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6th – 13th May 2018.

May is a special time in the Church Calendar when Catholics honour Mary, the Mother of Jesus. This is a good time to create a small altar at home, to pay tribute to Mary. Choose a room in the home where you can set up your altar. Any flowers can be used for a home altar, the main point being to reflect on the joy of the coming summer season. Our Lady has such a special place in the Irish Church, she has her own special name; Muire, all other Marys were called Maire. Creating a home altar to Mary can be a meaningful activity, which creates a special area in your home throughout May, the month of Mary.

Sixth Sunday of Easter

★ **Sat 7pm** – Bridget Gallagher (11th Anni), Michael, Gerry (Knockmoyleen).

Sun 11am – Phyllis & Louis Cleary (Crosshill).

Wed 10am – People of the Parish.

Thurs 10am – Holy Souls.

Fri 10 am – John & Ellen Murray (Drumslide).

Church Building Fund –

The March envelope – Congratulations to the winners of the March Building Fund Draw – 1st Prize €50 – Noreen Heston. 2nd Prize - €30 – John & Marion Masterson. 3rd Prize - €20 – Liam & Margaret Togher.
The April envelope is due today, please return the orange April envelope.

The April draw will take place on the 27th May.

The Ascension of The Lord

Sat 6.45pm – Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

7.30pm – Rosary. Please come along and pray for the intentions of our Parish.

Sat 8pm – Tom (Tossie) Murray – Month's Mind Mass. Julia, Thomas Murray.

Sun 11am – 1. Michael, Joan O'Sullivan, Mary Farlane (Shranamonragh).

2. Elizabeth, Michael & Ellen Rowland (Ballyveaney).

Congratulations to the Children who celebrated their First Holy Communion last Sunday – Elisha Ginty, Maggie Lynch, Niamh Conway, Nessa Ginty & Lorcan Sweeney. Well done.

Stand up for life – If the 8th Amendment is repealed, Ireland will be a very different place – where abortion on demand happens and protection for unborn babies is no more. It is a sad and frightening prospect. We all need to play a part for the next few weeks.

See notice on Church doors.

Trocaire Box – 31 envelopes were returned last weekend. Sincere thanks. Please return your Trocaire Donation. The counters and I would be grateful if the coins were changed to notes and placed in an envelope marked Trocaire. Sincere thanks.

Killala- Achonry Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes under the leadership of Bishop John Fleming, Bishop of Killala, 2nd - 7th Sept, from Knock. 5 nights in full board accommodation in the Hotel Agena. Price €723- (single rooms available, supplement applies). To book please contact the following: JWT rep - Eileen O'Brien on 086-4013897

Adult readers – Please collect readings (book) from Fr. Chris for next Sunday.

	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers	Servers	Checkers
Sat 5th May	Scoil Naomh Bhríde	Mary Bradley Catheriona Keane	Drumgallagh N.S	
Sun 6th May	Roisin Cormack	Geraldine Murray Christina Togher	Drumgallagh N.S	Bernie H
Sat 12th May	Scoil Naomh Bhríde	Geraldine Murray Christina Togher	Drumgallagh N.S	
Sun 13th May	Brendan Conway	Bernie Hough Marian Masterson	Drumgallagh N.S	John C

If you're unable to read on your particular Saturday or Sunday please inform Fr. Chris as early as possible or find a replacement. Sincere thanks for your co-operation.

National Schools - Enrolment for September 2018 – Anyone wishing to enrol their child in – **Drumgallagh NS** for Sept 2018, please contact the school (098) 49147 for an enrolment form.

Scoil Naomh Bhríde – for Sept 2018. Enrolment forms can be collected from the school or by contacting the school on (098) 49201.

Socially monitored Alarm – Panic Button – Anyone interested in availing of one of these alarms please give your name to Peggy 086 1019169 or Margaret Conway 098 49308.

Blessing for Expectant Mothers - There will be a blessing ceremony for all parents who are expecting a baby held in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel at Knock Shrine on Sat 12th May at 12 noon. It will include a short prayer for protection/ safe delivery with an individual blessing for all mothers-to-be. All welcome.

Epilepsy Ireland - Free Buccal Midazolam Information Session for Parents of Children with Epilepsy U18 on May 14th, Mayo Education Centre, Castlebar at 10.30 am. T: 091 587640

An afternoon of prayer and reparation for the protection of the unborn and in reparation for the ways Ireland has turned away from God on May 13th which will take place in St. Anne's Church, Shanvaghera, Knock, from 2- 5pm.

The Mayo Branch of Arthritis Ireland are hosting an information evening Thurs 10th May in the Broadhaven Bay Hotel, Belmullet. Doors open at 7pm. Admission is free. There will be a lot of information stands on the night. **Topics covered:** Rheumatoid Arthritis, Osteoarthritis, Osteoporosis, Ankylosing Spondylitis, Gout, Fibromyalgia, Polymyalgia and Psoriatic arthritis. For more information please email: arthritismayobranch@gmail.com or call 087-1661279

Community Centre Lotto Draw – 2-7-17-23. **Winner** – Michael Keane. **Match 3 No's** – No Winner. **Lucky Dip Winners** – JP Masterson, Eoin McManamon, Shean. **Next Week's Jackpot** - €1,000.00 **Ballycroy Bord Na Og Lotto** 13-19-22-25. **Jackpot Winner;** No Winner. **Match 3 Winner;** No Winner. **Lucky Dip;** Aine Barret, Knockmoyleen. Noreen Grealis, Lettra. **Next Week's Jackpot** - €1,550. April Checkers – Josie Conway & Kathleen Rowland.

Please keep the Cemetery tidy. Avoid dumping old wreaths and flowers in and at the gates of the cemetery.

Bequest – Please remember the Parish in your Will. If you have made your Will or preparing to make your Will, please remember your Parish Church. Your name/soul will be remembered every day in our prayers and masses.

Religious Catholic TV Channel – SKY EWTN Channel-589 – Daily Mass, Rosary, Reflections, Meditations. Live coverage of the Pope and his travels.

St Vincent de Paul – Tel. **The Help-line 085 1305390. You are not alone in your need for help.**

Keeping Children Safe – The Diocese of Killala is fully committed to keeping children safe. If you have any concerns around their safety in any circumstance please contact your Local Safeguarding Representative (details on the Church Notice Board) or the Diocesan Confidential number 087 3664350

Parish Newsletter - Please hand in all notices by Thursday morning at 11am. All notices must be signed and include a phone number.