



**PARISH NEWSLETTER:** This is the last newsletter as we break for the summer, we return in September. We wish to thank all those who helped with the production of the newsletter and those who provided the content during the year. We are always looking for volunteers. Please leave your name and contact details with Margaret if you are available to assist. We take this opportunity to wish you a relaxing and safe summer.

**A PRAYER TO BEGIN SUMMER**

*For more light in the day, we thank you,  
For gentle mornings, we thank you,  
For night time conversations, we thank you  
For friends and family, we thank you,  
For gardens and all manner of creatures, we thank you  
Help us, Creator and lover of our souls.  
Help us love this earth.  
Help us dwell wholeheartedly in our lives this day.*

**THE SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST**, historically known by its Latin name, Corpus Christi, celebrates the Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist—Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity. It is traditionally celebrated on the Thursday following the Solemnity of the Holy Trinity but now celebrated on the following Sunday.

In 1263 a German priest, Fr. Peter of Prague, made a pilgrimage to Rome. He stopped in Bolsena, Italy, to celebrate Mass at the Church of St. Christina. At the time he was having doubts about Jesus being truly present in the Blessed Sacrament. He was affected by the growing debate among certain theologians who, for the first time in the history of the Church, began introducing doubts about the Body and Blood of Christ being actually present in the consecrated bread and wine. In response to his doubt, when he recited the prayer of consecration as he celebrated the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, blood started seeping from the consecrated host and onto the altar and corporal (a white cloth used during Mass).

Fr. Peter reported this miracle to Pope Urban IV, who at the time was nearby in Orvieto. The pope sent delegates to investigate and ordered that the host and blood-stained corporal be brought to Orvieto. The relics were then placed in the Cathedral of Orvieto, where they remain today.

**CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION:** There will be a short procession after 10 a.m. Mass to celebrate the Feast of Corpus Christi.

**MISSION AWARENESS PROGRAMME:** Fr. Michael Begley C.S.Sp. will speak on behalf of the Spiritan Community's Mission Awareness Programme at all Masses next weekend 28<sup>th</sup> /29<sup>th</sup> June

**KNOCK PILGRIMAGE: THE VOCATIONS SOCIETY OF ST. JOSEPH** Annual pilgrimage to Knock takes place on Saturday 28 June. The bus leaves from Caherdavin Church at 9 am. The pilgrimage is led by Sr. Anne Collins. The cost is €25. Contact Margaret Hogan (086) 8297304

**SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN AND VULNERABLE ADULTS:** Ann Kennedy (Our Parish Safeguarding Representative) recently attended a refresher course. The session was very informative and encouraged the Safeguarding Representatives to continue the work of enabling their Parish to protect our children and vulnerable adults. A Risk Assessment for each group in relation to safeguarding is in the process of being updated. Anne will be in contact with the leaders of the parish groups over the coming months.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

<b>Sat 21<sup>st</sup></b>	18:00	John O'Neill (M.M.)
<b>Sun 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	10:00 11:30	<b>Corpus Christi</b> Marjorie O'Donnell (M.M.) Jimmy & Peggy McCarthy (A) Mary & Patrick Deir. (A) Maura & Randall Howlett (A) Jeanne Keane Thornton (A) Catherine & Tadg Smalle (A)
<b>Mon 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	10:00	Pro Popolo
<b>Tues 24<sup>th</sup></b>	10:00	<b>Nativity of St John the Baptist</b>
<b>Wed 25<sup>th</sup></b>	10:00	
<b>Thurs 26<sup>th</sup></b>	10:00	
<b>Fri 27<sup>th</sup></b>	10:00	<b>The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus World Day of Prayer for Priests</b>
<b>Sat 28<sup>th</sup></b>	18:00	Eileen Garvey (M.M.) John Garvey (A) John Connolly (A) Babs & James McLnerney (A)
<b>Sun 29<sup>th</sup></b>	10:00 11:30	Margaret McMahon (M.M.) Paddy O'Brien (A)