

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Sat	2 nd	11am	First Holy Communion
		2pm	Marian Devotions
		7pm	No Children's Mass
		7:30pm	House Mass
Sun	3 rd	11am	Mary Fox & Pat Brooks~ PJ Galvin~Knock
Tues	5 th		Blessed Edmund Rice
		10am	Eye Appointment
Wed	6 th	9am	Mass
Thurs	7 th	9am	Mass
		9:30am	Schools Prayer Service
		11:30am	Sonas Nursing Home
		2pm	St. Brendan's Creagh
Fri	8 th	9am	Mass
Sat	9 th		Europe Day
		7:30pm	May Devotions in Clonfert
Sun	10 th	11am	John & Kathleen Moore~Chapel St. John Keyes~Knock Tom Dolan~Carrowreagh

Easter Time in Our Parish

Servers: May 10th: Amy Grehan, Aoibhean Daly, Tomas Burke, Millie & Liam Keyes, Oisín Costello, April and Lexie Fox

Offertory Collection: 26th April: €635.55

Eucharistic Ministers: 10th May: Ann Marie Crehan & Dorothy Fallon

Castlesampson NS: We congratulate Miss Michelle Kelly as Principal Teacher. We wish her the best of good luck, health and happiness for many, many years in her new position.

Moore & Clonfad Drama Society: Will present a hilarious 3 act comedy "Widows Paradise" by Sam Cree, on Thurs 7th, Fri 8th and Sat 9th May at 8pm in Moore Community Hall. Lots of laughs guaranteed. Tickets at the door €12.

Community Games 2026: Thanks to our Community Games Committee for their work and commitment invested in the children of the community. Thanks to our children for your participation last Sunday. We are so lucky to be blessed with so many healthy and athletic children. Sport provides a very healthy and positive opportunity for you. We are so lucky that we have so many good adults who help you develop your sporting potential.

Diocesan Priesthood Vocations Afternoon: If you feel that you may be called to follow Jesus as a diocesan priest contact Fr Ian O'Neill to find out about the upcoming Diocesan Priesthood Vocations Afternoon on Sunday May 10th. Call 087-2048497 or email priesthood@clonfertgalway.ie.

Taughmaconnell Community Games: Church gate collection takes place this Sunday 3rd May. Please support this great group who do so much for so many of our children.

Clonfert May Devotions: These Devotions are in the church of Our Lady of Clonfert each evening at 7:30pm with special ceremonies on the days specified on the list.

Dawn Chorus: From midnight to 6am.

Darkness into Light Ballinasloe 2026: Takes place on May 9th at 4:15am.

Just A Thought

Reflections for May

May Altars

In later Medieval times, Mary Gardens, as they came to be called, became popular, especially in Medieval England. England came to be known as Our Lady's dowry! The Medieval gardeners gave the flowers in their gardens names to associate them with Mary. The earliest record of a garden explicitly called a 'Mary Garden' involves a fifteenth-century monastic accounting record of the purchase of plants 'for Saint Mary's garden' by the sacristan of Norwich Priory, in England. Post reformation and enlightenment devotions to Our Lady with flowers and thirty-day prayers date from Italy in the 17th, and 18th Centuries. May altar devotion was influenced and furthered, by Louis de Montfort, a famous French Marian Saint, in his Treatise on True Devotion to Mary, who, among other things, counted the decoration of Marian altars a chief exercise of Marian devotion.

Prayer for the Spirit of Work, St Joseph the Worker~Feast 1st May

God our Father, Creator and Ruler of the universe, in every age you call us to use and develop our gifts for the good of others. With St. Joseph as our guide, help us to do the work you have asked and come to the rewards you have promised. Please grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer of St. Brendan the Navigator~Feast 16th May

Lord, help me to journey beyond the familiar and into the unknown. Give me the faith to leave old ways and break fresh ground with you. Christ of the mysteries, I trust you to be stronger than each storm within me. I will trust in the darkness and know that my times, even now, are in your hand. Tune my spirit to the music of heaven, And somehow, make my obedience count for you. Amen.