

Central to today's readings is Christ the giver of life. We are encouraged to have faith in the Lord and in the life that the Lord brings – not just here on earth, but also in heaven. The passage from the Book of Wisdom reminds us that God creates all things to have life, and to live that life well, resisting the temptations the evil one will bring. Through the miracles Jesus works in the Gospel, we are reminded once more of the healing, comfort and new life that can be ours, if we but trust in the gift of faith. This week, you may like to use your time in prayer with the Lord to ask for your own faith to continue to increase, so that you will have more than enough to offer those who are struggling with theirs.

## **Catholic Grandparents Association Pilgrimage to Knock**

This pilgrimage will take place on the 'World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly', Sunday 28th July. Archbishop Luis Mariano Montemayor, Papal Nuncio to Ireland will lead the pilgrimage. Anointing of the sick takes place at 2.30pm in the Basilica followed by Mass and a Rosary Procession. All are welcome to attend.

## Providing compassionate care at the end of life.

To address the sensitive issue of compassionate care at the end of life, and in response to the need to inform the faithful of Catholic teaching on this important life issue that affects so many families, the Bishops of Ireland have published the pastoral letter: "Freedom to Live Fully, Until Death Comes". You are invited to read this letter and view the accompanying video Through the Valley, which offers personal testimonies by carers and people with terminal illness. The key message of both letter and video asserts that every person possesses inherent, infinite dignity that remains intact regardless of their circumstances. In this context, bishops strongly oppose the Oireachtas Committee's proposal to Government to legislate for assisted suicide and call on support for healthcare workers who uphold the sanctity of life.

To read Freedom to "Live Fully, Until Death Comes" and to watch "Through the Valley", visit the following link: https://www.catholicbishops.ie/2024/06/24/bishops-statement-on-end-of-life -care-freedom-to-live-fully-until-death-comes/

**CEMETERY MASSES 2024 Clonaghadoo Cemetery -** Next Sunday July 7th at 1.00pm. (there will be no 9.00am mass that morning).

St. Joseph's Cemetery, Acragar - <u>Sunday July</u> <u>21st at 1.00pm</u>. Ivy Cemetery - Monday August 5th - 7.30pm

## Rally For Life 2024

Ireland's largest annual pro-life march takes place Saturday next, 6th July 2024 at 1.30 p.m. from Parnell Square, Dublin. Contact 01 8730465 to book a seat on a rally bus from your area. See www.rallyforlife net and www.thelifeinstit

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## **REMEMBERING OUR FAITHFUL DEPARTED** - ANNIVERSARIES

Month's Mind Mass: Tom Flynn, Derrycloney, mass on Tuesday July 2nd at 7.30pm.

1st Anniversary Mass: Brigid Tuohy, Stradbally, mass on Thursday July 4th at 7.30pm.

For the following whose anniversaries are remembered this weekend and for whom Mass will be offered: Joseph Dowling, Lord Edward Street, Marie Payne, Killeen, John Dowling, Derrydavy, Sean Crofton, Harbour Street, John Sonny Foran, Wolfetone Court, Patrick Holohan, Brockview, Terry Byrne, Manor Lane, Maureen McEvoy, Emmet Street, Andrew O'Donnell (1st Anniversary),

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time and for whom Mass will be offered next weekend Saturday/ Sunday July 6th & 7th: Charles Utter, Michael Dempsey, O'Moore Street, Rita Culliton, Castlebrack & Grange Hall,

MOUNTMELLICK PARISH Collections - Collections Saturday/Sunday June 22nd & 23rd Envelopes: €630 Baskets: €920 THANK YOU THANK YOU Friday July 5th - First Friday.	CELEBRATING BAPTISM If you have a baby for Baptism, please make sure we have your "Baptism Registration Form" on file in the Parish Office. Welcome to our newly baptised Bonnie Burke, Ballinasragh, James Dollard, Cullenbeg, April Lawlor, Willow Grove,
Masses: 10am Parish Church & 8.00pm Clonaghadoo. Ministers of the Word Saturday/Sunday July 6th & 7th	Congratulations To Ellen O'Shea & Ray Ryan who married in St. Joseph's Church, on Thursday June 27th. May the Lord keep them forever in fidelity and love.
7.30pm: Fiona Walsh   11.00am: Ann Storey   Ministers of the Eucharist   Saturday/Sunday July 6th & 7th   7.30pm: Dolores Fitzgerald & Oliver Ging   11.00am: Paddy Buggy & Noreen Savage   Kildare & Leighlin SAFEGUARDING   Designated Liaison Person &   Director of Safeguarding - Ailish Higgins.   Telephone: 085 8021633.   Email: safeguarding@kandle.ie   Deputy DLP: Telephone: 086 1710643   Local Enquiries. Parish Office   @ 057 8624390.	Image: Property of the second secon
New Child Safeguarding Policy 2024 "A Safe and Welcoming Church –Safeguarding Children Policy and Standards for the Catholic	from 7.00pm. All help will be much appreciated on that evening. Please note no seating provided at the Cemetery Mass.
Church in Ireland, 2024" – launched on 11th of June 2024 The policy reminds us that – Safeguarding is core to the Mission of the Church. Consistent with Gospel values, all who minister will do so with dignity and integrity, honouring their calling to ensure that children are welcomed, cherished and protected, following the example set by Jesus. You can access the policy by visiting the Diocesan website kandle.ie or via the National Board website. Implementation of the new policy has already started and will continue over the remainder of 2024.	Lourdes Fund Church Gate Collection.Your support for this year's collection is greatly appreciated. The 2024 pilgrimage begins on July 30th.MOUNTMELLICK PUBLIC ROSARYOur next monthly public Rosary will be on next Saturday July 6th at 4.00pm in O'Connell Square, Mountmellick. All are welcome to join us in prayer.Camp Pio - Summer Faith CampTeam Games, Music, Action Songs, Drama, Arts & Crafts, Prayer. Mon 22nd - Thurs 25th July - 9.30am to 2.30pm. To book contact: <a href="mailto:camppio2024@gmail.com">camppio2024@gmail.com</a> or Caroline 085 2430529/Laura 087 6313370.