

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MISSION STATEMENT:** Celebrating our Pentecostal faith in the Eucharist, we continue to be a vibrant, inclusive, faith community, in the Spirit of our loving Redeemer.



**THE FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI** (also known as the Feast of the Body of Christ): occurs this Sunday, while begun in the 13th century, it celebrates something far older: the institution of the Sacrament of Holy Communion at the Last Supper. At the request of Pope Urban IV, St. Thomas Aquinas composed the office (*the official prayers of the Church*) for the feast. This office is widely considered one of the most beautiful in the traditional Roman Breviary (*the official prayer*

*book of the Divine Office or Liturgy of the Hours*), and it is the source of the famous Eucharistic hymns “**Pange Lingua Gloriosi**” and “**Tantum Ergo Sacramentum.**”

**CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION** takes place today Sunday 26th June at 7.00pm, beginning at St. Patrick’s Church. **All welcome.**

**WEDNESDAY 29TH JUNE IS THE FEAST OF STS PETER & PAUL:** This feast day commemorates the martyrdom of the two great Apostles, assigned by tradition to the same day of June in the year 67. They had been imprisoned in Rome and both had foreseen their approaching death. Saint Peter was crucified; Saint Paul, a Roman citizen, was slain by the sword. **POPE BENEDICT XVI CELEBRATES THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF HIS ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD** on 29 June. Our bishops have invited the faithful in parishes and dioceses across the country to participate in Eucharistic Adoration with the intention of praying for the sanctification of the clergy and for the gift of new and holy priestly vocations. **ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT TAKES PLACE** ON Tuesdays in the Church after 10.00am Mass until 11.30am. Extra adorers needed, please notify Sacristy.

**THURSDAY 30TH JUNE IS THE FEAST OF ST. OLIVER PLUNKETT:** We are pleased to have the Holy Shrine of Ballybarrack in our parish, and encourage you to visit there and offer a prayer. **PLEASE NOTE:** Special Mass at the Shrine in **Ballybarrack on Saturday 2nd July at 3pm.** All Welcome.

**ANNUAL PROCESSION** starting at Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Drogheda, on Sunday 3rd July at 2.30pm.



**FRIDAY 1 JULY, THE FEAST OF THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS** and the World Day of Prayer for Priests. **FRIDAY IS ALSO THE FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH:** The sick & housebound will be attended during the week as arranged. **Divine Mercy Devotion on Friday:** *Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after 10.00am Mass until 4.00pm. Holy Hour & Chaplet. 3.00pm—4.00pm.*

**PIONEER SOCIETY TRIDUUM OF PRAYER:** for the Glory of the Sacred Heart and the conversion of excessive drinkers takes place in St. Patrick’s Church on Wednesday 29th, Thursday 30th June & Friday 1st July at 730pm

**IS THE MASS CHANGING?** The structure, order, readings and the actions of the Mass remain unchanged. However, with the introduction of the new edition of Roman Missal we will notice a change in how the Mass sounds. The translations of a significant number of our prayer texts from the original Latin have changed – sometimes by just a change in a particular word or in the word order. More information can be found at [www.catholicbishops.ie](http://www.catholicbishops.ie). On a very practical note, cards are available which show exactly the changes in the peoples parts. **Please note, these are for church use only. Please do not remove.**

**SPIRITFEST:** A three day gathering on the theme of prayer from the **1st– 3rd July 2011** at St. Catherine’s College, Armagh. A wide range of speakers and talks. Should not be missed. Brochures available at the bookstand.

**ANNIVERSARY & REMEMBRANCE MASSES**

Saturday 25th June ( <i>vigil</i> )	<b>7.30pm. Av.</b>	Annie Garland.
<b>Sunday 26th June</b>	<b>10.00am. Av.</b>	Thomas Brophy.
	<b>11.30am.MM</b>	Noreen Wynne.
	<b>12.30pm. Av.</b>	Joe Parks.
	<b>6.00pm. Av.</b>	Patrick & Mary McBride & dec. family mem. Thomas Carroll & Albina, William & Paddy Butler & Kitty Rice. Elizabeth McNally. Ann Agnew. Phelim, Kathleen, Harry & Marian McArdle
Monday 27th June	<b>10.00am. Av.</b>	Mary Bartley.
	<b>7.30pm. Av.</b>	Jack, Mick & Alice McCreanor.
Tuesday 28th June	<b>10.00am. Av.</b>	Michael Sullivan.
Wednesday 29th June	<b>10.00am. Av.</b>	Gemma McMahan.
Thursday 30th June	<b>10.00am. Av.</b>	Tony Smyth.
Friday 1st July	<b>10.00am. Av.</b>	Parish List of The Dead.
Saturday 2nd July	<b>10.00am. Av.</b>	Paddy Bellew.
Saturday 2nd July ( <i>vigil</i> )	<b>7.30pm. Av.</b>	Br. Gabriel & Rose McCaul
<b>Sunday 3rd July</b>	<b>10.00am. Av.</b>	Ann Rushe.
	<b>11.30am.</b>	
	<b>12.30pm. Av.</b>	Nan Clifford.
	<b>6.00pm. Av.</b>	Patsy Cumiskey, Mary Woods & Jimmy Rogers. Alice O’Connell.

**IMPROVING THE QUALITY OF OUR CELEBRATION OF THE MASS:** In conjunction with other parishes, we are beginning a consultation about the times of Masses. Some things to consider are; Can our quality of Liturgy be improved? (*eg; made more prayerful*). Can we enable more participation? Is there a schedule that provides a good choice of Mass times? Can our Mass schedules be covered with the increasingly limited number of priests? This is a delicate issue but we would ask people to give it serious consideration. Further information will be made available in the coming weeks.

**THE ANNUAL NATIONAL PILGRIMAGE TO ST. BRIGID’S SHRINE, FAUGHART,** will take place on Sunday, 3<sup>rd</sup> July, at 3.00pm

**WE REMEMBER THOSE WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY:**  
**Fr. John Murphy,** Drogheda. **Maurice Morgan,** Farndreg. **Keith Davis,** Clan Chullain. **Kevin Murray,** Fr. Murray Park. **Bridget Finnegan,** Bay Estate. **Francie Casey,** Fatima Park. **Mick McShane,** Hilltown. **Ben Wallace,** Kilkierley. **Sr. Roberta Cowhey SSL,** St Louis Convent, Castletown. **Marcella Rose Shields,** Ballybarrack. **Margaret Coakley,** Blackrock.

**WE WELCOME INTO OUR COMMUNITY THOSE RECENTLY BAPTISED:** Caoimhe Hannah O’Donovan. Dylan James Martin. Kayla Ella Murray-Fergus. Ben James McCormick.

Sarah May Rose Keeley. Calum Christopher Quinn. Melissa Mary Chaisoda.

**ALTAR SERVERS:** We are currently asking for young people to become altar servers. If you have made your First Holy Communion, are interested, and have the permission from your parent/guardian, please contact the Sacristy.

**PARISH COLLECTIONS:** 19th June: **€1,205 (Church) €334 (Envelopes).** Thank you for your continued financial support.

**FAMILY RESOURCE CENTRE LOTTO:** 20th June 2-10-14-27. Three Match Three No. €50 Lotto Jackpot: €6,800. Parish Bingo on Monday at 8.30pm: €5,695.