

REFLECTION ON JOHN WATERS VISIT:

Unpublished letter to Limerick Letter -

Dear Editor,

On behalf of the pro-life people of Our Lady of the Rosary parish, Ennis Road, I want to take the opportunity, in the interest of justice and fairness, to correct inaccuracies in your report (L.L 30/4/18) on John Waters' talks at Masses in our parish on 28th/29th April last.

Firstly, John Waters did NOT make his comments "during" the Masses, as your paper claimed. He spoke at the end of each Mass. This was to facilitate parishioners who were not in a position to stay the extra 15 minutes for the talk.

Secondly, to say that John did not address the compassion issue was also incorrect. In fact, over 3 minutes of the 15-minute talk at the vigil Mass was given over to the issue. This is recorded on video.

Thirdly, while the report acknowledges that many parishioners approached John Waters to shake his hand and congratulate him after each talk, it failed to state that he received a mighty round of applause from the entire congregation and a standing ovation after at least one of the presentations. People felt he brought clarity to the Referendum debate, and it was this clarity that was the main talking point after all three Masses. John showed, in a language that was easily understood by all present, how our government, using euphemisms like "compassion", "reproduction rights", "right to choose", etc., is proposing something that would change Ireland forever – for the worse. The proposal is that we, the people, abolish the 'Right-to-life' and introduce the 'Right-to-kill'. He showed how, on the 25th May next the citizens of Ireland are being asked to (a) strike down an

existing INALIENABLE fundamental human right to life of the most innocent, most vulnerable, defenceless group in Irish society, and (b) at the same time hand over POWER to politicians to introduce the 'Right to Kill' as a fundamental human right. He emphasised that this is the first time in history that a "people" – not government – has been asked to vote in the Right to kill a particular group of persons in the state. Parliaments in other countries have done so the past, but the right to kill was never introduced by a vote of the people.

Nora Bennis

MESSAGE FROM MISSIONARIES FOR LIFE:

Remember God's word on May 25th.

"Father in Heaven, Thy Will be done in me in accordance with Your Word."

(Proverbs 24:11): "Rescue those being unjustly condemned to death, hold back those who are being dragged to the slaughter."

MAY DEVOTIONS:

Every Friday after 10am mass: Holy hour.

Evening Rosary (8pm): Our Lady's Shrine Salesians Fernbank.

MAY FEAST DAYS:

Sunday, 20 May 2018: Pentecost Sunday

Monday, 21 May 2018: Seventh Week in Ordinary Time

Sunday, 27 May 2018: The Most Holy Trinity

CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION:

On June 3rd, we will celebrate the Feast of Corpus Christi. To celebrate this feast we will have a short procession after the 10am mass.

All First Communicants are invited to lead this procession. Do come in your Holy Communion clothes. We will have Holy Communion under both kinds at 11:30am mass.

POPE FRANCIS TWITTER:

The Family is the hope of the future. Let us pray especially for families facing serious difficulties: may Our Lord assist them.

IRISH BLOOD TRANSFUSION SERVICE:

The Irish Blood Transfusion Service will be holding a blood donor clinic in the Greenhills Hotel, Ennis Rd., on Thursday 24th May.

Time: 5pm – 8pm.

LOURDES CAKE SALE:

Cake sale in aid of Youth travelling to Lourdes will take place after 11:30 mass on Sunday 27th May. All cakes, buns etc. are welcome, please drop them into the Parish Centre on the morning of the cake sale.

HANDING ON FAITH - ECUMENICAL BIBLE WEEK 20TH-27TH MAY 2018:

During the week, 27 presenters from a variety of backgrounds, taking place in 13 venues around Dublin, Wicklow and Kildare, jointly sponsored and supported by both the Catholic and Church of Ireland Dublin Dioceses, other churches and key Christian groups including Scripture Union and Evangelical Alliance Ireland.

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09:00-12.30 Sunday

MASS TIMES: Weekends:

Saturday Vigil 18:00

Sunday 10:00; 11:30

Weekdays:

Mon. to Fri. 10:00

Saturday 09:45

BAPTISMS: Saturday 17:00

Sunday 12:15

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 19 th	18:00	Michael Roberts (A), Michael & Patricia Carroll, Jim & Nora South (A), Aine Dineen (A)
Sun 20 th	10:00 11:30	Tom Smyth (A) Joan Ahern (1 st A), Tom Costello (A)
Mon 21 th	10:00	Jim, Mary-Ann & Dick Power (A)
Tue 22 nd	10:00	Ann Tierney (Rec. Dec)
Wed 23 rd	10:00	
Thur 24 th	10:00	Bernard & Catherine Eivers (A)
Fri 25 th	10:00	John & Catherine Ryan (A)
Sat 26 th	11:00 18:00	Girls 1 st Communion Joe O'Leary (A)
Sun 27 th	10:00 11:30	Dr. Paul O'Byrne (1 st A) Nancy & Michael Roche (A)

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