

# Divine Mercy Sunday

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## Intentions for this weekend

Sat 6.30pm Patrick Lane and deceased family members

10am Phyllis Cotter, Purt Anniv.  
Tom & Patrick Mc Carthy,  
Caherhayes Anniv.

12noon Johnny & Maureen Joy,  
The Square and their parents  
Dan Murphy, Main Street and  
Killarney Road

7pm Mon Josie Lane, Ballaugh Anniv.  
Austin Daly, The Grove 3rd Anniv.

Tues 10am Pro Populo

Wed 10am Larry Harnett, Dromtransan Harnett  
and deceased family members  
Thurs 10am Fri 10am

No Saturday morning Mass

## Intentions for next weekend

6.30pm Jim & Nora Harnett, the Hill and  
deceased family members  
Bessie Meehan, Kilnorna

10am John & Maureen Canty, Fealesbridge  
Kathleen Gleeson, Kilconlea Lower  
Michael O'Hanlon, Collins Park

12noon Mary O'Connor, Bridge Street Anniv.  
Bill & Mary Quirke, Hill Road

Mon 19th John & Niamh O'Donoghue, Valentia

## Death

We offer our sympathy to the family of Lena O'Connor, St Ita's Housing whose funeral took place on Tuesday.  
May she rest in peace.

The Blessed Sacrament is open from 11am to 6pm Monday to Saturday for private prayer.



## Divine Mercy Sunday

This year marks the 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the apparition of Jesus to Sr Maria Faustina Kowalska in Plock, Poland. Sr. Faustina recorded the apparition in her diary. The Polish nun said that Jesus appeared to her dressed in white, with two rays emerging from his chest, one red and the other pale. She reported that Christ asked her to create an image of him bearing the words "Jesus, I trust in you." In a letter to Bishop Piotr Libera of Plock marking the 90th anniversary of the first appearance of Jesus to St. Faustina, Pope Francis urged Catholics to ask Christ for the "gift of mercy" The Pope said, "Let us ask Christ for the gift of mercy. Let it engulf us and penetrate us. Let us have the courage to come back to Jesus to meet His love and mercy in the sacraments," "Let us feel His closeness and tenderness, and then we will also be more capable of mercy, patience, forgiveness, and love."

After the first apparition Sr Faustina wrote in her diary that Jesus said: "I desire that this image be venerated, first in your chapel, and [then] throughout the world." The image was first painted by the Polish artist Eugeniusz Kazimirowski. After the nun's death in 1938, other artists created images inspired by her description of the apparition. The best-known version was painted by the Polish painter Adolf Hyła for the Sanctuary of Divine Mercy in 1943. Saint. Faustina was canonized by Pope John Paul II in the year 2000, becoming the first saint of the new millennium.

Through Saint Maria Faustina we are all called to engage in the work of spreading God's Mercy in the world. We are called to be disciples of Mercy to one another. The Divine Mercy Chaplet and Rosary and Novena Prayers will be said this Sunday after the 12noon Mass, followed by veneration of the Divine Mercy image.

## Mercy Sunday

The Divine Mercy Novena began on Good Friday and ends this Sunday (Divine Mercy Sunday) 11<sup>th</sup> of April. The Divine Mercy Chaplet and Rosary and Novena Prayers will be said at the 12noon Mass and during the broadcast of the 10.00am Mass on West Limerick 102FM. Parishioners are also welcome to join us online at [www.abbeyfealeparish.ie](http://www.abbeyfealeparish.ie)

*Eternal Father, I offer You the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your dearly beloved Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.*

## Prayer for vocations

Father, in the power of your Spirit. You sent your Son to bring hope to all peoples. We pray that you will give the same Spirit to young men and women, so that they, like Jesus, may answer your call to bring Good News to the poor, give new sight to the blind, and announce that the Kingdom of God has come.

## Shalom

We do not come through suffering and difficult times unscarred. We are changed by them. Often it brings some sort of growth into our lives and usually it is not a pleasant experience. We only have to think of the past year of lockdowns and isolation and fear. In Pope Francis' new book, 'Let us Dream', he says "To enter into crisis is to be sifted. Your categories and ways of thinking get shaken up; your priorities and lifestyles are challenged. You cross a threshold, either by your own choice or by necessity, because there are crises, like the one we are going through, that you can't avoid."

The Gospel for this weekend's Mass shows us that even the most difficult situations can be transformed. The Risen Christ stands amongst the disciples even though the doors were firmly closed.

The peace that he gives them (Shalom) is a peace of body, of mind and of spirit and it moves the disciples from despair and being 'locked away' to 'rejoicing'. Jesus then asks the disciples to be an unending witness to God's love. They, and we, are invited to be for others what Jesus has been for them. The Risen Jesus is active in all our lives and in the world around us, but we must be careful not to close ourselves off or let fear take over. St John tells us that he writes these things so that we may come to believe and have life. Our call is to bring this peace and joy to others, 'so I send you'.

Who can you reach out to today?

Jane Mellett

## Church Radio 107FM

The signal from the Church Radio has been extended to a radius of 3 miles approximately. Parishioners can tune into all Masses and Church ceremonies on 107FM. This service will be of benefit to parishioners who do not have access to the internet and the church webcam. We ask you to assist elderly parishioners in tuning in their radios to this service.

## Thank you

Sincere thanks to all who continue to contribute to the Weekly Offertory Collection and to the Easter Dues Collection. Your ongoing support and generosity is very much appreciated.

Thanks to all local shops and businesses who facilitate the distribution of the Weekly Newsletter.

## COVID-19 Support Line for Older People

ALONE manage a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to COVID-19 (Coronavirus). Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary.

The support line is open seven days a week, 8am - 8pm, by calling **0818 222 024**.



**Trocaire:** Boxes can be handed in on Saturday evening from 6pm to 7.30pm or Sunday from 11.30am to 1pm at the sacristy door Tel Anne 086/8661651 to arrange a time.  
Or Sacristy 068/51915



## Darkness into Light 2021 You can Join us at Sunrise - Saturday, May 8th

Take the Challenge. Raise vital funds for suicide prevention. Create your very own Darkness Into Light Challenge – whether you choose to organize a 10k hike, run a marathon, skydive or sea dive, your fundraising will support lifesaving suicide prevention services. All funds raised through donations and fundraising will go back into funding the services that Pieta provides, free of charge to those who need them most. Sign up to Darkness Into light before March 31 and you'll automatically be entered into a draw to win a year's free electricity from our proud partner [Electric Ireland](http://Electric Ireland). A big thank you to all at Electric Ireland for this amazing prize and their continued support of Darkness Into Light. Visit [www.darknessintolight.ie](http://www.darknessintolight.ie) to sign up.