



WESTPORT PARISH NEWSLETTER

ST. MARY'S, WESTPORT & DRUMMIN



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Priest on duty this week: Fr Charlie McDonnell
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS, READERS, GOOD NEWS CLUB /
SERVERS, ALTER SOCIETY

Assisting in the Liturgy: 4th June 2017 Year B

Pentecost Sunday

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: TEAM C
GOOD NEWS CLUB LUKE
ALTAR SOCIETY: TEAM 1 (2nd June)
READERS WESTPORT:

Saturday 3rd June 2017 6.30 p.m.
 Anna Kelly / Breege Joyce.

Sunday 4th June 2017 10.00 a.m.
 Mary Carr / Julia Thompson.

Sunday 4th June 2017 12.00 noon
 Ann Corcoran / Colette Lavelle.

READER DRUMMIN

Sunday 4th June 2017 11.30 a.m.
 Bridie Hopkins.

SERVERS: SAT. 3RD JUNE & SUN. 4TH JUNE 2017

6.30 p.m.	Tim Carty / Leah Gill / Róna Corrigan Seán Gannon / Áine Kerrigan.
10.00 a.m.	Ciaran Murphy / Emilie & Lucy O'Connell / Martin O'Grady / Conor Walsh.
12.00 noon	Kate Hastings / Wiktoria Kalamarska / Paulina Klapper / Dalvin Boby / Jamie Ryder.

10 a.m. WEEKDAY MASS READER THIS WEEK:
 Mon. 29th May – Friday 2nd June 2017
 Bríd McGing.

MORNING PRAYER THIS WEEK:

Mon. 29th May & Thurs. 1st June: Maighréad Costello & Léonie Cunningham.

Saturday 3rd June: James & Katie Johnston.

DEATHS: We remember...

Jimmy Walsh, Forkfield, Ayle.

Joseph Fadden, Raheny, Dublin, brother of Pat & Martin.

Teresa Rose, Mill St.

Fr. Tom Hughes, Dublin & Brazil, cousin of The Staunton family
 High St. & the Fahy & Ryder families, Tonranny.

Margaret McDonnell, Carramore, Liscarney, mother of Deirdre
 Rosenkranz & Peggy McNamara, The Mall, Boutique, North Mall.

MAY SHE REST IN PEACE

BAPTISMS: We welcome into the Christian Community: –

Robert Victor Burakowski. & Max James Harvey.

WEDDINGS: Congratulations to – Gary Keane & Lisa Keane.

CONFESSIONS: None this Sat. due to First Communion.

DAILY READINGS: Mon. 29th May to Friday 2nd June 2017.

Mon. 29th May	Acts 19:1-8. Ps 67:2-7, R/ v 33. Jn 16:29-33.
Tues. 30th May	Acts 20:17-27. Ps 67:10-11, 20-21, R/ v 33. Jn 17:1-11.
Wed. 31st May	Zeph 3:14-18 or Rm 12:9-16. Ps Is 12:2-6, R/ v 6. Lk 1:39-56.
Thurs. 1st June	Acts 22:30, 23:6-11. Ps 15:1-2, 5, 7-11, R/ v 1. Jn. 17:20-26.
Friday 2nd June	Acts 25:13-21. Ps 102:1-2, 11-12, 19-20, R/ v 19. Jn 21:15-19.

MASS ON THE RADIO FROM ST. MARY'S CHURCH, WESTPORT: Tune into 104.8 FM to receive all weekend; Sat. 6.30 p.m. & Sun. 10 a.m. & 12 noon and 10 a.m. weekday Masses.

MASSES WESTPORT CHURCH:

Saturday 27th May 2017

1) Paddy & Bridie Cawley, Fr. Angelus Pk. & Liam Bourke, Newport. 6.30 p.m.

Sunday 28th May 2017

Months Mind: Mary Rowe, Fr. Angelus Park. 10.00 a.m.

People of the Parish / Pro Populo. 12.00 noon

Monday 29th May 2017

Morning Prayer of the Church. 8.00 a.m.

1) Ger & Elizabeth Cunningham, St. Patrick's Tce.

2) Tommy Joe Kerrigan, Letterbrock & all D.M. of the Kerrigan & Heraty families.

3) Christina & Michael Malone, Altamont St.

4) John O'Brien, Rosbeg. 10.00 a.m.

Tuesday 30th May 2017

1) Lil Cusack & D.F.M. 8.00 a.m.

2) Martin J. McGreal, The Deerpark.

1) Anne Grady, Woodpark & all D.F.M.

2) Holy Souls.

3) Ita Browne, Fr. Angelus Park. 10.00 a.m.

Wednesday 31st May 2017

1) D.M. of the Gannon & McGuire families. 8.00 a.m.

1) Josephine Greene & Annie & David Garavan.

2) Clarie Feehan, Upper Quay & D.M. of the Heveran & Feehan families.

3) The D.M. of the Clarke Family, Rosbeg & Altamont St. 10.00 a.m.

Thursday 1st June 2017

Morning Prayer of the Church. 8.00 a.m.

1) Jack Tarmey, Tubberhill.

2) Nuala, Annie & Broddie Gavin, Newport Rd.

3) Mary Staunton, late of Altamont St. 10.00 a.m.

Friday 2nd June 2017

1) The Murphy family, Kildare & The Brophy F. Dublin 8.00 a.m.

1) Broddie & Mary Kate O'Toole, their son Willie & all D.F.M.

2) Michael Murphy, Drumminadoo.. 10.00 a.m.

Saturday 3rd June 2017

Morning Prayer of the Church & Rosary 10.00 a.m.

First Anniversary: Ann Joyce, High St. 6.30 p.m.

Sunday 4th June 2017

George Fair, Glospatrick. 10.00 a.m.

People of the Parish / Pro Populo. 12.00 noon

MASSES DRUMMIN CHURCH

Sunday 28th May 2017

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASS 11.30 a.m.

(This is the only Mass today **no** Mass at 9.30 a.m.)

Sunday 4th June 2017

1) Marie Hastings, Derrymore & D.M. of the Hastings & Madigan families. 9.30 a.m.

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FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

ST. MARY'S CHURCH, WESTPORT & DRUMMIN.

We congratulate all the children who received their First Holy First Communion over the last two weekends in our parish. We thank all who prepared and helped them in any way, their parents, teachers, 'Do This in Memory' Programme Co-ordinator Mary and the parents who volunteered on the programme.

The next and final day in this year's 'Do This in Memory' Programme is **Sunday 18th June**, for the Corpus Christi Procession, which will take place after 12.00 noon Mass.

BAPTISMAL TEAM 2 MEETING ON WED. 31st MAY 2017.

Parents whose child / children are to be baptised **on Sunday 4th June 2017, at 2.00 p.m.**, are asked to attend a meeting with the Baptismal Team, here at the Presbytery, at 8.30 p.m. **on this Wednesday 31st May.**

FIRST FRIDAY 2nd JUNE 2017

- Mass will be celebrated at 8 a.m. & 10 a.m.
- Frs. Charlie & Patrick will attend to their calls to the sick and housebound **on Friday 2nd June.**

KNOCK MINI-VIGIL, FRIDAY 2ND JUNE 2017.

A bus will leave from The Quay at 7.00 p.m. and The Mall at 7.15 p.m. **To book phone Mary on 098 28033.**

MASS BOOK OPENS THIS THURSDAY, 1ST JUNE 2017.

The Mass Book for announced Masses in the church for **April, May & June 2018 will open this Thursday 1st June 2017, at 9.30 a.m.**

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:

Every parish in the Archdiocese of Tuam has been invited to St. Jarlath's College Chapel, Tuam, on the weekend of **3rd & 4th June 2017**, for one hour Adoration. Westport has been assigned 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Sunday 4th June. A bus will leave from The Car Park, Mill St., at 4.00 p.m. Cost of €10 payable on booking only. **Contact Mary on 098 28033 ASAP.**

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION: Each Wednesday, at 8.00 p.m.

GOOD NEWS CLUB: Each Thurs. at 8.00 p.m.

DIVINE MERCY & PRAYER CHAPLET:

Continues daily in the church, at 3.00 p.m.

LEGION OF MARY:

Meet at 7.00 p.m. each Monday evening, at the Parish Centre, James St., (side entrance to the church). Everyone age 18 years plus is welcome. Friend of Facebook. Our Lady of Fatima Statue is available to all homes for one week. **Phone Breda on 087 2747873.**

PRACTISE FOR ALL SERVERS FOR 2017 – 2018 SEASON:

Will be held this **Wednesday 31st May, at 4.00 p.m.** here in the church.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL HELPLINE: 087 9334960

SERVICES & MEETINGS AT CARROWBEG HOUSE THIS WEEK:

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: Adoration takes place each weekday, 10.30 a.m. to 8 p.m. On each Tuesday evening The Adoration Committee and St. Joseph's Young Priests' Society host a Holy Hour from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.

ACCORD CASTLEBAR:

The Accord Centre in Castlebar offers a safe, professional and confidential counselling process, facilitating couples and individuals to explore, reflect upon and resolve difficulties in their marriage and relationships. **For further information contact: 094-9022214.** **Marriage preparation courses may be booked at this number also or on line at www.accord.ie**

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Our door is always open to those in genuine need.

ACTIVE RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION AT PLOUGASTEL CENTRE:

Sunday: Whist. **Monday:** Monthly Social with Pat Friel. Both at 8.00 p.m. **Wednesday:** Bingo at 3.00 p.m.

EMPLOYABILITY SERVICE MAYO: Tel. 094 9043008

Supporting people with Health Conditions/Disabilities into employment. **This is a free and confidential service.**

ONE-DAY PILGRIMAGE TO LOUGH DERG:

Our Parish Annual One-Day Pilgrimage to Lough Derg will take place on **this Monday 29th May**. The bus for those who have booked will leave from Mill St. Car Park at 6.00 a.m. Sharp. We wish every grace and blessing to all the pilgrims to travel safely. Fr. Patrick will accompany the group.

There are some seats remaining if interested phone 086 1060203.

PRAY THE ROSARY DURING THE MONTH OF MAY:

The Adult Faith Group invites you to join in praying the Rosary here in the church at 8.00 p.m. This is the final evening for this year.

Monday 30th May: The Glorious Mysteries.

WESTPORT-AROR (KENYA) PARTNERSHIP MEETING:

On Mon. 29th May, 8 p.m., at Knockranny House Hotel.

WESTPORT ACTIVE RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION:

Monthly social at Plougastel Centre, **this Mon. 29th May**, Pat Friel will provide the music.

LAUNCH OF 'CLEW BAY GARDEN TRAIL 2017:

By Cynthia Clampett CEO Mayo Roscommon Hospice Foundation, takes place **this Thursday 1st June 2017, 11.00 a.m.**, at Aurivo, Lodge Road. **All welcome.**

CLEW BAY GARDEN TRAIL 2017: www.clewbaygardentrail.ie

WESTPORT TOURISM ORGANISATION COMMITTEE MEETING:

On this Thursday 1st June, 7.30 p.m., at The Ebony Suite, Plaza Hotel. **New members always welcome.**

WESTPORT CAMOGIE CLUB FUNDRAISER TABLE QUIZ:

On this Thurs. 1st June, 9 p.m., at The Clew Bay Hotel.

WESTPORT LADIES GAELIC CLUB CLOTHES COLLECTION:

Help the club to raise funds by collecting all old /unwanted clean clothes and drop them off at The Sacred Heart School pitch, **on Wednesday 14th June, between 6 p.m. and 8 p.m.**

CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION: Will be held **on Sun. 18th June, after 12.00 noon Mass. Further details later.**

BAZAAR FOR UNITED CHRISTIAN AID IN MOLDOVA:

Bazaar for Moldova will be held next weekend, **Sat. 3rd & Sun. 4th June, doors open at 10.30 a.m. and on Mon. 5th open from 11.30 a.m. to 1.30 p.m.**

WESTPORT HORSE & PONY SHOW '50TH ANNIVERSARY'

All roads lead to Drummindoo Stables next weekend, **4th & 5th June (Bank Holiday)** for the annual Westport Horse & Pony Show, this year celebrating 50 years. **Mass will be celebrated on Friday evening 2nd June, at 8 p.m.**, at The Stables to honour this great event in our community and in remembrance of all deceased members. **All welcome.**

CHURCH ENVELOPES 2017 – 2018

• Weekly envelopes for the year ahead come into effect from next weekend, **Sunday 4th June 2017.**

• We ask all Distributors again for your much valued help; boxes may be collected from the Presbytery after Mass today or before Tuesday if at all possible.

• If you don't receive a box of envelopes and require one please contact the parish office. **Thank you for your continued support.**

PILGRIMAGES 2017:

Medjugorje: ex Knock, 7th June 2017, (day flight) €699 p.p. Contact Marita on 098 64017 / 089 414 6331.

The Holy Land: 26th June to 6th July. Tel. Fr. Benny McHale on 01 844227. (ASAP advisable)

Lourdes (Diocesan Annual): 6th July for 5 nights, led by Archbishop Neary. Tel. Sheila on 093 24639 / 086 8664633.

San Giovanni, Cascia & Medjugorje: 11th Sept. X 8 nights. Tel. Joan on 061 600951 or 01 2410816. Spiritual Director

Medjugorje: 20th Sept., X 7 nights, ex Knock, with Sp. Dir. Tel. Maureen on 087 7634048 or Anne on 086 3766293.

San Giovanni (Padre Pio): 29th Sept. to 6th Oct., Spiritual Director Fr. Ray Flaherty. Tel. St. Anne Marie-086 8683619.

Malta: Follow the footsteps of St. Paul. 9th October, 7 nights Spiritual Director: Fr. Karl Burns. Tel. Norah on 094 9021510 or 087 2533272 / email: norahwalshe@gmail.com

The Holy Land: Christmas Pilgrimage, 20th – 28th Dec. X 8 nights, ex Dublin. Tel. James on 061 921470/ 0860572216.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GOUP:

Meet each Wednesday morning at 11.00 a.m., at The Family Centre, Knock Shrine, for one hour. It offers a place and time to remember and find support when dealing with the loss of a family member.

For further information please contact Monica on 094 9375320.

WESTPORT COMMUNITY RADIO ON 98.2 FM

Tune in to 'Covies Corner' each Sun. 8 p.m. – 10 p.m.

ST. MARTIN & REALITY MAGAZINES & THE IRISH CATHOLIC & THE CATHOLIC VOICE:

On sale at the Presbytery. (Office hours).

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOC. HELPLINE: 087 9334960.**WESTPORT COMMUNITY RADIO: TUNE IN TO 98.2 FM****BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT & COUNSELLING:
TEL. 098 28871.****ACTIVITIES AT THE QUAY COMMUNITY CENTRE:**

- **MONDAY CLUB:** 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. All welcome.
 - **BINGO:** every Friday night, at 8.30 p.m. All welcome.
- DANCERCISE:** Each Monday, 10.30 a.m.-12 noon, at The Sports Complex, Horkan's Hill. Info at 098 26634 or rebcw@oceanfree.net (Suitable for all ages).

SUPPORT GROUP – SEPARATED FATHERS:

Will meet at the Westport Family & Community Resource Centre, Wed., 7 p.m. - 9 p.m. **Tel. 087 1849675**

MAYO WOMEN'S SUPPORT SERVICES (MWSS)

Is a free confidential service, offering support to women who may be experiencing any type of domestic violence or / and abuse in their relationships.

You may talk to someone in a safe and confidential environment by phoning 094 9025409 or 087 6569672.

MAYO DRUG & ALCOHOL FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP:

Tel. 087 7400011 / 094 9366692 for meeting details.

WESTPORT FAMILY & COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTRE, THE FAIRGREEN. TEL. 098 24419:

- Provide information and support services such as counselling and Family Support and run community projects including The Quay Community Project and services for Older People.

Contact details: 098 24419 or at www.westportfrc.ie

**'CONSOLE' THE NATIONAL SUICIDE CHARITY
'AWARE' Understanding & supporting people with Depression.**

Contact www.aware.ie

BAPTISMAL TEAMS:

Baptism is the first and primary Sacrament of our Faith. The celebration of a baptism is a joyful and special occasion in the life of a family. The parish wishes to enrich and enhance the celebration of the Sacrament by establishing Baptismal Teams. The Team assists in the preparation for and celebration of the Sacrament of Baptism. Its members represent the Community by welcoming the child to be baptised and their families on their faith journey.

If you are interested in knowing more and getting involved, please contact the parish office at 098 28871.

BAPTISM POLICY:

Baptisms are held every weekend, one Saturday (the second Sat.) and three Sundays in the month (check with parish office for actual dates). Parents are required to give two weeks' notice and are invited to attend a short information meeting on the Wednesday prior to baptism, at Carrowbeg House, at 8.30 p.m. We strongly encourage parents to avail of the new Baptismal Teams who will make contact with you and visit you in your home if you wish. We wish God's blessing on all children who will be baptised this year and welcome you into the Christian and Parish Community.

For more information check website :

<http://www.westportparish.ie/baptism-times-a-dates>

THE CITIZENS INFORMATION SERVICE:

Operate at the Courtyard, James St. You can drop in or -Tel. 0761076100. Email: Westport@citinfo.ie

CARANUA: provide help and support to survivors of Institutional abuse. Contact Freephone 1800 212477. Email: info@caranua.ie

ALATEEN:

Meetings held every Sun., 3 p.m. Hope House, Foxford.

WESTPORT LADIES SOCIAL GROUP:

Meet every Wed., 10.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m., at Carrowbeg House. All welcome to come along for a cuppa and a chat.

IRISH COUNTRY WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION WESTPORT:

Meet every Tuesday evening, 8.30 p.m., at the Order of Malta Building, St. Mary's Crescent.

New members welcome. **Contact Ann, Tel. No. 085 7895498.**

THE IRISH CANCER SOCIETY'S VOLUNTEER DRIVER SERVICE:

Is available free to patients attending Galway University Hospital for chemotherapy treatment.

Tel. 01 2310566 or 01 2316642 or speak to your oncology team.

CANCER

Concerned about cancer? Diagnosed with cancer?

Caring for someone with cancer?

Helpline Freephone 1800 200 700

THE LOCAL EMPLOYMENT SERVICE, JAMES STREET.

Free and Confidential Service, for information on training, employment, CV preparation and much more, call in or phone for an appointment on **(098) 28583.**

BADMINTON AT RICE COLLEGE GYM:

Continues Mon. & Thurs. 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. **All welcome.**

WESTPORT MACRA NA FEIRME:

Seeking new members between 17 - 35 years.

Contact (083)4693058.

MASS ON THE RADIO:

Mass from St. Mary's Church, Westport may be received on your radio by **tuning in to 104.8 FM.**

Weekend Masses: 6.30 p.m. on Saturday & 10 a.m. & 12 noon on Sunday, also 10 a.m. Mass Mon. to Friday.

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Reflection

Your children are not your children.

They come through you but are not from you.

And though they are with you, they belong not to you.

You may give them your love, but not your thoughts, for they have their own thoughts.

You may house their bodies, but not their souls, for their souls dwell in the house of tomorrow, which you cannot visit, not even in your dreams.

You may strive to be like them, but seek not to make them like you.

For life goes not backward nor tarries with yesterday.

You are the bows from which your children as living arrows are sent forth.

Reflection (Helen Mallicoat)

I was regretting the past and fearing the future.

Suddenly, my Lord was speaking:

"My name is I am". He paused... I waited...

He continued, "When you live in the past with its mistakes and regrets, it is hard.

I am not there. My name is not I was.

When you live in the future, with all its problems and fears, it's hard. I am not there.

My name is not I will be. When you live in this moment, it is not hard. I am here, My name is I am".

SÉ DO BHEATHA, A MUIRE /The Hail Mary

Sé do bheatha, a Mhuire,

atá lán de ghrásta,

Tá an Tiarna leat.

Is beannaithe thú idir mná,

Agus is beannaithe toradh do bhroinne, Íosa.

A Naomh-Mhuire, a Mháthair Dé,

guigh orainn na peacaigh,

anois, agus ar uair ár mbáis.

Amen.

SUICIDE AWARENESS - '50/50 PHONE A FRIEND':

Open Mon. – Thurs. 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. on Distillery Road.
Tel: 098 25050.

BREASTCHECK to register call Freephone 1800 45 45 55 or check online on www.breastcheck.ie

Take Action?

Why not ... volunteer to become part of a parish of local activity where you can use your gifts and talents to serve others?

HOSPITAL VISITATION

From time to time we become aware that there are parishioners in hospital and would like to visit them where possible. We also wish to respect their right to privacy at what may be a difficult time. If you have a close family member who is in hospital and are sure that they would like a visit we would be only delighted to do so.

KNOCK MARRIAGE INTRODUCTIONS: Single & wish to marry? Knock Marriage Introductions can help you; it was set up in 1968 to help people find a suitable marriage partner.

The office is open on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

For further information phone 094 9375960 or visit the website @ www.knockmarriageintroductions.com

AIRC MAYO: helping children with disabilities and their families, if you would like to volunteer or help in any way contact Angela on 085 1194041 for details.

REGINA CAELI (replaces The Angelus in) EASTER SEASON

Queen of Heaven, rejoice, alleluia /

R. For He whom you did merit to bear, alleluia.

Has risen, as he said, alleluia. /

R. Pray for us to God, alleluia.

Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia/

R. For the Lord has truly risen, alleluia.

Let us pray. O God, who gave joy to the world through the resurrection of Thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, grant we beseech Thee, that through the intercession of the Virgin Mary, His Mother, we may obtain the joys of everlasting life.

Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen

Regina caeli, laetare, alleluia:

R. Quia quem meruisti portare, alleluia,

Resurrexit, sicut dixit, alleluia.

R. Ora pro nobis Deum, alleluia.

Gaude et laetare, Virgo Maria, alleluia.

R. Quia surrexit Dominus vere, alleluia.

Oremus. Deus, qui per resurrectionem Filii tui, Domini nostri Iesu

Christi, mundum laetificare dignatus es:

praesta, quaesumus, ut per eius Genitricem Virginem Mariam, perpetuae capiamus gaudia vitae.

Per eundem Christum Dominum nostrum. Amen.

ÁR nATHAIR / Our Father

Ár nAthair atá ar Neamh, go naofar d’ainm, go dtaga do ríocht, go ndéantar do thoil ar an talamh mar a ndéantar ar neamh.

Ár n-arán leathúil tabhair dúinn inniú agus maith dúinn ár bhfiacha mar amhaithimidne dár bhféichiúna féin, is ná lig sin I gcathú ach soar sin ó olc. Amen.

THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

“By the venerable tradition of the universal Church, lauds as Morning Prayer and vespers as Evening Prayer are the two hinges on which the daily office turns; hence they are to be considered as the chief hours and celebrated as such” (Vatican II, SC § 48). As is clear from many of the elements that make it up, Morning Prayer is intended and arranged to sanctify the morning. Morning Prayer and Evening Prayer are therefore to be accorded the highest importance as the prayer of the Christian community.

Their public or communal celebration should be encouraged...

”(From General Introduction of the Liturgy of the Hours.)

PROBLEM GAMBLING? Tel: 1800 246 139.

MAYO ROSCOMMON HOSPICE Tel: 094-9388666.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT: TEL: 098 28871

RETURN TO WORK INITIATIVE: Tel: 094 9022770 / 086 7701996.

IRISH CATHOLIC NEWSPAPER: Is available weekly from Thursday, at the Presbytery. Cost €1.60

SAINT MARY’S CHURCH RENOVATIONS

We are delighted to report that expressions of interest from those wishing to be involved in the renovation works in St. Mary’s church have appeared in the current issue of The Mayo News. While the progress to date may seem slow and painstaking, every effort is being made to ensure that all works being carried out are prudent and necessary, as well as the work carried out being sustainable. We assure you that it is our ardent desire that every cent of your money collected is spent properly. We deeply appreciate the sacrifices being made by so many to contribute to these works and do not in any way wish to make mistakes. This therefore means taking time to do things properly. It is envisaged that once work begins it will take several months. We wish to thank most sincerely all those who have contributed so far and continue to do so on an ongoing basis. We wish to acknowledge also the great work done by those who went door to door, as well as the Parish Maintenance Committee, Finance Committee and Pastoral Council. A number of people have approached us still wishing to contribute and we are deeply grateful for that as we are still striving to reach our target and maintain this. Anybody else who wishes to contribute may do so by contacting the Parish Office. Sincere thanks to you all again for your generosity, support and patience. It is most deeply appreciated, and with God’s help and the help of so many of you, these works will come to a valuable and sustainable completion before too long.