

St. Augustine's Church, Clontuskert

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20th May 2018

Pentecost Sunday

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Masses

10am Sunday 20th **May** For people of the parish.

10am Monday 21st, Tuesday 22nd, Wednesday 23rd, Thursday 24th.

8pm Friday 25th **May** Ned & Kathleen McCormack.

10am Saturday 26th " -----

10am Sunday 27th " Matt & Mary Jennings.
Paddy Donohoe.



Pray for Mossie Kelly R.I.P. brother of Brendan Kelly whose funeral took place in England last week.

Baptism almost immediately after Mass. All who can, are invited to stay back to welcome Niall Shane O'Connell, a new Catholic into the Clontuskert Christian Community.

Readers: Sunday 27th: Christy Curley/Catherine Motheway.

Minister of the Eucharist: Sunday 27th: Phil Lally.

Servers: Sunday 27th: Cormac & T.J.

Money banked this week: Priests Retirement Fund €50; Offertory €260.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock to-day. If you can travel please do. Shortage of volunteers for World Meeting of Families for events at R.D.S. Croke Park Saturday 25th and Phoenix Park Sunday 26th August.

Collection for Irish Society for Autism this Sunday. Please be generous.

Annual May Devotions in Clonfert Church each evening at 8pm.

The referendum Friday next is of major importance as to how we see the value of life. Catholics believe that a new person begins to exist from the moment of conception. A new baby begins to grow and develop in his/her mother's womb. Our law at the moment allows us to love mothers and their unborn children. We have had important reassurances in recent days from senior medical people that the law does not need to change to protect women's lives and health fully. There is a strong likelihood that the passing of the referendum will lead to abortion on demand. Please make plans to vote on Friday next to ensure the protection of life in the womb. As Bishop Kirby said in his recent pastoral letter on this matter: We should not forget that God is the creator of Life – "For you created my inmost being. You knit me together in my mother's womb" (Ps 139:13)

Kiltormer GAA Lotto –Jackpot €5,600. Numbers Drawn 7,21,26,29. No Winner. Lucky Dips: Christy Cormican, Ciaran/Shane/Gearoid Finnerty, Stephen O'Shea, Donie/Joe/John/Padraic, Padraic Finnerty. House Prize: Daragh Glynn Seller's Prize: Fionan Curley. Jackpot next week €5,700. Venue: Mother's Bar.

West Offaly Training upcoming courses beginning in Crank House, Banagher in the next few weeks: Train the Trainer, June 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th, 9.30-4.30pm €395. Working with Autism, June 5th, 7-9pm x 5 weeks €75. Mindfulness & Wellbeing with Stella O'Malley, June 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th 7-9pm €60. Paining for Beginners morning Workshop Friday 15th June €25. Manual Handling every Wednesday €45. For further information call 057 9152003 or email ifo@westoffalytraining.com

WMOF2018 VOLUNTEERING FINAL DATE: WMOF2018 will need up to 10,000 volunteers around the events in August. A deadline of 31st May for those who wish to sign up as volunteers has now been set. Volunteers are essential for the successful outcome of this great event. Please sign up by 31st May. For further information contact 01-6909409 /083 8791745.

The link for volunteering: <https://www.worldmeeting2018.ie/en/Get-Involved/Volunteer>