



## Corpus Christi

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It's always nice to receive a gift, even if it's a little one. There are special occasions – Christmas, birthdays, anniversaries, Mother's or Father's Day – that we associate with gift giving but even when the gift is expected it's always nice to receive it. It means we haven't been forgotten. It means we are loved, remembered, appreciated.

It's even nicer when we get an unexpected gift, something out of the blue that's not just to mark a special occasion. Such a gift makes us feel special. It lights up our day.

Giving gifts is important; so too is acknowledging what we have been given. And that's what we do at Mass. Today we celebrate the feast of the Body and Blood of Christ. It's a special feast to help us reflect on the Mass, this gift we have been given, and what it means for us as individuals, families and community.

We acknowledge all that God has given us – the earth we inhabit; the people we love; the food we eat; the talents we have; the blessings we've received, everything that has been created - and that all of this is pure gift, given to us out of love.

But we acknowledge a greater gift still: the gift of salvation we have received through Jesus, the bread of life. Jesus is God's eternal, life-giving gift to the world.

At Mass, not only do we thank God for all we have been given, we offer our gift in return – all that we are and all that we do, insignificant though it may seem. Our response to God's gift is the gift of ourselves given.

This has implications for us as individuals and families, for the Eucharist is also the sacrament of unity and community. Every time we go to Mass we participate as one family. We gather around the one altar; listen to the same readings, say the same prayers, call each other brother and sister, eat the same meal. By its very nature, the Eucharist is a communal celebration, a family event. Our daily or weekly Eucharist is not just made up of a diverse assortment of semi-anonymous people gathered in one place. It is one family gathered as one. Just as in the Eucha-

rist all are my family, so also, they are my family once Mass is over and we leave the church to go in peace.

“The Eucharist demands that we be members of the one body of the Church. Those who approach the Body and Blood of Christ may not wound that same Body by creating scandalous distinctions and divisions among its members... When those who receive it turn a blind eye to the poor and suffering, or consent to various forms of division, contempt and inequality, the Eucharist is received unworthily. On the other hand, families who are properly disposed and receive the Eucharist regularly, reinforce their desire for fraternity, their social consciousness and their commitment to those in need.” *Pope Francis, The Joy of Love*

**Congratulations to Fr Dave on his 60th Anniversary**

### Donoughmore National School

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### Roll No: 16118M Part -Time Caretaker Vacancy

Required: 12.5 hours per week Time: Morning and evening hours. (Split Shift) The successful candidate will have: Ability to plan and work on own initiative along with the ability to work in a team environment with Principal and other school staff Excellent organisational skills Previous school caretaking experience desirable Be required to comply with national vetting requirements Ability to work with discretion and confidentiality.

**Duties to include:-** You will be a key holder and may be responsible for opening and closing the school outside of school hours on occasion

To carry out minor repairs and maintenance

Prepare the ground in times of frost/ice

Maintaining the school grounds – free of litter/leaves/moss Maintaining the gardens/shrubs Putting out traffic cones morning & evening Putting and taking in the weekly bins for collection Work in close co-operation with Board of Management, Parents Association, Principal and Teaching Staff.

These duties are to be performed in accordance with instructions conveyed. Other duties of similar nature are not excluded. To apply for the position, send a CV and letter of application by post to Chairperson, Fr Tom Mangan, Donoughmore NS, Donoughmore, Co Limerick V94X051. Please use “Caretaker Application” on envelope. Closing date for application 11/6/2021

## Remembered In Mass

Donoughmore



Sat 5th	7 pm	Margaret Ryan Frank Ahern
Mon 7th	10 am	No Mass
Tue 8th	10 am	<b>Mass</b>
Fri 11th	10 am	<b>Most Sacred Heart of Jesus</b>
Sat 12th	7 pm	Mary Fitzgerald (Timaru) ( 2nd A)
<b>Knockea</b>		
Sun 6th	11am	Alan Howell (!stA) Douglas & Margaret Howell
Wed 9th	11am	
Sun 13th	11am	Hilda Madden

## Roxboro

### Limerick Lourdes Virtual Diocesan Pilgrimage

Unfortunately, due to the restrictions we are unable to travel again this year, but we hope that 2022 will see us returning to Lourdes with the Limerick Diocesan Pilgrimage. Please see poster in Church and on Diocesan website with details of the upcoming virtual pilgrimage that takes place from Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> at 10.00am and 9.00pm each day. You might be so kind as to include it in your newsletter, on your notice board or on any social media sites that you use. Kind regards

Fr. Frank O'Dea

Lourdes Pilgrimage Director.



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weekly newsletter / Mass leaflet under the “Parish info” section

**Parish Office open on Saturday 11-12.15pm**

**Spike in Covid Cases** Limerick City and County Council, An Garda Síochána and the HSE have issued a joint appeal to the people to help stop the spread of the virus. We want people to enjoy the Bank Holiday Weekend but they must do so in a safe and responsible manner. Most of the recent COVID cases have been associated with indoor settings, such as in shops and hair salons, and due to household family visits or parties. We are reminding people to continue to follow the health and safety guidelines, stay safe, wear a face covering and avoid crowded place either indoor or outdoor. We all need to play our part in helping to stop the spread of COVID-19

