.

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