

# CHOOSE LIFE 2013

This is the last week of the scheduled ten weeks of information from the Catholic Communications Office promoting the Church's position on unborn human life.

## 'Day for Life' message from Pope Francis

In a special message to Catholics across Ireland and Britain ahead of the Catholic Church's annual *Day for Life*, Pope Francis has emphasised the need to care for life from conception to natural end. The 2013 *Day for Life* message focuses on care for unborn children and their mothers; care for people who are elderly and care for those who are suicidal and their families. The text of Pope Francis' message follows:

*"Calling to mind the teaching of Saint Irenaeus that the glory of God is seen in a living human being, the Holy Father encourages all of you to let the light of that glory shine so brightly that everyone may come to recognise the inestimable value of all human life. Even the weakest and most vulnerable, the sick, the old, the unborn and the poor, are masterpieces of God's creation, made in his own image, destined to live for ever, and deserving of the utmost reverence and respect. His Holiness prays that the Day for Life will help to ensure that human life always receives the protection that is its due, so that 'everything that breathes may praise the Lord' (Psalm 150:6)."*

## CURA: supporting women facing crisis pregnancy

CURA was established 36 years ago by the Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference and provides a range of counselling and support services to anyone facing a crisis or unplanned pregnancy. Cura has a nationwide presence, operating fourteen dedicated centres and a number of outreach centres as well as a national helpline which operates Monday to Saturday. There are over 180 trained crisis pregnancy counsellors working on a voluntary basis for Cura. Cura services are free and confidential.

Cura is informed by the values of the Catholic Church and does not provide contact details for abortion services. For more information or to avail of Cura's crisis pregnancy support service see [www.cura.ie](http://www.cura.ie) or call 1850 622626

## Weekly Quote

"Caring for life from the beginning to the end. What a simple thing, what a beautiful thing. So, go forth and don't be discouraged. Care for life. It's worth it"  
Pope Francis, 2005.

**Life Website:** See [chooselife2013.ie](http://chooselife2013.ie) which includes news, life videos, weekly quotes archive and prayers.



**Extract from *Prayer for the Child in the Womb***  
Help us to choose life in every decision we take.  
Amen

**QR Code** Smartphones can scan this QR code for: *Prayer for the Child in the Womb*

The full text of the *Prayer for the Child in the Womb* is available on [www.chooselife2013.ie](http://www.chooselife2013.ie)



## ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH O'Connell Avenue Limerick

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> July 2013

Seventeenth Sunday in  
Ordinary Time

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### Mass Times and Intentions, and Prayer Times

Day	Time	Name
Sat. July 27 <sup>th</sup>	7.00pm	Michael and Brenda Hannan (died last year — sixtieth wedding anniversary); Michael Culligan (fifth anniversary); Paddy Murray
Sun. July 28 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	
	11.30am	Roger and Noel Healy (seventeenth and twenty-second anniversaries); Special intention for good health
	5.30pm	Tony O' Brien (fourth anniversary)
Mon. July 29 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	pro populo
Tue. July 30 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	
Wed. July 31 <sup>st</sup>	10.30am	Brendan Barry
Thur. Aug. 1 <sup>st</sup>	10.30am	Prayer Service with distribution of Holy Communion
Fri. Aug. 2 <sup>nd</sup>	10.30am	Holy Souls; The Hennessy, Mullane, Clancy and Kelly families, and Pascal Moloney
Sat. Aug. 3 <sup>rd</sup>	7.00pm	Warren (Patrick) Danaher
Sun. Aug. 4 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	George Fleming (third anniversary)
	11.30am	
	5.30pm	Bernie Rainsford; Gerard Ryan (birthday remembrance)

On the web: •Parish: [www.stjosephsparish.ie](http://www.stjosephsparish.ie) •Diocese: [www.limerickdiocese.org](http://www.limerickdiocese.org).  
An electronic version of this newsletter may be seen on our website and also at [www.MyLocalNews.ie](http://www.MyLocalNews.ie)>Limerick>LimerickCityCentre>Church>StJosephsParish  
(All community groups can avail of the free service provided by [MyLocalNews.ie](http://www.MyLocalNews.ie))

### Offertory Collection

Thank you for your offerings to us last weekend (20<sup>th</sup>/21<sup>st</sup> July) which came to €768.41.

### ***100th Birthday Celebration!***

Our sincere congratulations to Sr. Eileen Doyle of Mount St. Vincent Convent who recently celebrated her 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday.

A lovely day of celebration was enjoyed on Monday last to mark this wonderful occasion. Sr. Eileen received a letter of congratulations (and cheque!) from President Michael D Higgins.

Congratulations too to all of the Sisters in the Community.

A sincere thank you to Sr. Eileen and the other sisters for all they have done over the years for the Parish and wider community.

### ***Recently Baptised***

We welcome into our Christian community:

Michael Henry and Maicy Rose McCloskey, Belair Residence Apt43A/8, Cyber Port, POK Fulam, Hong Kong.

Eamonn Thomas Charles Kelleher, 91 Tweed Crescent, Dundee, Scotland

### ***Recently Deceased***

Liam Cotter, Knock Greena, Ballinacurra.

Frank Keogh, Sixmilebridge (Mary Griffin's cousin).

We extend our sympathy to their families, relatives and friends.

### ***Death Notice: Fr Tom's Aunt***

Fr. Toms Aunt, Sr. Rosaline Mangan of The Sisters of Charity of St. Paul the Apostle, Sellypark, Birmingham, England and formerly of Glensharrold, Carrickerry, Ardagh, Co. Limerick passed away in her ninety-fourth year on July 22<sup>nd</sup>. Our sympathy to her sister Bridie Kiely, her sisters-in-law, her nephews, nieces, grand-nephews and grand-nieces and many friends. Sympathy to her community in Birmingham and Kilfinane Co. Limerick. Burial followed Funeral Mass at 11am in Birmingham on Friday July 26<sup>th</sup>.

May she rest in peace. *Ar dheis Dé go raibh a hanam dlíis*

### ***Bag-packing for Barnardos***

Barnardos, Ireland's leading children's charity, is recruiting Volunteer Coordinators and Volunteer Collectors for their National Collection Day which is scheduled to take place on Friday, 25<sup>th</sup> October in the Tesco Stores throughout Limerick, viz, Abbeyfeale, Limerick City, Coonagh, Dooradoyle, Newcastlewest and Roxboro. The role of the Volunteer Coordinator is to take overall responsibility for the flag day collection (in liaison with Barnardos Volunteer Support and Community Engagement Service). The role of the Volunteer Collector is to collect money at the Tesco Store during an agreed two and one half hour time slot. If interested in either of these roles please contact Suzanne on (01)7080431 or email [volunteers@barnardos.ie](mailto:volunteers@barnardos.ie) for more information.

### ***Summer Music on the Shannon***

**Summer Music on the Shannon's Youth Opera Theatre** presents, here in St Joseph's on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> August at 8pm, an opera for all the family, "*The Green Children*", music by Nicola Lefanu and libretto by Kevin Crossley-Holland. This is one of the most powerful operas ever composed for children and adults with beautiful music and a very moving and dramatic story line. Tickets at the door €10/€8 (€5 children under 16).

### ***Thank you and Goodbye from MyLocalNews.ie***

Dear Fr Tom

Since 2008, MyLocalNews.ie has been providing a free service to over 5,000 registered community groups and local businesses throughout Ireland. During this period some groups have almost a half a million visits to their page. Regretfully however due to lack of funds I am now forced to close the site. The website will close on **31<sup>st</sup> July 2013**.

I wish to sincerely thank all those in communities across Ireland who posted their news to the site over this period.

Of course I would be delighted if some individual, business or community group wished to take over the running of the site as a going concern. MyLocalNews.ie is a limited company with a small debt owing to the bank and no other creditor. It would be very sad to see it go and I would be happy to talk to any interested party about this unique service which given the resources and technical expertise, I believe can continue as a positive voice for communities.

I can be contacted on [mcdermottkevin64@gmail.com](mailto:mcdermottkevin64@gmail.com) or 086-8218444.

Thank you again. Kind regards. Kevin McDermott.

This will be the last of our newsletters to be posted on MyLocalNews.ie (unless of course someone rescues it). The newsletter will, of course, continue to be posted on our website.

### ***Lough Derg: 'Living With Suicide' Workshop***

The *Life's Journey Series* at Lough Derg is offering a one day workshop titled '**Living With Suicide**' on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September.

This day is for adults who have been affected by suicide, either through personal loss or with suicidal ideation, for those ministering to the suicide bereaved or working in support services. For further information contact Maureen in the Lough Derg Office, Pettigo, Co Donegal. T: (071)9861518 or E: [info@loughderg.org](mailto:info@loughderg.org) W: [www.loughderg.org](http://www.loughderg.org)

### ***Youth 2000 Summer Festival at Cistercian College, Roscrea***

The Youth 2000 Summer Festival will take place this year in Cistercian College, Roscrea, Co. Tipperary. The Festival is for young people aged 16-35, and will take place the weekend of Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> - Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> August 2013. The weekend will include inspiring talks, workshops, dramas, concert, prayer, Mass, games, and times of sharing. This Festival has been nicknamed "The Holy Oxegen" with over 1000 young people from all around Ireland in attendance last year. It promises to be a great opportunity for young people from all around Ireland to explore what their Catholic faith is all about in a chilled out setting.

This is a donation-only retreat. Free buses are available throughout the country— just bring a sleeping bag and a pair of wellies! Please book online at [www.youth2000.ie](http://www.youth2000.ie). For more information phone (01)6753690 or see the poster at the back of the church.

### ***The Catholic Grandparents Association: National Pilgrimage to Knock***

At Our Lady of Knock Shrine, Knock, Co. Mayo on September 8<sup>th</sup>, commencing at 2pm with Anointing of the Sick and Rosary followed by holy Mass at 3pm with chief celebrant Fr Fintan Monahan, guest speaker Sister Briege McKenna O.S.C. and guest singer Dana, with the junior and senior choirs from St. Joseph's Secondary School, Castlebar under musical director Deirdre Lee. Organised by Catholic Grandparents' Association, Castlebar Street, Westport, Co. Mayo T: (098)24877 E: [catholicgrandparents@gmail.com](mailto:catholicgrandparents@gmail.com) W: [www.catholicgrandparentsassociation.org](http://www.catholicgrandparentsassociation.org)