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PARISH NEWSLETTER

 13th May 2018

Blessed Are Those Who Die In The Lord

Died Recently

Mary Maher Ardra House, Ardra.
 Christopher (Christy) Barrett Smithstown.

Anniversaries

Patrick (Paddy) Bergin (Sat. 7.00pm.)
 Chatsworth St.
 Molly, Edward (Teddy) & Martin Bradley
 (Sun. 10.00am.) Drumgoole.
 Joan Rainsford (Sun. 11.30am.)
 16 Love Lane.
 John & Frances Ryan (Mon. 9.00am.)
 1 Donaguile.
 Anne (Nancy) Doogue (Wed. 9.00am.)
 Chatsworth St.
 Thomas (Tom), Tom Snr. & Mary Ann
 Brennan (Sat. 10.00am.) The Prince.
 John Coady Skehana.
 Michael (Mick) Deevy Ballycomey.
 John (Jack) Deevy Ballycomey.
 Judy Tynan Skehana.
 George Mealy 46 Kilkenny St.
 Michael Byrne 38 Maryville.
 Elizabeth Byrne 38 Maryville.

Saturday, 19th May at 7.00pm.

Frances Baylon
 Kilkenny Road/Upper Ballyhemmon.

Parish Centre - Open on

Wednesday – 10.00am. – 1.00pm.
 Friday- 10.00am. – 5.00pm.

Weekly Envelope/Church Collection

Sunday, 6th May - €1,905.00
 Sincere thanks.

Readers for next Weekend

Vigil Mass 7.00pm. Mrs. Eithne McKenna.
Sunday 8.00am. Mr. Tom Teehan.
 10.00am. Ms. Muireann McSweeney.
 11.30am. Mrs. Sheila Pedini.

Priests on duty:

Fr. Michael Ryan Tel: 4441262 086 3693863
Fr. Ian Doyle Tel: 087 9669223
Secretary: Tel: 056-4441969

Saturday, 19th May 2018

**Adoration of Blessed Sacrament
 in Church from 10.30am. until 6.30pm.**

*Bishop Farrell recommends that parishes would
 organise special times of prayer for the People
 of Ireland, seeking the guidance of the Holy
 Spirit for the Referendum on May 25th.
 There is a timetable sheet in the Church Porch
 and people are asked to make a commitment for
 some time during the Adoration.*

Friday, 18th May 2018

7.30pm. Mass in honour of Our Lady of Lourdes
 with celebration of Sacrament of the Sick during
 this Mass. All are welcome, as our Diocese
 prepares for the annual Pilgrimage to Lourdes
 next week.

*Our Lady of Lourdes, Pray for us
 St. Bernadette, Pray for us*

This Weekend

**May Church Door Collection
 for Society of St. Vincent de Paul**
Sincere thanks for your support

Kilgorey - Annual Cemetery Mass takes place
 next Sunday, 20th May at 3.00pm.

Pastoral Letter on the Right to Life

by Bishop Dermot Farrell

Copies of the full text will be distributed
 as you leave the Church after this Mass.
**The Bishop requests that you and your
 families would read carefully his words
 as you form your conscience in
 preparation for the Referendum.**

Final Paragraph of Bishops Letter

We are a people who believe that in Christ
 God shows us how God truly is, and how
 we truly are. The Lord came among us, to
 bring home to us that we could have life
 and have it to the fullest. Simply put, to be
 a Christian is to live united with God in
 Christ expressed in love of God and
 others. Our God is a God who knows us
 intimately, who knows our hurts, joys,
 potentials and pitfalls. Our God who
 reminds us, "Before I formed you in the
 womb I knew you, before you were born I
 set you apart" (Jeremiah 1:5). At the heart
 of true Christian spirituality is the
 knowledge that we are loved without end,
 right from our very beginning, the moment
 of conception. We are sent by the Lord to
 spread His word and do his work. We are
 empowered for this mission when we find
 our place in God's story. God's love
 challenges and calls us to reflect that love
 to others - especially those who are most
 vulnerable, and who is more vulnerable
 than an unborn child?

We say that it takes a village to raise a
 child. I pray that every mother and father,
 whatever their circumstances in bringing
 their son or daughter into the world, will
 experience the care of their community so
 that the culture of life we cherish may
 continue. I ask the Holy Spirit, the Lord,
 the Giver of Life, to guide us, so that all
 we cherish may continue to be protected
 by our Constitution.

Medugorje Mass

Monday, 14th May at 7.30p.m. in the
 Day Care Centre. All welcome.

Celebration of First Eucharist

Sunday, 20th May at 11.30am. Mass

On this day 34 children from our parish will
 celebrate their First Holy Communion. The
 centre aisle of Church from the side doors up
 will be reserved for children, parents and
 families. One seat per family, with the First
 Communicant sitting nearest the aisle.
 Please note: That all forms of photography is
 forbidden. This is necessary in order to
 preserve the dignity and reverence that should
 surround this occasion. Thank you.

Petitions for Lourdes

Should you wish to send Petitions to the
 Lourdes Grotto, there is a box in front of the
 Altar.

**Family Collection Jars
 Fourth and Final Year**

Family Collection Jars for the ongoing
 maintenance of Church Organ. Once again
 we ask your support for this venture.

In 2015 €1,940.00 in 2016 €1,150.00 and
 2017 €1,165.00 was raised. Sincere thanks.
 There is a basket of plastic jars at the
 Church door and we ask you to take one
 with you for your home and encourage
 members of your family to drop in coins
 of all sizes. Please return on Saturday,
 8th September Birthday of Blessed Virgin
 Mary.

**Adoration of Blessed Sacrament
 Parish Church**

Every Tuesday from 7.00pm. – 9.00pm.
Rosary recited at 8.00pm.

All are welcome

**Recent Church Door Collection for
 Lourdes Pilgrimage**

€705.00 was donated this year.
Sincere thanks

Lotto Jackpot €4,200.00

Draw - Monday at 9.30pm.
(Bollards)