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Jubilee Pilgrimage to Assisi, Rome, Genazzano April 22 - 27.

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.



6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER
APPOINTED
 "It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain." - Jn 15:16A



We remember
Catherine O'Sullivan
Leslie O'Neill
who died recently
MAY THEY REST
IN PEACE

May, the Month of MARY



"O Mary, we crown you with blossoms today, Queen of the Angels, Queen of the May."
 - from a traditional Marian hymn

Church Collections
 w/e 28th/29th April

1st Priests: **€767**
 2nd Collection: **€607**

Envelopes: **€874**

PARISH LOTTO
 Development Fund

There was no winner of last week's Jackpot.

The winning numbers were **Lot- to Nos** 13, 21, 26, 28.

Jackpot €8,100.00 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.

Choose LIFE 2018

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 Choose Life 2018 @ChooseLife2018
 Find us online at www.chooselife2018.ie or contact us at info@catholicbishops.ie
 This newsletter is designed by the Catholic Communications Office. Its purpose is to encourage discussion in families on the value of every human life.

"We're in unprecedented times with constantly changing social and moral values. Our contribution to our families, the Church and society has never been more important."

Catherine Wiley, from Mayo, is founder of the Catholic Grandparents Association >




ESTIMATES WELCOME FROM LOCAL PROFESSIONAL PAINTERS AND DECORATORS FOR THE PAINTING OF THE OUTSIDE DOORS OF CHURCH AS PART OF REFURBISHMENT FOR OUR 75TH ANNIVERSARY. APPLY TO CANON JOHN C/O THE PARISH OFFICE.

Catherine's Story "As Catholic grandparents we love our grandchildren – those who are born and those waiting to be born. We believe it is only fair that they, like us, should be given their chance at life, however short or fragile it may be.

"We instinctively understand the challenges that face our daughters and our sons as parents because we have lived similar challenges in our own lives. The lasting happiness of our own children is of the utmost importance to us and we will do all that we can to support them in their own role as parents. There is no sacrifice that a loving grandparent will not make for their child or their grandchild. Family always comes first.

"We appreciate that abortion may sometimes seem to offer an immediate solution to a difficult situation. Quite apart from what it would do to our grandchildren, however, we cannot see how it could ever serve the lasting happiness of our children.

"We're living in unprecedented times with constantly changing social and moral values. Our contribution to the family, the Church and society was never as important. Sometimes we feel like we are failing. We can never fail if we keep praying, showing the way and passing on our faith.

"This is probably the most important job we will ever have and, for many of us, it may be our last. It is one from which we can never retire, so let us do our best. We owe it to our grandchildren. We simply want the best for them. We want them to be good people who make the world a better place, to know the difference between right and wrong and to be able to make informed moral decisions.

"I encourage all grandparents to turn to God's spirit of wisdom and courage and protect Ireland's culture of life for future generations."

What can I do?

Why not pray for expectant mothers and unborn children at 8am and/or 8pm every day? Prayer resources are available on www.chooselife2018.ie

Your Questions

What if my baby won't survive?
 Many parents who received this news and continued their pregnancy to term say the chance to hold and care for their child, even if just for a few moments, helped them to grieve and heal after their child passed away. They have memories that they cherish and are consoled knowing they did all they could to care for and love their sick baby. As a society, we should strive to increase and improve perinatal hospice care and support for these babies and their families.

As well as medical assistance what support is available?
One Day More and Every Life Counts are Irish charities which offer support to mothers and fathers of babies with life-limiting conditions. They enable families to make meaningful plans for their child's life, birth, and death, in a dignified way that honours the baby as well as the baby's family.

ENTRANCE

Come O Creator Spirit blest,
 And in our hearts take up Thy rest,
 Come with Thy grace and heavenly aid,
 To fill the hearts which thou hast made.

Great Paraclete to Thee we cry,
 O highest gift of God most high,
 O fount of life, O fire of love,
 And sweet anointing from above.

Drive far from us the foe we dread,
 And grant us Thy true peace instead,
 So shall we not, with Thee for guide,
 Turn from the path of life aside.

All glory while the ages run
 Be to the Father and the Son
 Who rose from death, the same to Thee
 O Holy Ghost eternally

Week 10

Hi Mammy!

In seven days, I doubled in size again! My fingers are now completely separated and my tiny fingernails are starting to appear. Taste buds are now starting to form on my tongue. My neck muscles are now developed and I can move my head back and forth. I'm extremely active at this stage. I can wave my arms, kick my legs and roll over now. Your womb is now a big playground for me to explore!



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

Church teaching

Irish Bishops' pastoral message: *Our Common Humanity*

"Every one of us has a right to our life. It is not given to us by the *Constitution of Ireland* 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 would be a shocking step. It effectively says that unborn children do not exist or, if they do, they do not count. That is a manifest injustice".

Reasons to cherish a culture of life

Life before birth

At the moment of conception, 23 chromosomes from the mother and 23 chromosomes from the father combine to create a new, unique human life. The combined 46 chromosomes contain the entire genetic blueprint of a new human life including gender, fingerprints, freckles, eye colour and blood type.

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

The first movements occur at seven weeks. From week eight the nervous system is beginning to respond. From week nine the baby can yawn. From week 12 the baby can suck its thumb.

A stunning slideshow highlighting the development of life in the womb up to 12 weeks is available to view on our website www.chooselife2018.ie.

"DRAWING ON CHURCH TEACHING from the earliest times, the Church states: 'Human life is sacred because

from its beginning, it involves the creative action of God and it remains forever in a special relationship with the Creator, who is its sole end. God alone is the Lord of life from its beginning until its end: no one can, under any circumstance, claim for himself the right directly to destroy an innocent human being'. I ask you today to remember that no referendum can change moral truth. None of us should ever have the power to decide the death of another."



Excerpt from the pastoral message of Bishop Denis Brennan of Ferns. Read it in full on www.chooselife2018.ie

Family Prayer

O Mary, Mother of the Life Within,
All life we entrust to you.
The life of every expectant mother
and the child within her womb.
the life of every human body
the life of every human soul
the life of every newborn child
and the life of all grown old.
You held the Lord to your own heart
and drew Him so close in.
So draw us now in all our needs
O Mother of the Life Within. Amen.

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

WHAT'S ON

TUESDAY 8TH MAY:

MERCY ASSOCIATES at 10.30am in the Oratory

LEGION OF MARY at 2.30pm in the Pastoral Space

FRIDAY 11TH MAY:

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER GROUP 2.30-3.30pm in the Oratory

2ND SATURDAY - 12TH MAY:

DEVOTIONS TO ST. PIO after the 10.00am Mass

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

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

Summer Buffet Dance

Our Lady's Hall

Saturday 26th May 2018

Doors open 7.30pm.

Buffet served at 8.30pm sharp

Music: 'The Good Times'

Tickets only €20—available from the Hall, Parish Office & Committee members.

Proceeds to help raise funds towards cost of new windows in Our Lady's Hall.



"I will never forget the effort my counsellor made with me when I experienced a crisis pregnancy. She helped me through some of the worst times of my life and I've come out the other side. I'm feeling stronger and better every day" Tara, 27.

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: All over the world the Spirit is moving All over the world as the prophet said it would be; All over the world there's a mighty revelation Of the glory of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea. All over the church the Spirit is moving All over the church as the prophet said it would be; All over the church there's a mighty revelation Of the glory of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea. All over this place the Spirit is moving All over this place as the prophet said it would be; All over this place there's a mighty revelation Of the glory of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea.

75th Drimmagh Parish Celebrate Together Concert



Good Counsel Choir & Guests. In Aid of the Alzheimer's Day Care Center Drimmagh.

Tickets €10 @ Parish Office & Church Door, Mourne Rd. Friday 18th May @ 7:30pm

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, Drimmagh, Dublin 12.



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 Drimmagh, 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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