



ONE of the most significant dates in prehistoric and early historic Ireland was the Festival Of Bealtaine. The first of May is the ancient festival of

Bealtaine or Beltane, the cross quarter day marking the midway point between the spring equinox and the summer solstice.

It is exactly six months away from Samhain - the New Year on November 1. Like many ancient festivals the date has an agricultural significance as it marks the end of the unfarmable winter in the Northern hemisphere and symbolised the start of the summer - when the cattle were moved to the high pastureland. The word Bealtaine is still used in the Irish language and translates as the month of May. Old traditions involved lighting fires at sunset on Oíche Bealtaine or May Eve, April 30, and these traditions still survive in part of the country, particularly in parts of Munster. The name is said to derive from Old Irish, meaning "bright fire" where Bel means light - the Celtic sun and healer god was Belenus. - Land blessing tradition go out May Eve and gather armfuls of yellow flowers known as May Flowers. These are



strewn at the gate of every field, outside the doors of homes and out-houses and even on the housetops. It is considered that these would keep away ill-luck and disease. The old custom of using holy water to ward off bad luck and protect against piseogs on May Eve may have died out in some areas but the tradition is alive and well in others. It was believed that shaking Easter water or blessed water from 'Cumann na dTrí nUisce'--any place where three waters, three parishes, three townlands or even three drains meet - was particularly powerful, but any water that had been blessed was enough to ward off bad luck. East Clare resident, well-known storyteller Eddie Lenihan says piseogs can be described as simply old superstitions but they have a more sinister side that he says is the working of badness on your neighbours or the taking away of his luck to add to your own luck," he says. Piseogs were often associated with certain families and certain parishes. May the Month of Mary the mother of

God It's common for parishes to have the daily recitation of the Rosary during May, and many have a special May altar with a statue or picture of Mary as a reminder of Mary's month. The atmosphere is beautifully captured in Canon Sydney MacEwan's singing of 'Bring Flowers of the Rarest'. *O Mary we crown thee with blossoms today! Queen of the Angels and Queen of the May. O Mary we crown thee with blossoms today, Queen of the Angels and Queen of the May*

Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated on Wednesday 10th May by Bishop Brendan Leahy, 3 ceremonies will take place, Scoil Spioraid Naomh – Queen of Peace Church at 10am, Donoughmore at 11.30am and Knockea at 1pm.

First Communion ceremonies are Sat. 6th May 11am Knockea, Sat. 13th May 11am Donoughmore, Sat. 20th May 1pm Scoil Spioraid Naomh at Knockea Church

Our Prayers and Sympathies: to the families of Terry Brown, Parkroe, Ballyneety, Elizabeth Brosnan Roxboro, Mary Barry, Roxboro, and Donie Collins Caherconlish May they rest in Peace.



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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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/working within the DKR community. 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*

Remembered In Mass

Donoughmore



Sat.29th April	6pm	Michael & Jim Madden
Mon.1st May Bank Holiday	10m	No Mass
Tues 2nd	10am	
Fri 5th		
Sat.6th May	7pm	Michael John Butler (MM)
Knockea		
Sun 30th	11am	Parish Intentions
Wed.3rd	10am	
Sun 7th	11am	Gerard Burke. Tommy & May Hartigan

*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. **DkR** AGM is Monday 8th May 8pm*

DIL -Darkness into Light this Sat. May 6th local walk from the Golf Club Ballyneety 5.15am with option to purchase tea/coffee/scone after ur walk in Vines, thanks to Gerry for opening up at an early hour.

Knockea N.S "Cash for Clobber" recent School fundraiser wish to thank everyone who have supported them.

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

Weekly Lotto €4,200 no winner, winning No.6,11,24,27 Lucky dips.1. Jack Carey 2.Seamus Hartigan 3.Jonathan Foley 4.Par Carmody 5.Mary & Lar c/o Josephine Hayes 6.Susan Walsh Next Jackpot €4, 400 Draw Tues 2nd May 9.30pm The Four Elms

May Bank Holiday Wishing everyone a happy weekend. Riverfest and the Great Limerick Run are in town. Roads will be extra busy so please exercise particular vigilance in terms of safety and to be responsible on the roads over the coming days

Good luck to Limerick V Clare in the Munster Senior All Ireland Hurling Championship 7pm at Tus Gaelic grounds,

