

### Green Fields of France, 14 August 2022

When today's gospel speaks of division, I thought it might help to read the lyrics of a well-known war song. What good are wars doing for us, whether they are in our hearts, homes or hillsides? Here's one answer!

Well, how do you do, young Willie McBride? Do you mind if I sit here down by your graveside and rest for a while in the warm summer sun? I've been walking all day and I'm nearly done. I see by your gravestone you were only nineteen when you joined the great fallen in 1916. I hope you died well, and I hope you died clean. Oh young Willie McBride, was it slow and obscene?

Did they beat the drum slowly, did they play the pipe lowly? Did they sound the death march as they lowered you down? Did the band play *The Last Post* in chorus? Did the pipes play *The Flowers of the Forest*?

Did you leave a wife or sweetheart behind? In some faithful heart, is your memory enshrined? Although you died back in 1916, in some faithful heart, are you forever nineteen? Or are you a stranger without even a name enclosed in forever behind the glass frame in an old photograph, torn, battered and stained and faded to yellow in a brown leather frame?

The sun now it shines on the green fields of France. There's a warm summer breeze that makes the red poppies dance. And look how the sun shines from under the clouds. There's no gas, no barbed wire, there's no guns firing now. But here in this graveyard it's still No Man's Land, the countless white crosses stand mute in the sand. To **man's blind indifference to his fellow man**, to a whole generation that were butchered and damned.

Ah young Willie McBride, I can't help wonder why do those that lie here know why did they die? And did they believe when they answered the cause, did they really believe that this war would end wars? Well the sorrow, the suffering, the glory, the pain, the killing and dying, were all done in vain. For young Willie McBride, it all happened again and again, and again, and again, and again.

### Youth Ministry Coordinator

(Three-year fixed-term fulltime contract)

The Diocese of Limerick is a Catholic community of sixty parishes living and working together

in service of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Its geographical area comprises the greater part of County Limerick, part of County Clare and one townland in County Kerry. Eighteen of its parishes are located in the Limerick metropolitan area and environs. Services include the co-ordination and support of ministry, diocesan archives, pastoral supports, youth ministry, schools advisory services and safeguarding across the Diocese in a changing environment. The Diocese is now recruiting a Youth Ministry Coordinator. The successful candidate will work on the delivery of the objectives and actions of the Young People theme in the Diocesan Pastoral Plan, the vision of which is: "to create local opportunities for young people to meet their peers in the Eaglais Óg and replicate at local level, the success of the Youth Ministry at diocesan level and ensure that young people feel connected, involved and active in a multigenerational church whereby grandparents, parents and children minister to each other". The role will involve the creation, resourcing, delivery and support of youth ministry programmes and initiatives across the Diocese, including with parishes and schools with a focus on building capacity in the local context. It will also involve engagement with Youth Work and other relevant Organisations (Voluntary and Statutory) both Regionally and Nationally as appropriate. Completed application form (not CV) to be returned via electronic mail to: [recruitment@limerickdiocese.org](mailto:recruitment@limerickdiocese.org) by the deadline of **12.00 noon on August 26<sup>th</sup> 2022**. The Diocese of Limerick may decide to extend this deadline, depending on the number of applications received by this date.



**Feast of the Assumption Mass is Monday Donoughmore 10am**

**Upcoming Knock Pilgrimage is fully booked.** Thanks for your support. Please have tour €30 in an envelope with your full name. The bus will depart the Day Care Centre at 10am SHARP. We look forward to seeing you all on Wednesday the 17th August. Bridget, Naomi and Margaret. On the evening of Thursday, 21 August 1879, at about 8 o'clock, fifteen people, whose ages ranged from five years to seventy-five and included men, women, teenagers and children, witnessed what they stated was an apparition of Our Lady, Saint Joseph, and Saint John the Evangelist at the south gable end of the local small parish church, the Church of Saint John the Baptist. Behind them and a little to the left of Saint John was a plain altar. On the altar was a cross

and a lamb (a traditional image of Jesus, as reflected in the religious phrase The Lamb of God) with adoring angels. **Our parish Churches** are admired by lots of people who come to visit our place. We appreciate the continued hard work done to keep them looking well, enhanced with the grounds and beautiful flowers this time of year. The cast iron shoots on the roof of Knockea church need repair which we hope to complete shortly.



### Remembered In Mass

Donoughmore



Sat 13th August 7pm T J Walsh

**Mon.15th 10am Feast of the Assumption of our Lady**

Tues 16th 10 am No Mass

Fri 19th 10am

Sat 20th 7pm Michael Coffey (1st) Parents William & Annie & brother Richard. Willie & Joan & Mairead Cagney

### Knockea

Sun 14th 11am

Wed 17th 10am No Mass Day trip to Knock Shrine

Sun 21st 11am

### Roxboro

## Parish of Donoughmore/ Knockea/Roxboro



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The Eircode for St. Patrick's Church, Donoughmore is **V94 V6T3**. Knockea is **V94 D938**. **Pastoral Area** Donoughmore /Knockea/ Roxboro, Queen of Peace, Holy Family

Priest of the Diocese of Limerick and Parish of Dromin/Athlacca, formerly of Glenroe, funeral Mass Monday in Athlacca at 12 noon. To the family of Martin Flanagan (brother of Joe-Ashville Ballysheedy) New York, late of Lahinch, funeral New York last Monday, to the family of Kathleen O'Neill, late of Mill rd, Ballysheedy and 3 Sonas Drombanna, funeral Mass was Friday at Donoughmore, burial Ballinakill Kilfinny, to the family of John Power (Jnr) Marian Drive, Roxboro Rd, funeral Monday 12 noon Queen of Peace. May they rest in Peace

**Weekly Lotto** €1,400 winning 8,11,15,23 No winners Lucky dips 1.Margaret Ryan 2.Catherine & Rose c/o Elm Court 3. Willie Dool;ey 4.Kathy O'Riordan 5Mary Scanlan 6. Tadhg & Maeve c/o H.Hourigan Next Jackpot €1,500 Draw Tues. 16th August The Cat's Cradle 9.30pm Thank you

**Recently deceased** Sympathy to the family of Rev. Fr. Patrick (Paddy) Howard retired Parish

