



John 6: 51
**“Anyone who eats
this bread will live
for ever”**

Today's Gospel reading, from St John, is about the Eucharist. It gives us an opportunity to reflect on the meaning of the Eucharist. Jesus tells us that: “I am the living bread which has come down from heaven. Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever.” He then gives us this wonderful promise: “Anyone who does eat my flesh and drink my blood has eternal life.”

The Eucharist brings us together as a community of faith, it nourishes us and helps us to support one another so that, in parish life, we can bring about the kingdom of God in our community. We can become very familiar with the Eucharist as we celebrate it on a weekly basis or, for some of us, more frequently than that. In his encyclical on the Eucharist Saint John Paul II invites us to be amazed by this altogether special and unique element of God's love for us. He tells us that the gift of the Eucharist evokes profound amazement and gratitude. Pope Benedict wrote out the redemptive power of Jesus: The institution of the Eucharist demonstrates how Jesus's; death, for all its violence and absurdity, became in him a supreme act of love and mankind's definitive deliverance from evil.”

Let us pray this week for a greater understanding and appreciation of the gift of the Eucharist in our lives and pray that it may be a source of strength and encouragement for us on our journey of faith. As the Eucharist sustained and supported many generations of Christians before us, we ask that it may be a guiding light in our times as well and a beacon of hope that the Risen Jesus is truly with us. Let us pray that Jesus will continue to enrich our lives spiritually and help us to grow as a people of faith, so that we can encourage others to share the Bread of Life.

Deacon Gerard

COLLECTIONS LAST WEEKEND

Common Fund € 913
Share € 775
Sincere thanks for your continued support.

WEEKEND MASS INTENTIONS

JACK LAVIN Recently Deceased
(Father of Lorna Lavin, Principal St. Helen's JNS) -

Saturday, 10th August, 6.30p.m.

Tess Kavanagh,[A]

Sunday, 11th August, 12 noon

Patrick Mc Connell,[A]; Brege Dullahan[RD]

John & Kathleen Hurley,[A]; David Revins[A]

MASS IN THE PARTNERSHIP

**Sunday Mass in Kinsealy has changed to
10am.**

MEALS ON WHEELS PORTMARNOCK VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED –

**If you have a couple of hours to spare
once a month, please contact
Benita @ 087 679 8673 : Frank @ 086 3726989**



Michael Addington left for his ZAMBIAN immersion experience on Thursday last having received €2,742.70 from his church door collection at our two Masses here last weekend. Sincere thanks to the generous congregation at 6.30pm Mass last Saturday who contributed €939 and those at 12noon Mass on Sunday who donated €1,803.70. Michael also collected €650 in Kinsealy and €600 in Yellow Walls. Your generous support for Michael and his companions in mission ensured that he more than achieved the requested €3,000 that each volunteer is required to raise.. All proceeds are used for educational training in Zambia. Our prayers and good wishes, as well as our contributions, go with Michael as he embarks on this wonderful project which he will report back to us on his return.

SUMMER HOURS PARISH CENTRE

The Parish Office will open Mon – Fri 9am – 1pm for the rest of the month of August. The Reception Area will be open until 2pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays.



AUGUST 15TH
SOLEMNITY OF THE
ASSUMPTION OF THE
BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

MASS 10am Catholics and many other Christians celebrate the feast of the

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This significant feast day recalls the spiritual and physical departure of the mother of Jesus Christ from the earth, when both her soul and her body were taken into the presence of God. Pope Pius XII confirmed this belief about the Virgin Mary as the perennial teaching of the Church when he defined it formally as a dogma of Catholic faith in 1950 proclaiming, "that the Immaculate Mother of God, the ever-Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory." The Pope confirmed accounts of many longstanding traditions by which the Church has celebrated the Assumption throughout its history. These include testimonies from the early Church fathers on the subject, and described the history of theological reflection on many Biblical passages which are seen as indicating that Mary was assumed into heaven following her death. Although the bodily assumption of Mary is not explicitly recorded in Scripture, Catholic tradition identifies her with the "woman clothed with the sun" who is described in the 12th chapter of the Book of Revelation. Eastern Christians have also traditionally held Mary's assumption into heaven as an essential component of their faith. In Eastern Christian tradition, the same feast is celebrated on the same calendar date, although typically known as the Dormition (falling asleep) of Mary. The feast of the Assumption is always a **HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION** for both Roman and Eastern-rite Catholics, on which they are obliged to attend Mass or Divine Liturgy.

Memorial of Our Lady of Knock Saturday 17th August

On the rainy evening of Aug. 21, 1879, 15 persons saw a two-hour vision on the gable of St. John the Baptist church in the village of

Knock, County Mayo. 'Our Lady of Knock, pray for us'.



The National Novena to Our Lady of Knock takes place from **14 to 22 August 2024**. This nine-day programme offers

you the opportunity to take time for personal prayer and reflection. As this year has been dedicated as Year of Prayer by Pope Francis, the theme for this year's Novena is 'Whispering with God' How Do You Pray? Each day, our inspirational guest speakers will discuss how prayer in all its forms plays an important part of their daily lives. Workshops will also take place daily on a variety of themes. Themed prayer sessions will take place in the Prayer Centre each day. We invite you to take the opportunity to spend time with us during this special time at Knock Shrine. – Fr Richard Gibbons, P.P. Rector, Knock Shrine. www.knockshrine.ie



Come and See
MONASTIC VOCATIONS WEEKEND

You are welcome to join us for a weekend of prayer, silence, community and joy!

23rd -25th August 2024 20th-22nd September 2024

We are a cloistered, contemplative community of women called to be a living reminder of *God's Love*

Contact Sr. Gabrielle: contactrednunsweb@gmail.com

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BAYSIDE ALPHA are hosting Bishop Barron's 6-week film series on The Mass, starting on Sunday the 4th of August from 7:30pm to 8:30pm. To join this Zoom course email Paul at alphabayside@gmail.com