

**The Most Holy Body and  
Blood of Christ**



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## The Spiritual Diet

The uncanny thing about being out of shape is that none of us consciously allow ourselves to become that way; it's something that creeps up

on us. The extra pounds that pile on around our waistlines are the result of making wrong choices on a daily basis. Just as we can become physically unfit so we can become spiritually unfit. None of us make bad choices on purpose, but nonetheless if we make choices on a daily basis that are not based on God's values we can easily feel weighed down, dissatisfied and unhappy. The feeding of the five thousand is prophetic. Jesus is showing us that God's reign is about satisfying both human spiritual and physical need. The importance of the miracle is not so much about the multiplication of food, but the message that God can provide for all our needs.

On the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, we are reminded that in just the same way as we care for our physical diet, we need to make Jesus part of our spiritual diet both in communion and in our daily choices to live as Christians so that we might be spiritually whole. We are invited to feel alive and rejuvenated and ready to impact the world around us.

Jesus was all about sharing. He gave his time, his love and finally his body and blood. When we receive Holy Communion in Mass our action is twofold. The Eucharist is a banquet for the multitudes in which we remember Jesus' sacrificial self-giving. More than this, we remember the promise that anyone who eats his bread and drinks his blood will share eternal life.



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## WELCOME

**Fr. Simon**

Greetings! My name is Fr. Xishou "Simon" Jin. Thank you to Msgr. John, brother priests, and all of you for providing this lovely opportunity for me to spend

this summertime with you.

I am originally from Wenzhou, Zhejiang province, China, and grew up in a traditional Catholic family. Among my six siblings, one older brother is a fellow priest, and one younger sister is Sr. Gabrielle, whom some of you may be familiar with. I graduated from Shanghai Sheshan Seminary and was ordained in 2003. I then returned to serve as Pastor in my home parish. I moved to the United States in 2014 and settled in San Francisco, California, where I served as Parochial Vicar and Director of Chinese Ministry, while also spending time at San Francisco General Hospital as their Catholic Chaplain. In 2019, I was invited to join another diocese nearby, to serve as the Director of the Chinese Pastoral and Cultural Center. After my parish assignment ended, I took a sabbatical and had the pleasure of visiting some sites around the United States.

I am delighted to join you as a visiting priest, and am very excited to learn more about you and Ireland. I hope that we can continue to renew and grow in Christ together, through the Liturgical celebrations, prayers, and parish life.

Thanks and God bless,

Fr. Simon



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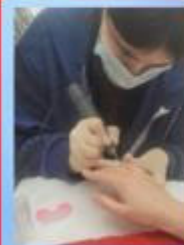
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**Portlaoise Active Retirement:** Meet every Wednesday, at 3pm in the Parish Centre. Come along, make new friends, enjoy our activities - friendly welcome ensured.

*Forthcoming Activities;*

**June 22<sup>nd</sup>;** No club, show rehearsals only.

**June 24<sup>th</sup>;** Meitheal show in the Parish centre, 7pm, our first in 3 years. Free entry, tickets limited to two per member. If anyone would like to go contact us, there might be some unused tickets.

**Singing rehearsal** for our show every Monday morning, 10.45am to 11.45am in the Parish Centre

**Dancing rehearsal** for our show every Wednesday 1.45-2.45pm in the Parish Centre

**Bowls** every Monday, 3pm, St. Mary's Hall, all welcome.

**Card playing** (Whist) in Sue Ryder Centre, Kilminchy every Thursday, 3pm. All are welcome for cards, chat and fun. For information on the club, tel. 087-6204617.

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**Hospice Palliative Care:** Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> July at 12 noon, behind the Final Furlong, Ballybrittas. Food, live music and children's amusements. All welcome. Please support a great cause.

**Results of Whist Drive held in the Parish Centre on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> June;**

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**2<sup>nd</sup> Lady:** Betty Srahan

**1<sup>st</sup> Gent:** Frank Keenan

**2<sup>nd</sup> Gent:** Willie Carroll and B. Fox

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**2<sup>nd</sup> Half:** Rosaline Cole

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Thanks to everyone for their support. Whist continues every Tuesday in the Parish Centre at 7.30pm.



**PORTLAOISE PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA**

The Portlaoise Pilgrimage to Fatima is now full. For those who wish to have a loved one prayed for, candle cards are available for €3 from Michael and Margaret Houlihan on 087-9212028, or from any of the committee members. Your candle will be lit at the Capelinha before our Mass in Fatima, between June 30<sup>th</sup> and July 7<sup>th</sup>.

**Mass will be celebrated on the green in Marian Avenue, Monday 20<sup>th</sup> June at 7pm. All welcome.**



**Join with us to pray the Rosary via the Parish webcam daily at 9:30am, 7pm, 9:30pm.**

*Rosary will be prayed at the Grotto after evening Mass on the First Friday of every month.*



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## The Feast of Corpus Christi: Food for the Journey What We Are Celebrating

On the Sunday after Trinity Sunday, the Church celebrates The Feast of Corpus Christi, also known as The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. This Feast commemorates the immense gift of the Eucharist in our lives and in the Church.

In Latin, *Corpus Christi* means *Body of Christ*. On Holy Thursday, we remember the institution of the priesthood and the Eucharist, the Last Supper, the Agony in the Garden, the betrayal of Judas and the beginning of the Passion of Christ. It is easy to become lost in so many beautiful things to remember. Corpus Christi Sunday allows us to focus solely on celebrating the real presence of Christ – Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity – in the bread and wine.

## A Feast Begins



The origins of the Feast of Corpus Christi date back to the Middle Ages!

During the thirteenth century, a Belgian nun named Sister Juliana, had a great devotion to the Eucharist. Through visions, Our Lord told her to establish a Feast dedicated to the Blessed Sacrament. Through the influence of Sister Juliana, the importance of spreading devotion to the Blessed Sacrament reached the future Pope Urban IV. Sister Juliana died in 1258 and is now recognised as a Saint.

In 1263, a German priest by the name of Father Peter, stopped to celebrate Mass in Bolsena, Italy while he was on his way to Rome for a pilgrimage. Father Peter was having doubts at the time as to whether the Eucharist was truly the Body and Blood of Christ. However, as he celebrated Mass, when he prayed the prayer of Consecration, blood emerged from the consecrated host, spilling onto the altar.



Father Peter reported the miracle to Pope Urban IV, who sent delegates to investigate the miracle. Today, the Cathedral of Orvieto, Italy, is the resting place of the relics from this Eucharistic miracle.

The message of Sister Juliana and the Eucharistic Miracle in Bolsena, greatly affected Pope Urban IV. In 1264, through a papal bull called *Transiturus de hoc mundo*, Pope Urban IV instituted the Solemnity of Corpus Christi after Pentecost. Under Pope Clement V, Corpus Christi became a universal Feast. However, under Pope John XXII, devotion to the Holy Eucharist spread widely.



# Today we celebrate the Feast of Corpus Christi otherwise known as The Body and Blood of Christ

Fill in our word search

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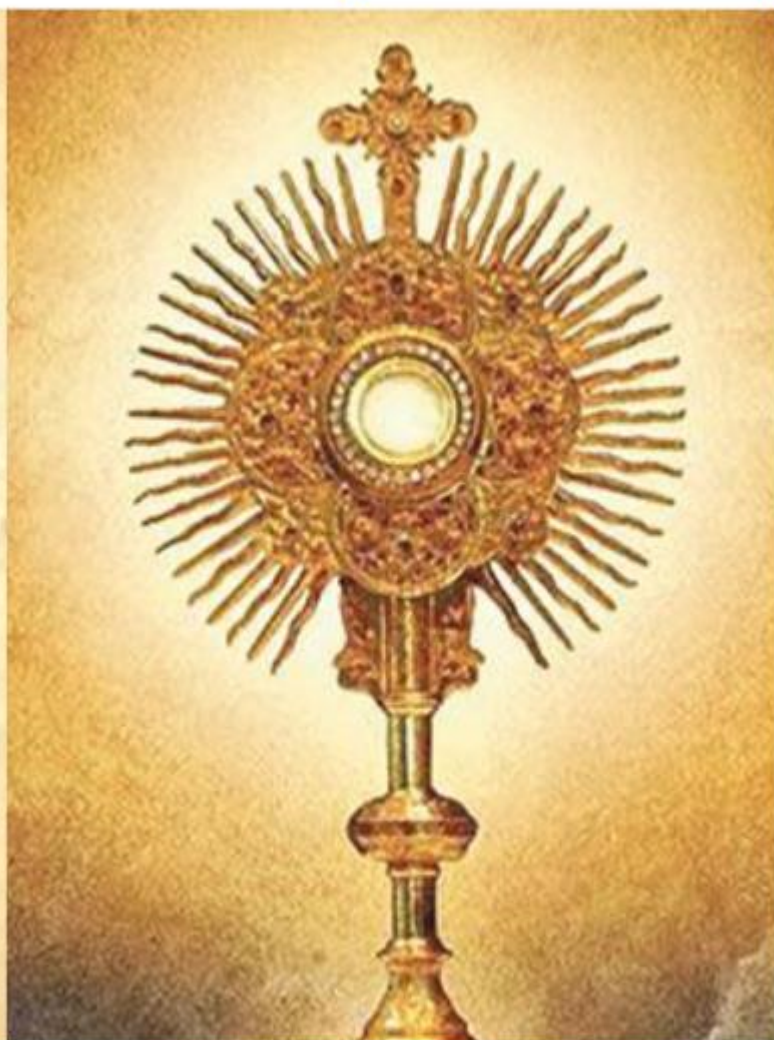
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## Prayer for Corpus Christi Sunday

Jesus, Body and Blood,  
we are grateful for the gift  
of your life and the way it  
strengthens us  
to live ours.

Teach us to draw on the gift  
of your Body and Blood  
for energy, renewal,  
strength and grace.

May we never take the gift  
of your presence for  
granted.  
Amen.







# Time to Think!

## GOD'S COFFEE

A group of alumni, highly established in their careers, got together to visit their old university professor. Conversation soon turned into complaints about stress in work and life. Offering his guests coffee, the professor went to the kitchen and returned with a large pot of coffee and an assortment of cups - porcelain, plastic, glass, crystal, some plain looking, some expensive, some exquisite, telling them to help themselves to the coffee. When all the students had a cup of coffee in hand, the professor said: "If you noticed, all the nice looking expensive cups were taken up, leaving behind the plain and cheap ones. While it is normal for you to want only the best for yourselves, that is the source of your problems and stress. Be assured that the cup itself adds no quality to the coffee. In most cases it is just more expensive and in some cases even hides what we drink. What all of you really wanted was coffee, not the cup, but you consciously went for the best cups and then you began eyeing each other's cups." "Now consider this," he continued...

"Life is the coffee. The jobs, money and position in society are the cups. They are just tools to hold and contain life, and the type of cup we have does not define, nor change the quality of life we live. Sometimes, by concentrating only on the cup, we fail to enjoy the coffee God has provided us." *God brews the coffee, not the cups... Enjoy your coffee!* "The happiest people don't have the best of everything. They just make the best of everything they have." Live simply. Love generously. Care deeply. Speak kindly... and leave the rest to God.

George Carlin was a brilliant comedian and wordsmith. He was fully present as he observed the human condition. His commentary on life is both honest and deeply reflective. A spirituality that brings light and pragmatism to where experience has become stale and cynical. The flowing is part of an observation of contemporary culture that remains very appropriate for us all to reflect upon.

### A Message by George Carlin:

The paradox of our time in history is that we have taller buildings but shorter tempers, wider freeways, but narrower viewpoints. We spend more, but have less, we buy more, but enjoy less. We have bigger houses and smaller families, more conveniences, but less time. We have more degrees but less sense, more knowledge, but less judgment, more experts, yet more problems, more medicine, but less wellness. We drink too much, smoke too much, spend too recklessly, laugh too little, drive too fast, get too angry, stay up too late, get up too tired, read too little, watch TV too much, and pray too seldom. We have multiplied our possessions, but reduced our values. We talk too much, love too seldom, and hate too often.



We've learned how to make a living, but not a life. We've added years to life not life to years. We've been all the way to the moon and back, but have trouble crossing the street to meet a new neighbour. We conquered outer space but not inner space. We've done larger things, but not better things. We've cleaned up the air, but polluted the soul. We've conquered the atom, but not our prejudice. We write more, but learn less. We plan more, but accomplish less. We've learned to rush, but not to wait. We build more computers to hold more information, to produce more copies than ever, but we communicate less and less.

These are the times of fast foods and slow digestion, big men and small character, steep profits and shallow relationships. These are the days of two incomes but more divorce, fancier houses, but broken homes. These are days of quick trips, disposable diapers, throwaway morality, one night stands, overweight bodies, and pills that do everything from cheer, to quiet, to kill. It is a time when there is much in the showroom window and nothing in the stockroom. A time when technology can bring this letter to you, and a time when you can choose either to share this insight, or to just hit delete. Remember; spend some time with your loved ones, because they are not going to be around forever.

Remember, say a kind word to someone who looks up to you in awe, because that little person soon will grow up and leave your side. Remember to give a warm hug to the one next to you because that is the only treasure you can give with your heart and it doesn't cost a cent. Remember, to say, "I love you" to your partner and your loved ones, but most of all mean it. A kiss and an embrace will mend hurt when it comes from deep inside of you. Remember to hold hands and cherish the moment for someday that person will not be there again. Give time to love, give time to speak! And give time to share the precious thoughts in your mind.

### AND ALWAYS REMEMBER:

Life is not measured by the number of breaths we take, but by the moments that take our breath away.

Fr. Paddy invites you to follow him on Twitter @frpaddybyrne, now over 24,700 followers or @AbbeyleixP or leave a comment on his blog on our parish website; [www.portlaoiseparish.ie/articles](http://www.portlaoiseparish.ie/articles)



**OUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR  
THOSE WHO DIED RECENTLY ;**



**Agnes Mortimer** née Hade  
Mountrath Road, Portlaoise



**Eilish Hennessy** née Kinsella  
Ballyroan

*Even though I walk through the darkest  
valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me;  
Your rod and your staff - they comfort me.*

**MAY THEY REST IN PEACE**  
**Our sympathy to their families.**

A message of sympathy may be left for the family by logging on to  
the death notice at [www.portlaoiseparish.ie/deathnotices](http://www.portlaoiseparish.ie/deathnotices)

## **Fathers Day Remembrance**

**In Loving Memory of our Daddy  
KENNETH (Ken) CLEAR**

44 O' Moore Place, Portlaoise.

9<sup>th</sup> Father's Day away from home - 19<sup>th</sup> June 2022.



The day you left and gained your  
wings, our heart just broke in  
two, we wish you could have  
stayed with us, but  
Heaven needed you.

You left us with the memories,  
and we love you dearly still,  
No matter how much time goes  
by, you know we always will.

You were a very special person, with kindness in your  
heart, and the love we had together grows stronger  
now we're apart.

We know we cannot bring you back although we wish it  
everyday, but a piece of us went with you,

The day you went away.

*Happy Father's Day Daddy*

*Forever in our thoughts.*

*Lots of love Becky and Dylan xx*

## **In Loving Memory of MARY (Maisie) DOLLARD**

32 St. John's Square, Portlaoise.

12<sup>th</sup> Anniversary occurs 20<sup>th</sup> June 2022.



*Life is a beautiful memory,  
Death is a silent grief,  
You sleep now in God's beautiful  
garden, in sunshine and  
perfect peace.*

*We miss you oh so very much,  
But trust that God knew best,*

*He let us have you for many years,  
And then gently let you rest.*

**Always in our hearts and never forgotten  
by your loving family.**

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in  
Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, Portlaoise, this  
**Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May at 6:30pm.**

*Rest in Peace Maisie*



**In Loving Memory of**  
**A Cherished Husband,**  
**Father and Grandfather**

**WILLIAM (Willie) O' REILLY**

**28 Lakeglen, Mountmellick Rd. Portlaoise.**  
**5<sup>th</sup> Father's Day away from home; 19-6-2022**



We don't know why but we always thought you would always be around, and knowing you're not here with us feels really strange we have found.

But even though we have grown up and have lives of our own, there's still a child inside of us that feels lost and so alone.

You see since you've been gone, there's something life just seems to lack, for nothing is the same now, we wish we had you back.

Now we know why you always told us to be strong, you knew one day we would need the strength to bear your loss,

And now that father's day is here we are feeling very sad, and know that there will never be a time that we won't miss our dad.



**Happy Father's Day**

**Very sadly missed and never more than a thought away, your wife Anne, sons and daughters, son-in-law, daughters-in-law and all your grandchildren xxx**

*Rest in Peace William*

**In Loving Memory of**  
**NUALA McNAMARA**  
*née Deevy*

**Ross, Ballyfin, Portlaoise.**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary occurs Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2022**



Two years ago to this day, we had to do the hardest thing in the whole world, Say "goodbye" for the last time, To a wife, mother and grandmother who had a huge heart, So many memories are our keepsake, For which we hold them close in our hearts.

**Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in St. Fintan's Church, Ballyfin on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> June at 8pm and can also be viewed on the Ballyfin parish webcam.**

Loved and always remembered by Dan and family, Mary, Liam and Una, Marguerite and John, John, Pauline and Eddie and her loving grandchildren xxxx

*May Nuala Rest in Eternal Peace*

**Father's Day Remembrance**

**In Loving Memory of**  
**P.J. O' BRIEN**

**83 St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise.**

**Dad**

To a Father who is truly missed,  
 We wish we could share just one last kiss,  
 Or to sit and listen and hold your hand,  
 Or just try to even understand.  
 But you left behind your strength and love for us to cherish while you watch from above.

**Truly missed by your loving wife Teresa, sons, daughters, grandchildren and circle of friends.**

*Rest in Peace P.J.*



**In Loving Memory of**  
**MARGARET RYAN**

**33 Newpark, Portlaoise. 8<sup>th</sup> Anniversary occurs 18<sup>th</sup> June.**

**8<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church this Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> June at 12.30pm.**



Just a prayer from the family who loved you,

Just a memory fond and true,  
 In our hearts you will live forever,  
 Because we thought the world of you.

*Sadly missed by all her loving family.*

*May Margaret Rest in Peace*



**In Loving Memory of  
NOREEN COSS**

26 Grattan Street, Portlaoise.  
2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary occurred 17<sup>th</sup> June 2022.



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in  
Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, on  
Saturday, 25<sup>th</sup> June at 6:30pm.

*Your life was a blessing,  
Your memory a treasure,  
You are loved beyond words,  
You are missed everyday.*

Fondly remembered by your loving family, much loved  
grandchildren, extended family and many friends.

*Rest in Peace NoREEN*

**Father's Day Remembrance  
In Loving Memory of  
P.J. O' BRIEN**

83 St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise.



**Dad**

*To a Father who is truly missed,  
We wish we could share just one last kiss,  
Or to sit and listen and hold your hand,  
Or just try to even understand.  
But you left behind your strength and  
love for us to cherish while you watch  
from above.*

Truly missed by your loving wife Teresa,  
sons, daughters, grandchildren and  
circle of friends.

*Rest in Peace P.J.*

**In Loving Memory of  
BRENDAN O' BRIEN**

Dr. Murphy Place, Portlaoise.  
1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary occurs 20<sup>th</sup> June 2022



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in  
Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, on  
Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> June at 12:30pm.

*No words can tell, no tears express,  
The love, the loss, the emptiness,  
You are not just a memory or part of the past,  
You are ours to remember as long as life lasts.*

Sadly missed and always remembered by your loving family  
and friends.

*Rest in Peace Brendan*

**2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary & Father's Day  
Remembrance  
SEAN BUCKLEY**

Portlaoise Road, Abbeyleix.  
2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary occurs 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2022



*We miss you in so many ways,  
We miss the things you use to say,  
And when old times we do recall,  
It's then we miss you most of all.*

*Loved and remembered by all  
your loving family.*

*Rest in Peace Sean*

**In Loving Memory of  
FINT GORMAN**

84 Cherrygrove, Portlaoise.  
1<sup>st</sup> Father's Day in Heaven.



*A Dad's love is special,  
A gift beyond compare,  
We only know the meaning  
when he is no longer there.  
A special time, a special face,  
A special Dad we can't replace,  
With an aching heart we whisper  
low, we love you Dad and  
miss you so.*

Loved and missed always by your wife Ann,  
sons, daughters, grandchildren,  
and great-grandchildren.

*Rest in Peace Fint*

**Father's Day Remembrance  
In Loving Memory of  
PATRICK (Paddy) SHIELS**

Formerly Dr. Murphy's Place, Portlaoise.



*If we could write a story,  
It would be the greatest  
ever told, of our kind and  
loving father who had a  
heart of gold.*

*We could write a million  
pages, but we still just  
couldn't say,  
How much we love and  
miss you Dad since you  
went away.*

Remembered lovingly on this Father's day by his  
sons, daughters, son-in-law, grandchildren and  
great-grandchildren.

*Rest in Peace Patrick*

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In Loving Memory of My Wonderful Daughter

**SAMANTHA MOORE**

2 Triogue Manor, Portlaoise.

7<sup>th</sup> Anniversary occurs 21<sup>st</sup> June 2022.



I close my eyes and see your face,  
smiling at me from a beautiful place,  
I ask if you can stay a while,  
I miss your voice, I miss your smile,  
You whisper sweetly in my ear,  
I'll never leave you, I'm always here.

Thinking of you every minute of every  
day, your broken-hearted Mam xx

*Rest in Peace Samantha*



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## Portlaoise Parish



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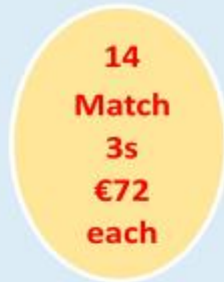


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Christina Conroy  
Jack Ryan  
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Lily & Sadie Cahill  
Thomas O'Connor  
Andrea Dunne  
Doreen Brennan  
Liz Hilliard  
J Davis  
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### Ways to contribute to our Parish

- Envelope boxes available at Church porches and Parish Centre
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- Cashless Point at the back of the Parish Church
- Donation facility on our website
- Standing Order forms available at the Parish Centre
- Or Transfer directly to our Account

#### Portlaoise Parish Account:

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IBAN: IE12AIBK93327916658201

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## Clergy of the Parish



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Tel: 057 8621142  
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Tel: 057 8621364**

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## Parish Centre



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