

Parish Newsletter

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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.

1943 Mourne Road Parish 2018 Celebrating 75 YEARS Prayer & Events Get the parish newsletter or check website www.mourneroad.ie

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

"Our defence of the innocent unborn... needs to be clear, firm and passionate, for at stake is the dignity of a human life, which is always sacred and demands love for each person, regardless of his or her stage of development."

POPE FRANCIS
Gaudete et Exsultate

We remember
Margaret Smith,
Paul Ainscough
& Pat Cronin
who died recently
MAY THEY REST
IN PEACE

MASSES: 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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Bernadette Goulding from Co. Cork is the director of Rachel's Vineyard Ireland >



Bernadette's Story “When I was 19 years old I emigrated to London. The new-found freedom was overwhelming. I started to experiment with alcohol, go out with guys and eventually I ended up pregnant. The main motivation for my abortion was fear. The decision, made in haste, triggered many years of deep personal suffering.

“I had the false expectation that an abortion would turn back the clock on my life, and everything would be just fine again. I was so naive. I had no idea what abortion really was. The doctor who introduced the idea to me did not enlighten me about the humanity of my unborn child. The word ‘baby’ was never mentioned.

“Initially after the abortion there was relief. The pregnancy was over. I thought that I would be fine and was relieved my parents would not find out. However the relief was short-lived. As time went on the experience became more difficult, more painful, more isolating, more lonely.

“If someone had explained to me the reality of my pregnancy, that in fact there was a life there, and there was a little heart beating under my heart at that time I am sure I would not have gone down that road. Nobody took the time to do that, to sit down and explain things to me or offer me any other alternative.

“Women in an unplanned pregnancy are in a huge crisis and their big regret is that no one was there to sit down with them and talk to them and offer them an alternative to abortion.

“For anyone out there who is hurting after an abortion, know that you're not alone. There is hope and healing and I am living proof of that.”

For information about post-abortion healing visit www.rachelsvineyard.ie

What can I do?

Pray for the protection of the Eighth Amendment and the unborn at 8am and 8pm every day. Prayer resources are available on www.chooselife2018.ie.

Your Questions

Should abortion be a choice?

When it comes to the right to choose, there is a tendency to forget that there is another person involved, an innocent person who has no choice and who depends entirely on others for protection. Abortion is the *direct* and *intentional* ending of the life of an unborn baby. It deceives women, and men, by creating a culture where the decision to end the life of an unborn child is portrayed as simply a matter of individual “choice”.

What if I've had an abortion?

There is no wrongdoing that God's mercy cannot reach. The forgiveness of God cannot be denied to anyone who approaches the Sacrament of Confession with a sincere heart in order to obtain reconciliation with the Father. At the close of the Year of Mercy in 2016, Pope Francis granted to all priests the faculty to absolve those who have had an abortion.

**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**

**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 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.**

Week 12

Hi Mummy!
Congratulations! The first trimester is officially over. Your morning sickness should stop now though you might experience some unusual cravings. I am now able to suck my thumb and curl my fingers and toes. I am three inches long. Big news! From now on people will start to notice your baby bump. You'll have to tell everyone soon. I can't wait to meet you all when I'm born.



Our 'Choose Life' newsletter has been following the development of Baby Bump based on pregnancy milestones from conception to 12 weeks. Previous issues are available on www.chooselife2018.ie

"IN OUR NATIVE LANGUAGE THE word 'unborn' is translated as 'beo gan breith', which literally means "alive but not born". The genius of our own native tongue sums it up: alive but not yet born. The baby in the womb is alive and no one has the right, and can never have the right, to end this little human life. It is always wrong to intentionally do so. The command of God is crystal clear, 'You shall not kill'. Nor do we have the right to vote to take a life. It is undemocratic. It is not fair."



Excerpt from the Pastoral Message of Bishop Alphonsus Cullinan of Waterford & Lismore

Church teaching

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

Words like 'foetus', 'embryo' and 'zygote' are scientific terms which are often used 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, 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 slowly becomes *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.

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

WHAT'S ON

MONDAY 21ST MAY

Choir practise at 7.45pm in the Choir Gallery. **TUESDAY 22ND MAY:**

LEGION OF MARY at 2.30pm in the Pastoral Space

WEDNESDAY 23RD MAY:

PRAYER FOR LIFE: 7.30PM-10PM WITH SR. BRIEGE MCKENNA. **THURSDAY 24TH MAY:**

SERVICE OF LIGHT FOR CONFIRMATION 7.30PM

FRIDAY 25TH MAY

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER GROUP

2.30-3.30pm in the Oratory

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Monday—Friday 10.30am-5.00pm

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. FINAL NUMBERS NEEDED BY CATERERS BY WED 23RD. GET YOUR TICKETS NOW!

PARISH LOTTO

Development Fund

There was no winner of last week's Jackpot.

The winning numbers Lotto Nos: 2, 7, 12, 20. Jackpot: €8,300.

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.



"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



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