



#### Mass Times & Masses for the dead as follows :

Sat	12th	May	8.00pm	Christina & Pat Skelly, Curroole.
Sun	13th	May	12.00pm	First Holy Communion.
Mon	14th	May	8.00pm	
Tues	15th	May	8.00pm	John & Elizabeth McArdle, Forthill.
Wed	16th	May	8.00pm	Mass for Respect for Life from conception to death.
Thurs	17th	May	9.30am	Special Intention
Fri	18th	May	8.00pm	Bessie Mulvihill, The Village. (Month's Mind).
Sat	19th	May	8.00pm	Bridget & Michael Mahedy, Caltramore.
Sun	20th	May	10.30am	Tom Skelly, (Month's Mind).

**Rosary** continues on Saturday evening at 7.45pm.

**This week - Eucharistic Adoration** will be specially offered for Respect for Life from conception to death. We encourage you to join us - even if it is only for 5 minutes - on Wednesday 3pm-9pm and Friday 8.30pm-9pm. N.B. Mass at 8pm on Wednesday for the same intention.

**Love Both:** On next Sunday evening May 20th - we will have one hour of Silent Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament followed by the recitation of the Rosary and Benediction for the intention of Respect for Life. Begins at 6pm finishing at 7.30pm.

#### Eucharistic Roster:

8.00pm Sat 19th May Dylan Mulvihill & Helen O'Shea.  
10.30am Sun 20th May Brendan Bannon & Margaret Boyce.

#### Readers' Roster:

8.00pm Sat 19th May Lauren Casey.  
10.30am Sun 20th May Yvonne Kenny.

**Congratulations** to all the children who made their First Holy Communion on Sunday and to their teacher Ms. Sinead Stenson.

Message from Bishop Francis. 13<sup>th</sup> May 2018

The Eighth Amendment to the Constitution is a guarantee that our laws will protect mothers and unborn babies. Without 'the Eighth' some babies in the womb will be regarded as less valuable than other human lives. A society that treats some human lives as less valuable than others is putting the most vulnerable and dependant at risk. 'The Eighth' is about letting live, let's keep it.

From the moment of conception human life begins its journey of growth and development. The baby in the womb is human, genetically unique, he or she has a right to that life. Human life, once begun, should be allowed to continue until its natural end. The one definite fact about abortion is that it will end a human life. The Eighth Amendment does not victimise, or deny medical treatment, instead it protects mothers and babies.

Mother of the Life Within,  
all life we entrust to you.

The life of every expectant mother  
and the child within her womb.  
the life of every human body,  
the life of every human soul,  
the life of every new born child  
and the life of all grown old.

You held the Lord to your own heart  
and drew Him so close in.  
so draw us now in all our needs,  
O Mother of the Life Within.  
Amen.

#### Reflection

A scientific researcher gathered ten volunteers for a special psychological study called the "scar-face experiment". The participants are fitted with a fake facial scar. They are told they are to be interviewed to see how their new look influences the way they will be treated. Just before the interview, the scientist tells the volunteers that she has to make some last minute adjustments - but in fact, unbeknownst to the participants - **the scar is removed completely**. Believing that they still have the scar on their faces, the volunteers were sent out into the waiting rooms of different medical officers ... with many patients waiting to be seen. They were instructed to watch out for how strangers in the office responded to their scar.

After the appointed time, all ten participants returned with the same report. They found that strangers were more rude to them than normal, less kind and stared at their scar. It made them feel flawed and consequently more anxious and lacking in confidence. Amazingly, in some cases the belief continued even after they were shown on video that the scar had been removed.

**Moral:** *We don't see the world as it is - we see the world as we are*

What's made clear in the experiment is this - the power of our own *perception of reality* ... and the way we find confirmation about how we are being treated, even when none exists. A good rule of thumb is that when someone acts badly towards you, it's much more **about them** than about you. But if you are convinced that people are reacting badly because of some fault in you ... then you will find the evidence to back it up **even if it is not there**.

#### Advice from St. Teresa of Avila:

1. Remember that your Character should always be stronger than your circumstances.

We can't always control what happens to us, but we can always control how we choose to respond. In those moments when I choose to stop complaining and instead give thanks to God for the good in my life, the parts that seem bad ... start to seem much less significant.  
"1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

2. Remember that your Struggles always lead to Strength.

Every difficulty in your life, whether big or small, is something God will use to produce more strength, faith and perseverance in you if you let Him! All your pain has a purpose - (like a vaccine).  
"And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him" - Romans 8:28

3. Remember that God's timing is always perfect.

God's plans are almost always different from our plans, but His plans are always perfect! Have the patience to wait on His timing instead of forcing your own.  
"For I know the plans I have for you - plans for peace and not disaster" - Jeremiah.

4. Remember that God will never leave your side.

"Do not be afraid ... for I am with you always ... yes ... to the end of time." - Jesus.