

Freedom to be Our True Self

Our deepest freedom rests not in our freedom to do what we want to do but rather in our freedom to become who God wills us to be. This person, this ultimate self that God wills us to be, is not a static mould to which we must conform. Rather, it offers us an infinite possibility for growth. It is our true self. It is a secret self that is hidden in and is one with the divine freedom. In obeying God, in turning to do God's will, God wills us to be free. God created us for freedom.

Phrased differently, we can say that God cannot hear the prayer of someone who does not exist. That person has a self that is constructed of human ideologies and secular philosophies. The self that defines itself and then goes on to proclaim its own worthiness is most unworthy of God's freedom; it is not on the road to its true self.

Our freedom from the prison of our own illusions comes in realising that in the end everything is a gift. Above all, we ourselves are gifts. We must first accept that we are gifts from God. Then we can return who we are to the Father and move on to become our true self. This is accomplished in a daily death to self, in a compassionate reaching out to those in need, and in silent contemplative prayer. It is accomplished in making Jesus' prayer our own: "Father, . . . not my will but yours be done" (Luke 22:42). We must break free from the lie that we are separate from God and the misguided desire to lay hold of God as a possession. In Thomas Merton's words: Only when we are able to "let go" of everything within us, all desires to see, to know, to taste and even to experience the presence of God, do we truly become able to transform our entire inner life. This letting-go in the moral order is the living out of the Beatitudes. In prayer, it is an emptying of our minds of thoughts, feelings, desires and experiences so that the person becomes an empty vessel, a broken vessel, a void that lies open before God and finds itself filled with God's own life. This gift of God is revealed to be the root of our very existence. It is our own true self.

May the month of Our lady. 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 Naoimh –Queen of Peace Church at 10am, Donoughmore at 11.30am and Knockea at 1pm.



First Holy Communion Congratulations to our boys and girls from Knockea who celebrated their First Communion today. Next Sat. 13th May 11am Donoughmore, Sat. 20th May 1pm Scoil Spioraid Naoimh at Knockea



Church

Our Prayers and Sympathies: to the family of Kevin McAuliffe Bruff, late Old Cork rd. May he rest in Peace.

Gravervyard Massaes Monday 15th Donoughmore 7.30pm Tuesday 16th May Cahernorry 7.30pm. Please note the week after, Monday 22nd May Raheen 7.30pm and Mt. St Oliver 23rd May 7.30pm

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, ladies bring your netting needle

Remembered In Mass

Donoughmore



Sat.6th May	7pm	Michael John Butler (MM)
Mon. 8th May	10m	
Tues 9th	10am	No Mass
Fri 12th		
Sat.13th May	7pm	Kathleen Sheehan (MM). Nancy Delahunty (MM) Marie Hartigan (1st)
Knockea		
Sun 7th	11am	Gerard Burke. Tommy & May Hartigan
Wed.10th Sacrament of Confirmation	10am of 11.30 1pm	No Mass
Sun 14th	11am	May & Tommy Hartigan. Eithne Clifford (1st)

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 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

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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

Gala Concert , all proceeds to restore the Roof at the Dominican Church Limerick , Louise Morrissey and guests –Denis Allen, Denis Carey, Marty Daniels, Norman Morrissey, all at the Radisson Blu Hotel on Friday 26th May, tickets €25 available at Haven Pharmacy, Davis St or St. Saviours Dominican parish office , 085 2255796.

Weekly Lotto €4,400 no winner, winning No.2,9,17,23 Lucky dips.1.Rose Carey 2.Josephine Hayes 3.James Aherne 4.Kathleen Toomey 5.James & Finn Kelly 6.Eileen Skehan Next Jackpot €4, 500 Draw Tues 9th May 9.30pm The Cat's Cradle

New name for our Pastoral Unit of Donoughmore/Knockea/Roxboro/ Holy Family /Queen of Peace "Sli Pdraig" -Patrick's Way

