



June 18th **What is a Church? Part 4 of 5**

The sun will begin rising and shining on St. Patrick's Church, Donoughmore at about

5:10 a.m. on June 21 if weather conditions permit. About 150 metres in front of the sanctuary window is an ash tree. This is perpendicular to the window, forming a 90 degree angle with the window. Behind it is a very large cluster of trees, both tall and wide. On Friday last, June 16th the sun rose behind this heavy cluster of trees. About 30 minutes later the sun had risen above and beyond it and was visible to the window. The golden glow from it struck the frosted glass of the sanctuary window and could be seen from outside the window of the organ loft.

It is reasonable to conclude that there will be or would be a summer solstice down the nave of Donoughmore Church on June 21st next if the trees weren't obstructing it. But it appears that the trees on the Donoughmore Road at Hickey's Cross will eclipse the sun as it rises in front of the sanctuary window. So instead of a summer solstice, we'll have a solar eclipse.

When the sun appears over the trees, the most a person should do is give a **flecting glance at the sun with sunglasses**. Cameras should have suitable lens for taking a quick photo. Others might prefer to take a seat in the nave or preferably in the organ loft. They will be able to verify where and how the sun's golden rays reacts with the frosted sanctuary window. Ideally, we'd need plain glass or no glass in the sanctuary window and have all the other windows in the church sealed to get the full impact.

The distant and gigantic sun, 150 million Kms away from us rises up over the horizon on June 21 to generously let its light and heat stream through the sanctuary window of St. Patrick's Church, Donoughmore. It's God's instrument in bringing light and life to our planet. These are themes that are very prominent in St. John's Gospel. We owe it a huge debt of thanks. There are some parallels between the sun and God.

St. Francis of Assisi wrote *The Canticle of the Sun* in which he refers to the sun as 'Brother Sun': 'Be praised, my Lord, through all your creatures, especially through my lord Brother Sun, who brings the day; and you give

light through him. And he is beautiful and radiant in all his splendour! Of you, Most High, he bears the likeness. Praised be You, my Lord, through Sister Moon and the stars, in heaven you formed them clear and precious and beautiful'.

What is a church? We will see on June 21 that St. Patrick's Church is a chamber of physical light but also a chamber of God's light. This coming week will hopefully embellish that theme of light.

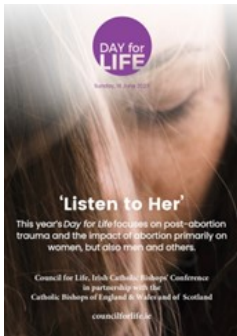
Our Prayers and deepest sympathy to the Marrinan family 'Clareview' Robin Hill, Drombanna on the sad passing of Katherine -(nee O'Meara) funeral Saturday Knockea at 11am. May she rest in Peace

The Annual Novena takes place from Friday June 16th to Saturday June 24th. There will be 6 celebrations on each of the nine days – the earliest at 7.30am, the last one at 9pm.

Wedding Congrats to Sorcha Carey and Simon Brickenden who celebrated their wedding at Knockea Church on Friday. We wish this couple many happy years of health and happiness.

School Graduations this coming week Donoughmore Tuesday 20th 7pm. Knockea Wednesday 21st 7pm and Scoil Spioraid Naoimh Friday 23rd 7pm

Day for Life this Sunday: Pope Francis has kindly sent a message of encouragement for all who participate in the Day for Life.



The Holy Father Francis was informed of the celebration of the 2023 Day for Life in Ireland, Scotland, England and Wales under the theme "Listen to Her" and sends his greetings and good wishes to all the participants. In listening to Mary, our Mother, and following her example, he invites us to discover our personal call from God who is the source of our existence, reminding us

that, "Each human being is called by God to enjoy the fullness of life; and, is entrusted to the maternal care of the Church. Every threat to human dignity and life cannot but have an effect on her heart, on her maternal 'womb'. To defend life is not an ideology for the Church. It is a reality; a human reality which involves all Christians, precisely because they are Christian and

Remembered In Mass		
Donoughmore		
Sat.17th June	7pm	Jack Brosnahan (1st) Bridget McNamara
Mon.19th	10m	Jackie Brosnahan
Tues.20th	10am	No Mass
Fri.23rd		No Mass
Sat.24th	7pm	Mary Keogh (1st), Cloughjordan / Bawnmore Anne Plunkett (MM) Peggy, Theresa, Kitty & Ita Flynn
Knockea		
Sun 18th	11am	Willie Cooney (7th) & his parents James and Mary Cooney
Wed. 21st	10am	Michael Noone (Bday rem)
Sun 25th	11am	Aggie Kimmons (3rd) late of Ballysheedy & Riverstown, Castlecarra, Dundalk. Co.Louth Bridget Begley (13th)



because they are human". (General Audience, 25 March 2020). With these sentiments in mind, I assure all who participate in this year's Day for Life of Pope Francis' prayers, particularly for all expectant mothers and their families. Through the intercession of the Mother of God, the Holy Father cordially imparts his Apostolic Blessing to all participants and invokes an abundance of Divine graces.. You can read the message in full on www.councilforlife.ie

DKR Comm. Café courthouse Ballyneety Fridays 10.30am....call in for a free cup of tea/coffee any Friday morning

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