

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2021

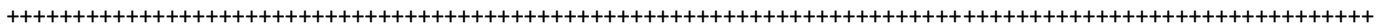
Parish Newsletter

**Reflection:**



*Maryknoll & Father Bill Donnelly reflects on the faith of the people of Guatemala who have endured years of violence and oppression yet live in hope that justice will prevail.*

On this feast of Corpus Christi we celebrate the sacrament of Eucharist, given to us by Jesus on the night before his death. In the villages of Santa Cruz Barillas, the Mass and the Eucharist were key in bringing people together, but I could not visit all of the 55 villages frequently enough. Catechists and animators of the faith were trained and commissioned by the bishop to celebrate the Sunday and feast day liturgies, using the Blessed Sacrament reserved in their little village chapels for Communion. Catechists had to travel many miles by bus, horse, and hiking to take the consecrated Hosts from the parish main churches back to their villages. The people loved having the sacramental presence of Jesus, especially in such sad, tense times. They deeply identified with Jesus; his death and suffering were not unlike the anguish they were experiencing. Knowing that Jesus conquered death and that he sacrificed himself to make their life in Christian community possible comforted them. In the midst of their pain and loss, they came to embrace the words of today's Psalm: "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his faithful ones."



**Parent-Child Plus Programme – Helping Your Child get ready for School**



**ParentChild+**  
Equal Possibilities From The Start

- Child led
- Delivered in your own home
- FREE of cost to families
- Children start at 1½ to 2½ years of age (children younger than 18 months can register on a waiting list)
- Trained Home Visitors facilitate learning through play
- 2 visits per week, about 30 min. each during the school term
- The books and toys used are a gift to the family.



Previously known as the Parent and Child Home Programme



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Helping your  
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**ParentChild+, Equal Possibilities from the Start:**


- encourages a love of reading
- promotes a positive learning environment
- strengthens the natural bond between parent and child.

**Learning through Play For Parents and Toddlers.**

Our experienced Home Visitors deliver one-on-one sessions, demonstrating how to engage your child using books and toys.

**Children will:**

- enjoy personalised attention
- improve their oral language, pre-literacy and pre-numeracy skills
- feel more confident and ready to start school.



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**Our Annual Novena in Honour of St Anthony is now taking place!**



**Saturday 5th June - Sunday 13th June 2021**  
**Masses each day 10.00am & 5.45pm**  
**(Saturday 10.00am & 6.00pm) (Sunday 10.30am & 7.00pm)**  
**(Monday 7th June 10am No Evening Mass/Novena)**  
**With Novena Prayers, Homily and Blessing with Relic**

**Tuesday 8th Prayers for Expectant Mothers**  
**Friday 11th Prayers for the Sick**  
**Sunday 13th Blessing of Lillie's**

**We must still adhere to all HSE & Government guidelines with regards COVID-19 by sanitising our hands on entering & exiting the Cathedral. Thank you for your co-operation.**

**Confessions** take place each Saturday *after 10am Mass*.

**Baptisms** can be arranged by contacting the Parish Office at 061 414624. They can be booked for any evening Mon – Fri at 6.30pm or Saturday at 4.30pm. Maximum of 10 people allowed attend baptism.



St John's Community Employment Scheme are currently recruiting for various roles.  
 Applicants must qualify through D.S.P. (Dept. of Social Protection).  
 For further information contact parish office at 061 414624.

**Split the Pot** Congratulations to Shannon Stewart the winner of last weekend's draw (Sun 30th May).  
 "Split the Pot" Envelopes can placed into the black box at the back of the Cathedral.



**COVID-19 Vaccines** Registration for people aged 40 to 44 is now taking place, you can register to get a free COVID-19 vaccine. [HSE Vaccine Reg](#) or telephone 1850 24 1850.

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