

“More than anything in my experience, hope is what beats in the heart of all people, particularly in the heart of the Irish. Every action is about hope, it can make things better.”

~President Joe Biden speaking in Dundalk during his visit

There is a story about a boy who sat on the steps of a building with a battered hat by his feet. A cardboard sign read: “I’m blind please help”. The hat held a few small coins. A man was walking by. He dropped a euro into the hat, picked up the sign, turned it around, wrote something on it and put it back where he had found it. Soon the hat began to fill up with coins and notes. That afternoon the same man was passing by again and came over to check how the boy was doing. “What did you write on my sign this morning,” asked the boy. The man said he wrote much the same except that he used different words. This is what he had written: “You are enjoying a beautiful day, but I cannot see it.” Both signs had told the people that the boy was blind. One shared the facts, the other shared a personal experience. The personal experience touched people and was the reason why the boy’s hat had been filled with lots of coins. The message of Easter has to also be a personal experience. On its own it is factual that doesn’t touch us much. But when we personalise it, the Easter story becomes alive. It is a story filled with hope, it is about celebrating new beginnings, it is embracing opportunity, it is about believing in love, kindness and goodness. It is as President Joe Biden puts it about recognising the hope that beats in the heart of everyone. Take away this hope and we have nothing. The Easter journey and celebration lasts for six weeks. This is not random but a reminder of giving enough time to feel this hope, to see this hope and to be this hope to each other..

The question is, how good are we at recognising the following is food for thought... The most destructive habit is worry. The greatest joy is giving. The greatest loss is that of self respect. The most satisfying work is helping others. The most endangered species are dedicated leaders. Our greatest natural resources are our young people. The greatest boost we can get is encouragement. The greatest problem to overcome is fear. The most effective sleeping pill is peace of mind.

The most powerful force in life is love. The greatest soother and comforter is prayer. The most dangerous pariah is a gossip. The world's most incredible computer is our brain. The worst thing to be without is hope. The deadliest weapon is a sharp tongue. The two most powerful words are 'I can'. Our greatest asset is faith. The most beautiful attire is a smile. The most appreciated word is 'Thanks'. The most contagious spirit is enthusiasm. To the world you may be one person but to one person you may be the world. Be yourself, be proud of who you are and let your light shine. Don't let anyone take away your something special and live life as full as you can today.

Easter water is available in our Churches...please take some home with you



Our Prayers and Sympathies: to the family of Terry Brown ,Parkroe, Ballyneety, funeral was today Saturday Knockea at 12 noon, to the family of Elizabeth Brosnan Roxboro, funeral Mass is Monday 11am Knockea and to the family of Mary Barry, Roxboro, funeral Monday afternoon at 2pm Knockea. May they rest in Peace.

Parish Funeral Teams are becoming part of ministry in our parishes in the Diocese and throughout the other Diocese of Ireland, to support families in bereavement times and with the priest of the parish and in the Pastoral Unit, it’s a Ministry of Accompaniment and Consolation to the bereaved. We appreciate a few of our parishioners who did training last year and are now part of this special ministry in our Parish. If you feel you would like to be part of the team and would like to know more about it, please let us know.

Thank you for supporting Trocaire this year, the box can be dropped into any of our churches in the next while.



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Remembered In Mass

Donoughmore



Sat.22nd April	7pm	Paddy & Tess Wade. Eamon Higgins. Gerry, Mary, Carmel, Patricia & Martina O'Donnell. John & Alice Shanahan. Mary, Richard, Jackie & Sr. Kathleen Butler
Mon.24th	10m	No Mass
Tues 25th	10am	
Fri 28th		
Sat.29th April	6pm	Michael & Jim Madden
Pleasenote change of Mass time next Saturday eve		
Knockea		
Sun 23rd	11am	John Smith . Patrick Wilson –April 2021 & Arthur Wilson, Glanworth Co. Cork
Wed.26th	10am	
Sun 30th	11am	

Knock Pilgrimage: Thursday 17th August 2023 Contact Bridget 061 351023. Naomi 086 6072593. Margaret 087 277 5103

DKR Comm. Café in the courthouse Ballyneety on Fridays 10.30-call in for a free cup of tea/coffee, all welcome

Donoughmore Knockea Roxboro Community alert membership is now overdue for 2023. The benefits of a safer community are important to all living and working within the DKR community.

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Pastoral Area Donoughmore / Knockea/ Roxboro, Queen of Peace, Holy Family

In 2023 DKR is operating on the local text message from An Garda and also with an App. *The benefits of using this App is that all Garda Alerts through the App Community Alerts through the App, Property Log, Panic Button . Any person interested in joining please give name in, phone number and email address Venue: Sessions House Ballyneety any morning between 9 to 1.30 Monday to Friday. Membership is €6.00 per phone.*

Weekly Lotto €4,200 no winner, winning No.1,18,21,25 Lucky dips.1.Ollie Sheehan 2.Olive Neville 3.Cathal Grimes 4.Alan Rowan 5.Katerina c/o Alan Rowan 6. Pat & Deirdre O’Neill Next Jackpot €4, 300 Draw Tues 25th April 9.30pm The Cat’s Cradle
Good luck to Limerick V Waterford in the Munster Senior All Ireland Hurling Championship ,

