**Baptisms:** We welcome into our Christian faith community Clodagh Boyle, Jentzen McCann & Clara MacMahon

**Today is World Communications Day** throughout the Catholic Church. The theme this year is "<u>Come and See" (Jn 1:46). Communicating by Encountering</u> <u>People Where and as They Are</u>. Pope Francis tells us that 'the Gospel comes alive in our own day, whenever we accept the compelling witness of people whose lives have been changed by their encounter with Jesus... The challenge that awaits us, then, is to communicate by encountering people, where they are and as they are.'

**St. Angela's College, Sligo** is offering a new, online MA (Religious Education and Social Justice) for September 2021. Please visit **www.stangelas.nuigalway.ie** for more information.

Accord Catholic Marriage Care Service is currently recruiting volunteers to train as marriage preparation programme facilitators. Contact Aisling on 01 505 3112 or email <u>info@accord.ie</u> The closing date for receipt of registration of interest forms is Friday 28th May. Registration of Interest form and additional information about becoming a facilitator are available on <u>www.accord.ie</u>

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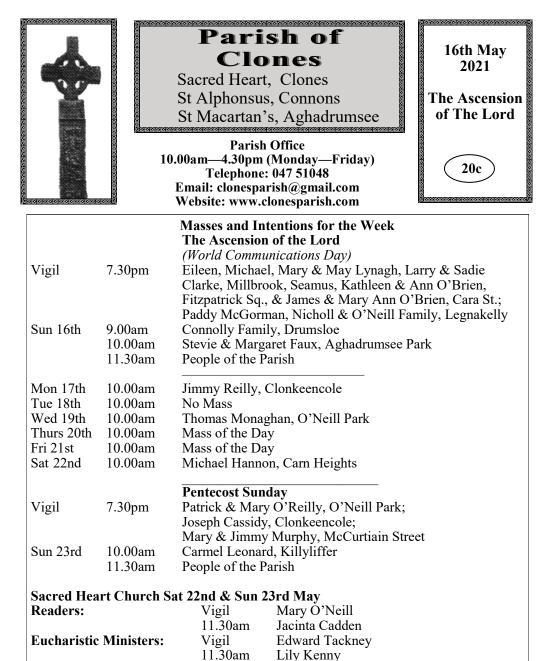
**First Confessions on 18th May 2021** St. Tiarnach's Primary School at 10.00am. St. Macartan's Primary School at 11.30am.

Archbishop Dermot Farrell addressing the Catholic Primary Schools Management Association, had this to say to parents:

"Parents, when you enrol your children in the parish for First Holy Communion and Confirmation you are enrolling them on a lifelong journey of faith, hope and love – and also in making that decision you are re-entering yourself into awareness of the love you have for God and the love God has for you throughout all the ups and downs of life. The parish and the Catholic school are supports for you in developing your own relationship with God and that of your young people. There is always room for adult members of the Church, parents and grandparents, clergy, teachers, all of us, to reflect further on our faith and re-engage with our own adult faith development.

The Catholic school adds value. It promotes a positive spiritual reflection on life, speaking to all that we learn from Jesus as young people and throughout the whole of life. It sets the young person out on life valuing the spiritual, the religious, the moral, as well as the intellectual, creative, physical and social aspects of life.

The Catholic school speaks from its deepest values to all, opening its doors not only to young Catholics, but to those of other denominations, other religions and other worldviews, in a hospitable, respectful, inclusive manner – inviting them to participate in appropriate ways in what it offers them".



Reader: Geraldine Beggan

n Eucharist Minister: Samantha Boyle

**Deaths:** We pray for Brendan Lynch, O'Neill Park Mary Devine (nee O'Hara) Kilkelly, Co. Mayo & formerly Corraghy

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