

## Parish Newsletter Sunday 18th August 2024

**Reflection.** In today's Gospel John wants to set the Eucharist in the framework of the Old Testament, where Jesus is the new Moses, and the Eucharist the Manna God sent as a gift to sustain them. Then he wants to say that Jesus himself is this new 'manna' sent by the Father to support and sustain his people. More than that, he will offer his own life - his flesh and blood - so that his people might learn that a life lived without integrity and love is a life not worth living. And finally, the climax.....that only those that eat his flesh and drink his blood can share in the life he offers.

The Eucharist is a gift from God to us. Through it we can really and truly immerse ourselves, and become entwined in the life and death of Jesus.

### Connections to Nature and Wellbeing



**Connections to Nature and Wellbeing via the Infinity Woodland Pathway will take place on Tuesday 20th August from 7pm to 9:30pm.**

The event will be connecting citizens to nature, walking the route of the infinity Woodland Pathway reaching out to the local parish grounds. Providing an opportunity for all age groups to network, poets, naturalists, musicians, local community, Milford Care Centre residents and staff, other pastoral groups within the Diocese aiming to provide 30% of church grounds to nature by 2030 etc.

#### **General outline of the event**

Meet Outdoors at the Little Company of Mary Infinity Woodland Pathway

18:45 - Music on arrival.

19:00 - Introduction by Sr Brigid of the Little Company of Mary

19:05 - Recitation - "When I am among the Trees" by Mary Oliver

19:10 - Guided walk through the Infinity Woodland Pathway with John Le Gear this will include poetry recitations

20:00 - Attitude of Gratitude - "Litany of Thanks for Trees" (Author Unknown) will bring the Infinity Woodland Pathway walk to an end.

20:05 - Walk to Milford Parish Church Grounds for an introduction to their 30% by 2030 Biodiversity Initiative

20:30 - Tea and Talk in the John Bosco Centre 5 minute walk from the Infinity Woodland Path - Music on arrival

(Little Company of Mary's Infinity Woodland Pathway, Little Company of Mary (beside Milford Care Centre), Castletroy).

### Split the Pot



Congratulations  
Betty Buckley  
Winner of last weekends  
Draw 11th August 2024

Envelopes available at  
the back of the church.

### Priests of the Parish

Canon Gerard Garrett  
Fr Leo McDonnell  
Canon John Daly  
Fr Peter Claver Emeka Eze

### Parish Office

061 414624

### Mass Times

Mon—Fri 10am, 5.45pm  
Sat 10am & 6pm Vigil  
Sun 8am, 10.30am, 12 noon

### Holy Days

Vigil Weekdays 5.45pm  
Weekdays 10am, 5.45pm

### Confessions

Saturday 10.30am

### Baptisms

Saturday 4.30pm

To book a baptism .

Parish Office tel 414624

### Eucharistic Adoration

Takes place each  
Friday from  
4.30pm to 5.30pm.  
All are welcome.

### MEDJUGORJE IRISH CENTRE PILGRIMAGES

APRIL - OCT 2024:

7 Nights Apartment B&B from €273 per person sharing.

Airport transfer available on request.

Contact us for details and book the dates that suit you.

Tel. 01 4434510 or website [www.med-irishcentre.com](http://www.med-irishcentre.com)

### Pilgrimage in the Footsteps of St. Paul to Greece.

October 23rd-Nov 2nd.

This is a once in a life-time pilgrimage. The package is Land-Only for 10 nights/11 days. (Flights are arranged separately). Package is inclusive of 4-star hotel accommodation on a half-board basis, entrance fees to all sites, full licensed guide, ac bus, ferry tickets with cabin. Visiting **Athens, Corinth, Delphi, Kalambaka, Meteora, Veria, Thessaloniki, Philippi, Kavala, & Patmos.** Mass & Adoration each day. The **Spiritual Director is Fr. Joseph Deane, CFR.** Cost 2040e. For more information on this pilgrimage please contact: **Angela @ +353-89-2107277.**

**Information and Support for Birth Mothers** - whose babies were placed for adoption may be found at [www.birthinfo.ie](http://www.birthinfo.ie) or by calling the relevant section of TUSLA at +353 818 445 500.

**Newly Baptised:** We welcome to the Christian Community

**Tony Daly, Noah Blake & Cassie McCarthy Nealon**

*We wish them and their families every blessing and happiness.*



We currently have Vacancies on our Community Employment Project. We are seeking people for Administration, Day Care Centre, Church Stewards / Guides. Full training will be provided for all positions. To qualify you must be in receipt of a social welfare payment or signing for credits at the dept of Social Protection. If interested contact the parish office at 061 414624

### Revised Church opening times:

Monday to Friday 9am through to 6pm,  
Saturday 9am to 7pm,  
Sunday 7.30am to 1pm.

