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*Clogherhead &  
Walshestown Parish*



SS Peter & Paul, Walshestown

*To build bridges, bring together and renew the parish community in a spirit of faith, trust and hope through loving service of God and of our neighbour*

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**PARISH OFFICE HOURS** this week Thursday 3pm-5pm

**SCHOOLS** - St Denis': 982 2873; St Paul's : 685 2285

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SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
Weekday Cycle 2

21<sup>st</sup> July 2024  
Psalter Week 4

## PASTORAL LETTER

### **FREEDOM TO LIVE FULLY, UNTIL DEATH COMES**

**Providing compassionate care at the end of life** To address the sensitive issue of compassionate care at the end of life, and in response to the need to inform the faithful of Catholic teaching on this important life issue that affects so many families, the Bishops of Ireland have published the pastoral letter: *Freedom to Live Fully, Until Death Comes*. You are invited to read this letter and view the accompanying video *Through the Valley*, which offers personal testimonies by carers and people with terminal illness. The key message of both letter and video asserts that every person possesses inherent, infinite dignity that remains intact regardless of their circumstances. In this context, bishops strongly oppose the Oireachtas Committee's proposal to Government to legislate for assisted suicide, and call on support for healthcare workers who uphold the sanctity of life. To read *Freedom to Live Fully, Until Death Comes* and to watch *Through the Valley*, visit the following link or scan the QR code: <https://www.catholicbishops.ie/2024/06/24/bishops-statement-on-end-of-life-care-freedom-to-live-fully-until-death-comes/>

Archbishop Eamon Martin



The Parish List of the Dead, deceased benefactors and the recently deceased: **Ronan Cassidy** (*Oriel Cove & late of Bettystown*)  
& **Dolores Cassidy** (*Bettystown*)

**Mass Intentions This Week**

Saturday 20 July @ 7.30pm Termonfeckin ~ Jim (*1st Anniversary*) + Gretta McEvoy • John McBride • John Givens • Michael & Eileen McEvoy • Mary, Rose & James Briscoe + Rosemary Horan + Ursula Blythe

Sunday 21 July @ 9.15am Sandpit ~  
John Givens • Michael & Eileen McEvoy

Sunday 21 July @ 10.45am Walshestown ~ John Givens

Sunday 21 July @ 12noon Clogherhead ~ Noel Clinton (*1st Anniversary*) • Teresa Murray (*1st Anniversary*) • John Givens • Frank & Maggie Matthews

Saturday 27 July @ 7.30pm Termonfeckin ~  
Mickey McEvoy • Michael Mooney & family deceased

Sunday 28 July @ 9.15am Sandpit ~

Sunday 28 July @ 10.45am Walshestown ~

Sunday 28 July @ 12noon Clogherhead ~  
Patsy & Lil McKenna + John & Bridie Smith

**Blessing of the graves** will take place on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> August at 3.00pm in the Mullagh and at 4.30pm in St Denis' Cemetery.

**Tuesday Holy Hour**: Adoration from 10-11am including the Miraculous Medal Novena.

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> July** you gave €1,170.75 (€730.35 in 72 parish envelopes, €440.40 on the plate). *Grateful thanks for all your support.*

**St Vincent de Paul Outreach** Need help? Remember, you are not alone. Ring this number..... 1800 677777.

**World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly** Pope Francis established a World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly which took place for the first time on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2021. The World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly will be celebrated for the fourth time in 2024 on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> July - the Sunday closest to the Feast of Saints Joachim and Anne, Grandparents

of Jesus. The theme chosen by Pope Francis for this year's celebration is: "*Do not cast me off in my old age*" (cf. Psalm 71:9). The Catholic Grandparents Association has been at the forefront in campaigning for a greater recognition of Grandparents for their role and vocation in passing on their faith to the next generation. The announcement of a new Church-wide celebration for Grandparents and the elderly came in answer to their prayerful request to the Holy Father Pope Francis. Grandparents and the elderly are often overlooked, but this new day in the Universal Church calendar is a momentous achievement and will hopefully reassure them that they are loved and that they are needed.

**World Grandparents Day at Knock Shrine** This significant event will take place on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> July at Knock Shrine, with His Excellency Archbishop Luis Mariano Montemayor, Apostolic Nuncio to Ireland, as the principal celebrant.

**Light the Fire Pilgrimage** Our Catholic faith is your hands -so please come along to the 2nd annual *Light the Fire* pilgrimage with singer Dana, Bishop Francis Duffy, Deacon John Taaffe and other Catholics from across Ireland at beautiful Ballintubber Abbey, Mayo, where St Patrick baptised the first Irish Christians. Mass, rosary, praise, adoration & healing service. Sunday August 4<sup>th</sup> noon - 4pm. Details [www.lightthefire.ie](http://www.lightthefire.ie)

**Mass for the Feast of St Mary Magdalene** As part of the St. Brigid 1500 celebrations, you are warmly invited to a special Mass at 7pm on Monday (tomorrow) 22<sup>nd</sup> July in St. Patrick's Cathedral, Armagh. This Mass honours the invaluable contributions of women to the Church in the Archdiocese of Armagh. We extend an invitation to parishes, religious congregations, and groups throughout the archdiocese to join us in this celebration.

**TFI (Transport for Ireland) - Local Link** If you would like to use this public service simply call 046-9074830 to register. TFI also provides a health appointment service to help those who have difficulties accessing public or other forms of transport to attend health related hospital appointments, wheelchair accessible vehicles are also available. Please phone and book in advance of your appointment.

**Medjugorje Trip** *Where heaven meets the earth.* Departing Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> August to Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September €530pps, price includes bus transfers, breakfast and evening meals and guided tours. To book call Deacon Pat Butterly on 086-8210522

**Trip to Rome in the Jubilee Year 2025** From Monday 10<sup>th</sup> March to Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2025, price includes, 3 nights B&B in standard room at 3\*Pietralata Hotel, tourist tax, private return airport transfers, private guided tour of Rome

