

Parish of Hannahstown - St Joseph's & St Peter's

11th October 2020 – 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION DAY

The children in Primary 5 from Ballymacward Primary School, will make their First Holy Communion today. This is a day of great rejoicing for us as a parish. Today we witness **Alyssa, Bobby, Ite, Jayden, Joseph, Louise, Matthew, Meabh, Mia and Sara** come to the altar to receive the Body of Christ for the first time; to welcome the real presence of Jesus into their hearts and souls. On this very special and sacred day in their lives may we the faithful pause and reflect on the wonderful privilege for us as Catholics to be able to receive the Real Presence of Jesus in Holy Communion.

On this sacred occasion let us reflect on these words of Pope Francis: “Dear friends, we don’t ever thank the Lord enough for the gift He has given us in the Eucharist! It is a very great gift and that is why it is so important to go to Mass on Sunday. Go to Mass, not just to pray, but to receive Communion, the bread that is the Body of Jesus Christ who saves us, forgives us and unites us to the Father. It is a beautiful thing to do! And we go to Mass every Sunday because that is the day of the resurrection of the Lord. That is why Sunday is so important to us. And in this Eucharist we feel this belonging to the Church, to the People of God, to the Body of God, to Jesus Christ. We will never completely grasp the value and the richness of it.”

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THE PARISH OF HANNAHSTOWN WELCOMES INTO THEIR FAITH COMMUNITY – **BENJAMIN MATTHEW ROGERS & MIA MARGARET RENNICK** WHO WERE BAPTISED LAST SUNDAY

WEEKLY OFFERING COLLECTION: £1,137.87

MONTHLY OFFERING COLLECTION: £747.00

The Parish gratefully acknowledges 3 generous donations of £100 each. These donations have been added to our Weekly Offering Collection. Many thanks for your continued generosity.

MASS TIMES:

St Joseph's Church – Monday, Wednesday & Friday @ 9.15am.

Vigil Mass Saturday @ 6pm. Sunday @ 11.30am.

St Peter's Church – Tuesday @ 9.15am; Sunday @ 10am.

17th & 18th October	6pm (Vigil) St Joseph's	10.00am St Peter's	11.30am St Joseph's
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	Upon Request	Upon Request	Upon Request
MINISTER OF THE WORD	Elizabeth Donnelly	Mary Peyton	Joe Mallon

HOPE IN A TIME OF PANDEMIC – Lecture by Dr Sr Gemma Simmonds DJ, theologian and spiritual director. Hosted from Drumalis via Zoom at 7pm on Thursday 22nd October. First lecture in the Elizabeth Prout Bicentenary Series. Suggested donation £10. For further details or to book a place, please contact Drumalis 02890 28276455/28272196 during office hours 9am – 5pm Mon-Fri or email drumalis@btconnect.com.

PRAYER INTENTIONS: We extend our sympathies to the families of those who died recently and those whose month's mind and anniversary occur at this time.

ANNIVERSARIES: Joseph Devine, Mary Loretta Devine, Mary McErlean, Mark Sinclair, Gerardine White RIP

RECENTLY DECEASED: Baby Scarlett Murray Daykin RIP

PRAYING THE ROSARY - Archbishop Eamonn Martin is asking families to pray the Rosary together for the month of October in what is called the **Family Rosary Crusade**.

On Sunday October 11th the **Rosary on the Coast for Life & Faith in Ireland** will take place. This year we will again join in with many other countries from around the world. We will gather on our coasts, at our grottos, our churches, our river banks, our homes, or wherever we can.....to pray the Rosary safely together, at 2.30pm. Please do remember to observe Covid 19 guidelines. See www.coastalrosaryireland.ie to see locations near you or to register a location.

DROMANTINE RETREAT CENTRE NOVEMBER 2020 -

'BROKEN OPEN' "How difficult times can help us grow" Fr. Hugh Lagan SMA 2nd November (9.30am) – 3rd November (5.00pm). This workshop will explore the potential for discovering courage, compassion and wisdom even in the most painful of life circumstances. Full cost £115.

'Loss and Recovery' Fr. Jim Cogley 14th November (9.30am – 5.00pm) This seminar will explore loss in its many facets and how it is also an invitation to wholeness. "While the heart grieves for what it has lost, the Spirit dances for that which it has found." Full cost £35.

ACN Ireland October Campaign

“One million children praying the Rosary can change the world”

The pontifical foundation Aid to the Church in Need (CAN Ireland) once again invites parishes, nurseries, schools, and families to participate in the initiative “One Million Children Praying the Rosary” on 19th October. The focus of the prayer campaign is worldwide unity and peace. This year provides a very special context, because never has there been such a worldwide healthcare and existential crisis.

That is why the pontifical foundation once again has issued the invitation to take part in the worldwide prayer initiative “A Million Children Praying the Rosary”, **on the 19th October pray the Rosary with the children in schools.**

“Children from around **80 countries** and on all continents will be participating. From Ghana to Syria to Papua New Guinea. May this joint worldwide Rosary prayer initiative fill us all with new courage and confidence in God’s loving protection, which He wishes to bestow on us through His Holy Mother”, Fr. Martin M. Barta, Ecclesiastical Assistant of ACN International said.

The children’s rosary campaign was initiated in 2005 in the Venezuelan capital of Caracas. While a number of children were praying the rosary at a wayside shrine, several of the people present recalled that Saint Padre Pio had said: “When one million children pray the rosary, the world will change.” The campaign quickly spread across the world. ACN has supported the campaign since 2008 and took over the organisation of the entire event worldwide two years ago.

THE CHILDREN FROM BALLYMACWARD PRIMARY SCHOOL WILL BE GATHERING AT THE GROTTA IN THE GROUNDS OF ST PETER’S CHURCH ON MONDAY 19TH OCTOBER AT 1PM TO PRAY THE ROSARY. PARISHIONERS ARE VERY WELCOME TO GATHER WITH THE CHILDREN IN PRAYING THE ROSARY.