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May Newsletter



Picture of the Newly confirmed from Abbeystrewry Union and Kilmocomogue Union of Parishes on Sunday 5th May in Abbeystrewry Church

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FROM THE FRONT COVER ~ Congratulations to all those who were confirmed in Abbeystrewry Church on Sunday 5th May. It was wonderful to have a full church of family, friends and parishioners supporting our 12 candidates, and thank you to all who cleaned the church before hand, and to those who prepared such beautiful flowers. We pray for Harry, Adam, Conor, Ruben, Lewis, Ben, Antonia, Lexi, Lee, Zara, Clodagh and Eva as they continue in their Christian journey in faith!

BISHOP'S VISITATION ~ As well as the Bishop confirming our candidates, he also visited Abbeystrewry national school on Friday 4th of May as part of his silver jubilee visitations. The Bishop visited all the classrooms, had a great discussion, answered many interesting and challenging questions from the children and joined the children for an assembly where two wonderful and contrasting songs were sung. The Bishop was also presented with a wonderful piece of pottery which included fingerprints of students and teachers. Thank you to Sopia from Cre Pottery for producing this beautiful piece of art to mark a significant moment.



Vestry

The Easter General vestry meeting was held on Wednesday 17th April. This was the last meeting our secretary of the vestry Mr. Ken Chapple who has served the vestry for a great number of years. We thanked him for his dedication and service to the vestry for so many years.

Elected to serve on the vestry were: Sekeeta Crowley (secretary of the vestry), Ronnie Tanner (treasurer for Abbeystrewry, Caheragh and Baltimore) and Freda Salter-Townshend (treasurer for Castletownshend), David Salter, Stuart Musgrave, Nuala Gibbons, Doris Sweetnam, Robert Stoutt, Jane Somerville, Alan Coombes, Susan Deane, Margaret Deane, Tom Somerville, Noelle Salter, Rosemary Bradfield, Tieghe O'Donovan, Richard Ross and Valerie Stevenson.

After the meeting, John Stoutt expressed a wish to step down as Incumbent's Glebe warden. We thank John for the huge amount of work he has undertaken for the parish over the years!



Retiring Collection. ~ The Charity we will be supporting this month at our retiring collection on the third Sunday of the Month (Sunday 19th May) will be **for Christain Aid.**

This comes just after Christian Aid Week (12-18th May.) For more on the Work on Christain Aid, please visit



www.christainaid.ie

CONCERTS ~ Our parish is certainly blessed with the number of concerts held in our Churches, and this is true particularly in the Summer. There are a number of different types of concerts to keep you entertained, so here are a few selection:

- The **Festival of Music at St. Barrahan's** will be holding their series of concerts for the months of July and August in Castletownshend. Details of the concerts are available at www.barrahanemusic.ie where tickets can now be purchased.
- There will also be a selection of concerts in St. over the summer. Visit the **'Live at St. Matthew's'** website www.liveatstmatthews.com for more details.
- The Skibbereen Arts Festival will be holding a number of concerts in Abbeystrewry Church, and we look forward to those, particularly the Canon Goodman concert!



BALTIMORE FILM CLUB in St. Matthew's Church on the First Friday of every month. To book your place, and for more information please visit: www.liveatstmatthews.com



HOUSE COMMUNIONS ~ Please contact the rector if you, or someone you know wish to receive house Communion. Similarly, if you have been in hospital or are coming out of hospital, please also let the Rector know, don't assume that someone has told him!!

ABBEYSTREWRY HALL ~ We will in time give deserved thanks to Mrs. Betty Chapple when she will soon finish her crucial role for the parish in looking after Abbeystrewry Hall in June. In an effort to keep the smooth functioning of the Hall, we are hoping to recruit a team of volunteers to help manage the Hall. If you are interested in helping the parish with this very important work please do contact the Rector. It is expected that there will be a committee put in place to run the hall. The hall is very significant in the life of the parish, not only in the financial gain to the parish, but also to our work in the community.



ANAM CARA West Cork, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding a Parent Evening on Tuesday 21st May at 7:20pm in the Fernhill House Hotel, Clonakilty, P85 X322. This

is a free event and open to all bereaved parents.

Services in May

Sunday 12th May ~ The Seventh Sunday of Easter

8.30 Eucharist in Abbeystrewry Church, Skibbereen
10.00 Eucharist in St. Matthew's, Baltimore
11.30 Morning Prayer in Abbeystrewry Church, Skibbereen

Sunday 19th May ~ The Day of Pentecost

8.30 Eucharist in Abbeystrewry Church, Skibbereen
10.00 Eucharist in St. Mary's, Caheragh
11.30 Eucharist in Abbeystrewry Church, Skibbereen

Sunday 26th May ~ Trinity Sunday

8.30 Eucharist in Abbeystrewry Church, Skibbereen
10.00 Morning Prayer in St. Matthew's, Baltimore
11.30 Morning Prayer in Abbeystrewry Church, Skibbereen

Sunday 2nd June – The First Sunday after Trinity

8.30 Eucharist in Abbeystrewry Church, Skibbereen
10.00 Eucharist in St. Barrahanes, Castletownshend
10.00 Eucharist in St. Mary's, Caheragh
11.30 Eucharist in Abbeystrewry Church, Skibbereen
20.00 Eucharist in St. Matthew's, Baltimore

The Eucharist will also be celebrated in the Creagh Chapel (Abbeystrewry Church) at 10.30 am every Wednesday in May.

Summer service times~ Please note that for June, July and August we will be switching to our summer service schedule. These will be:

- 8.30 Abbeystrewry (every Sunday)
- 10.00 Castletownshend (Every Sunday)
- 10.00 Caheragh (1st and 3rd Sunday)
- 11.30 Abbeystrewry (Every Sunday)
- 20.00 Baltimore (Every Sunday)

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