Parish Newsletter For
Ballyadams, Luggacurren, Wolfhill & The Swan

The Feast Of the Ascension – 13th May 2018

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Parish Website www.Ballyadamsparish.com

Parish Mass Times:

Weekend Masses: Saturday 7.30 p.m in Luggacurren. Sunday 10 a.m in Wolfhill & 11 a.m Ballyadams.

Masses During The Week: Morning Mass in Luggacurren at 10 a.m on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday Mass in Ballyadams at 10 a.m on Friday to begin 24 hours of adoration before the Blessed Sacrament.

This Week's Anniversaries: Mary Mc Donald, Ballintubbert (10 a.m Ballyadams) Peg Fleming, The Swan, Edward Fennelly, Wolfhill (11 a.m Wolfhill)

Baptisms: Congratulations to James Mc Ardle & Sheila Conroy, Ballinclea on the baptism of their daughter Juliette Rosalie, to James & Laura Mc Hugh, Corbally on the baptism of their daughter, Amber, May & to Joe & Gail Hickey, Old Court, Athy on the baptism of their daughter Oliv ia, Rose.

OFFICIAL FAMILY PRAYER FOR WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES 2018

God, our Father, We are brothers and sisters in Jesus your Son,
One family, in the Spirit of your love.
Bless us with the joy of love.
Make us patient and kind, gentle and generous,
welcoming to those in need.
Help us to live your forgiveness and peace.
Protect all families with your loving care,
Especially those for whom we now pray:
(We pause and remember family members and others by name).
Increase our faith,
Strengthen our hope,
Keep us safe in your love,
Make us always grateful for the gift of life that we share.
This we ask, through Christ our Lord, Amen.
Mary, mother and guide, pray for us.
Saint Joseph, father and protector, pray for us.
Saints Joachim and Anne, pray for us.
Saints Louis and Zélie Martin, pray for us.

Pro Life Campaign: Stand Up for Life is the final national rally before the referendum. This is our last chance to come together in huge numbers to show our support for the 8th and play our part in these critical days before the vote. If the 8th Amendment is repealed, Ireland will be a very different place-where abortion on demand happens. The rally will be a family friendly event with wonderful speakers from home and abroad. Your presence is vital. To find out more and to register please go to www.loveboth.ie. If you would like to organise a bus or to book a seat from your area please call or text 087-2668702.

Parish Lotto 08/05/2018: Jackpot No's 02-14-21. Jackpot Prize €600… No Winner…€15 Winners:..Majella Fennelly, 2 Imleach, The Swan, Margaret Byrne, Loughlass, Cyril Brennan, c/o Wheatleys, M O' Grady, Killygannard, Tommy Keeffe, Parkhill..Next Week's Jackpot: €750.

Kilgorey - Crettyard: Graveyard Mass: On 20th May 3pm.

Commemoration Service: The annual commemoration service for those who died in Athy Workhouse during the Great Famine will be held in St. Marys Cemetery (opposite St.Vincents Hospital) on Sun 13th May at 3 p.m.

The Swan Walking Group: Welcome new members to join in on Tuesday evenings at 7.30pm meeting at The Swan Inn registration from 7.15pm for all abilities, optional routes, walk at your own pace. Contact Sandra 0857813598/Marion 0863850905 for more details.

The Irish Cancer Society Is Looking For Volunteer Drivers In The Laois Area: To drive Laois patients to and from their chemotherapy appointments in Tullamore hospital and to our partner Dublin hospitals - St. Vincent's University Hospital, Tallaght Hospital and St. James's Hospital. All volunteer expenses are paid. If you are interested in becoming a Volunteer Driver or would like more information, please contact Gail 01 2310 566 or visit the Society's website at irishcancer.ie for an application form.

A Trip down Memory Lane: A trip to Wallace's Museum is organised for Mon 28th May. Meeting point The Swan Inn @11am followed by Lunch/Refreshments, All gentlemen from the parish are welcome on this trip. Further details later. Book your place by calling 086 3850905.

Mobile Blood Donation Clinic: St Mary's Hall Portlaoise- Monday 14th, Tuesday 15th & Wednesday 16th May 2018 from 4.30 p.m-8 p.m- giveblood.ie- you get more than you give Locall 1850731137.

SVT(Stradbally, Vicarstown, Timahoe) Community Hub: Would like to congratulate all the walkers from the surrounding areas that completed the recent 75km Challenge over the 5 Sunday's of April. We experienced wonderful weather, company and best of all unveiling what is on our doorstep. If you want to get information on upcoming events/walk email Majella at sports@laoissports.ie or phone 0860111722.

Kildare & Leighlin Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine: Bishop Denis Nulty invites you to join with him and parishioners from across the diocese at the Shrine of Our Lady of Knock on Sunday 3rd June 2018 with the Diocesan Choir directed by Fr. Liam Lawton. Ceremonies begin at 2.30 pm in the Basilica. Contact Kathleen Brennan 0598625276

Please Join Us For A Special 24 Hours Of Adoration To Pray For FAMILY And LIFE: On 18th May in Ballyadams Church with Mass at 10 am continuing for 24 hours.Prayer was never so badly needed as it is now to protect the unborn and their mothers and to support family life and Christian values in Ireland.We need volunteers to spend I hour with Jesus in The Blessed Sacrament.Call Kathleen 086 394 4300 or Rosaleen 086 244 8603 to pledge your hour.

To book the Swan Community Hall phone John on 087-9027560 or Luggacurren Hall phone James on 087-7567020.
All items for the Newsletter should be submitted not later than Wednesday at noon. Phone 057 -8647567 or email: ballyadamsce@eircom.net

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