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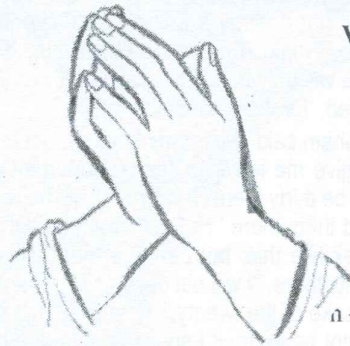
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Mass Intentions

Saturday 26th July: Frs Michael & Ned O'Hara, Brigid & John O'Hara.

Patricia O'Brien M/M

Saturday 2nd Aug: No intention.

Light the Flame.

On Sunday the 3rd of August, on the very spot where St Patrick lit the Paschal fire in defiance of the druids and the king a celebration of the catholic faith, which began with the preaching of Patrick, will take place. The hill of Slane which is closely connected with the christian story here in Ireland will once again see the great fire lit to remind us that the fire of faith still enlightens the people of Ireland, gives warmth in times of cold and reveals the presence of God. The day begins at 12 noon and concludes at 4.30pm, it will be led by the Archbishop of Armagh, Eamon Martin, please join us there.

World Headlines.

1: Swiss politician faces court after firing 20 shots at an image of Jesus and Mary. 2: Contemplating a crucified Jesus led to conversion of a young Chinese atheist. 3: Abortion rate in Ireland up 300% since 2018 referendum- 1 in 6 pregnancies end in abortion. 4: Pope Leo marks 56th anniversary of moon landing, with observatory visit, and call to Buzz Aldrin, 5: Latin patriarch of Jerusalem says wars in Gaza inexcusable. 6: Israeli ambassador to Holy See says actions of Hamas reason for war in Gaza 7: Missionaries struggle to maintain hope amid mass killings in Haiti, the world's poorest nation.

Mass book 2026

The mass intention book is now available for 2026, if you wish to have mass offered can do so after any mass or by calling Fr Pierre any time. There can be up to 3 intention per mass, except for a month's mind mass and first Anniversary mass.

Medjugorje pilgrimage.

The annual pilgrimage to Medjugorje will take place from the 8th /15th october, departing Knock airport arriving in Mostar, total cost is 850 Euro, which covers flights, taxes, hotel, meals and transfers. For more details or to book a

Mass Intentions

Sunday 27 the July: Phil Lynch M/M

Sunday 3rd Aug: Joe Kelly.

Volunteers wanted.

Chra Phort Family Resource Centre, Ballynacarrigy are in need of a few volunteers in the Rathowen area to assist with the Meals on Wheels, if you can offer even a few hours a month we would be very grateful. We provided hot nourishing meals to members of the local community, a service greatly appreciated and need, so if you can offer your time and talents call the centre on 044-9373060 to find out more or to discuss joining the team.

Sainly wisdom: 'Eternity'

"How can you admire the heavens, my son, when you see that you are more permanent than they are? For the heavens pass away, but you will abide for all eternity with Him who is forever. The present is nothing, but eternity abides for those on whom all truth, all good has shone, in one entire and perfect light, for time is short and eternity long" (St Gregory of Nyssa)

A little theology 'life support'

Catholic teaching on life support emphasizes the dignity of all human life and the importance of balancing efforts to preserve life with the acceptances of natural death. While life is a gift from God and should be cherished, the church recognizes that not all medical treatments are obligatory, especially when they are excessively burdensome or offer no reasonable hope or benefit. Palliative care which focuses on comfort and pain relief is seen as a crucial part of end-of-life care. Euthanasia is explicitly forbidden in all cases.....

September 7th 2025

On Sunday Sept the 7th, Pope Leo will canonise new saints of the catholic church, Carlos Acutis, died aged 18 and Pier Giorgio Frassati, died aged 21, both were young men of deep faith and gifted sportsmen in love with the world and life in all aspects.



Rest in peace

The prayers of the church are asked for

The repose of the soul of Terry Whyte, Clonave,

Co. Wick, who died recently. May he rest in peace.

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