





5th Sunday of the Year

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Church Services & Mass Intentions

Masses			OLDCASTLE
COMMUNION	Saturday (vigil) Sunday Monda <i>y</i> Tuesday Ash Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday(vigil) Sunday	7.00pm 11.30am 10.00am 11.30am 7.00pm 7.00pm 7.00pm 7.00pm	 1st Anniv Angela Caffrey Rahard, Frank O'Reilly Millbrook Rd and Gerard, John & Al Reilly Knockbrack Tom Reilly Stoney Rd, Daniel West & grandparents Mary & John Walters also Paddy Callan Stoney Rd & decd Callan & Moyles families Mass with blessing & distribution of Ashes Mass with blessing & distribution of Ashes Joe Kelly Gerry Lenihan also Jack & Eithne Pakenham Rudagh Joe Smith & decd family St Brigid's Tce, Tracey Brady Fennor, Jim Monaghan Knockbrack and Alice & Jack McGovern St Brigid's Tce M/M Brendan Smith Kiely's Lane also his wife Mary, Sean Farrelly Stoney Rd and Jack & Madge Tully Farnaglough
Eucharistic Adoration Confessions	Saturday (vigil) Sunday Tuesday Ash Wednesday Saturday (vigil) Sunday Monday/Thursday Tuesday	5.45pm 10.00am 7.00pm 10.00am 7.00pm 5.45pm 10.00am 9.20am/ 9.00pm 1pm/ 2pm 7.20/8.20pm	MOYLAGH Bobby, Chrissie & Sharon Segarty Gortloney John & Dympna Dolan & decd family Galmoystown Maggie Reilly & decd family Dromone Mass with blessing & distribution of Ashes Mass with blessing & distribution of Ashes John Gilsenan Skerries Cross, James Lynch Lurganboy, Pat Griffin & Gilligan family Dromone In Oldcastle In Moylagh On request in both Churches

Please note new e-mail address can be used for notices for Mass Bulletin oldcastleparish@gmail.com

We welcome into the Church Aaron Murray-Gorman Newcastle who was baptised in St Brigid's Church Oldcastle.

<u>Altar Servers</u> for Oldcastle Church Mass W/End 9th/10th Feb Groups 1 & 4 – W/End 16th/17th Feb Groups 5 & 2.

Readers for February 2013 at St Brigid's Church, Oldcastle.					
Peter Clinton	7.00pm Sat 2 nd , 16 th February		7.00pm Sat 9 th , 23 rd February		
Cora Finnegan	11.30am Sun 3 rd & 17 th February	Brenda Wilson	11.30am Sun 10 th & 24 th February		



St Vincent de Paul Confidential Helpline Phone 087 4191457

VINCENT'S (St. Vincent de Paul) Shop – Opening Hours 11am to 1pm Thursday, Friday and Saturday and 2.00 pm to 4.30 pm on Thursday & Friday. We would be grateful for donations of good quality clean clothes.

<u>Parish Holiday with a difference</u>. Italy, Pompeii, Capri & The Bay of Naples. 3rd May - 11th May, 2013. Cost €1089 half board per person sharing. Flights with Aer Lingus. Group Mass celebrated each day. If interested contact Fr Ray. Enquiry form and itinerary available in sacristy. Approx. numbers need to be known before February 20th.



BAPTISM

<u>Candlemass Offerings</u> are most welcome at all masses this weekend. It is one of the major offering days in order for you to support your priest. Please use special envelope in family box or any envelope with your name and address on it.

All children receiving First Holy Communion this year and their parents, are invited to meetings at 8pm on <u>Tuesday 19th</u> <u>February</u> in Gilson N.S. World Day of Prayer (originally Women's World Day of Prayer) We are looking for volunteers, both male and female who would be interested in organising the World Day of Prayer. For further details contact 049 8541360 or 049 8542157.

LENT - Ash Wednesday Note Mass at 10.00am & 7pm in Moylagh and 11.30am & 7.00pm in Oldcastle

The Gospel for Ash Wednesday gives us our Lenten Programme. The receiving of ashes is its outward sign. The Ashes which are placed on our foreheads are made from the palm branches used last year on Palm Sunday. They remind us that the glory of heaven will be reached only by a life marked with love of God and love of neighbour. Such love arises only when we remember our own need for forgiveness and God's gift of that forgiveness in and through Christ. Such love is only possible when we put others before ourselves. Family life is a great school of love. The daily routines of family and friendship demand selflessness. Others have to come first. The daily practice of this love can transform a home into a holy place. During the Season of Lent we are encouraged to take on a life of Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving.

Prayer. Lent is a call to deeper reflection on faith, sustained by prayer. Opportunities are available for people to join in prayer over the days of Lent. Why not commit yourself to daily Mass or on a few days of the week. As the Gospel of this week-end reminds us "Man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of God "Eucharistic Adoration is another great way of personal communication with Our God. Why not spend 1 hour with him once a week during the Season of Lent.

Fasting Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are still days of fasting and abstinence. However, it would be good to challenge yourself to go beyond these formal obligations. Young people should be encouraged to take part in the 24 hour Trocaire fasts that are organised in many areas.

Almsgiving Trocaire Boxes are available now in the Church. Please take home.

Trócaire This year Trócaire is celebrating its 40th Anniversary. The focus of this year's Lenten Campaign is an isolated community in rural India. We have walked with the people of India since our founding in 1973 and we continue to do so. The community in Odisha, in the east of India live in real poverty. But with Trócaire's help, and working through our partners, the community is being built up and empowered to work together towards a brighter future.

Because of this help they can live lives of dignity and potential. We invite you to be in solidarity with this community this Lent, praying for them and supporting them and communities like them in whatever way you can. <u>Trócaire Boxes</u> are now available in the Church. Even a small amount can make such a difference to the lives of many in 3rd World Countries.

Parish Tax Refund Covenant Scheme A sincere thank you to all of you who have contributed over €250 by way of the weekly parish maintenance envelope in the income tax year 2012. By now you will have been notified by way of a letter from me along with a form to be completed. The letter is your official receipt certificate for you to avail of tax credits it you are self-employed. . <u>Those who are</u> PAYE taxpayers should return the attached form completed to me immediately and I can submit it to the Revenue Commissioners who will pay a refund of tax direct to the Parish on your behalf. If you are an old aged pensioner and do not pay tax please let me know so I can up-date your parish records and then you will not receive a form to be completed in the future.

<u>Oldcastle Active Retirement</u> are returning after Christmas break on *Thursday 7th February from 3pm – 5pm* in the Health Centre. All welcome.



First Aid As a follow on to First Aid CPR/AED. Occupational First Aid is the next step for anyone interested in First Aid training. Expressions of interest are being sought for Occupational First Aid training which will take place in Ballinacree Community Centre. To book your place, please contact Brigid Heery on 086-1043352 / 049-8541449 *Motivational Course Success and How to Attain It!* supported by Meath VEC will take place on Wednesday February 20th to March 27th from 8-10pm in Ballinacree Hall with tutor Pauline Kelly-Melia. This is a 6 week course costing €10. This course is

a roadmap for anyone from budding entrepreneurs, teachers, students or parents striving to achieve their professional and personal success addressing on every aspect of our lives. For further information or to book your place please contact Pauline on 085-2744557 or Mary on 087-6566421.



 The Women's Oldcastle Network has relaunched in Oldcastle and is planning a number of events for the coming months. The first of these is the reopening of its popular 'drop-in' centre which is open to all women to drop in, say hello, have a chat and meet friends old and new. The drop-in is being held in the Netbox office on Cogan Street in the town (across from McQuaid's Pharmacy) and is open from 11-1 every Wednesday morning. It's a great chance for women to get some 'me-time', step away from the everyday routine and find out what events and activities are being planned.

Fun Cross Country Road / Field Walk/Jog or Run Sunday 17th February at 12.30pm covering the Loughcrew Cairns route. All proceeds in aid of the Show Hall Restoration Fund. Further details later.

<u>Moylagh Community Centre</u> is applying for a grant to upgrade the community centre. The heating system needs replacing; the main building needs to be insulated and roof leaks need to be fixed. LEADER will provide 75% of the funding but in order to show how many people use the centre we need as many members as possible. Membership for 2013 is only €10.00 for a family or an individual. You can give the money to any committee member or leave it in the letter box at the community centre.

Oldcastle branch of P.T.A.A will meet in Library on Tuesday February 19th at 7pm. All members welcome.

The AGM for Moylagh Community Centre will be held on Monday 25th February in the Loughcrew Room in Moylagh Community Centre at 8.30 pm.

<u>Moylagh GAA</u> are holding a table quiz in Teddy's on *Friday 15th of February at 9.30pm*. €40 for table of four adults or €20 for students Please support. Spot prizes on the night.

Last Weekend Parish Collections Offertory Plate €622.00



Maintenance Fund €559.00

