

### Confirmation & First Holy Communion

On Thursday past the Government announced some relaxation of restrictions concerning religious services. From Monday 10th May Mass and other liturgies may be celebrated with a congregation present, limited to 50 people. In relation to the celebration of the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Holy Communion the Government advice is as follows: **'It is advised that other religious ceremonies such as Communions and Confirmations should not take place at this time.'** With this in mind, planning for the celebration of these Sacraments is postponed until further notice.

**A National Synod for The Catholic Church in Ireland.** The Irish Bishops' Conference have announced a new Synodal Pathway for the Catholic Church in Ireland leading to the holding of a National Synodal Assembly within the next five years. We are all invited to journey together in discernment of what the Holy Spirit is saying to the Church in Ireland at this time. We are acutely aware of the huge challenges to the faith over the past fifty years; a major decline in practice of the faith and in the number of vocations to the priesthood and the religious life. The bishops are inviting submissions to reflect on what methods/models to adopt in these coming two years of conversations. For example: parish or pastoral area meetings, focus groups, questionnaires, deep-listening sessions; written submissions; family-focused gatherings; receiving summary of findings of assemblies that have already taken place across dioceses; and/or conferences etc.

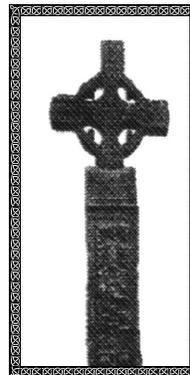
Your feedback, which should be no more than 300 words and submitted by Pentecost Sunday 23rd May 2021, ought to focus on the nature of the *process* for the consultation i.e. how we can best go about this initial phase of establishing the conversation? You are invited to offer feedback to the following question: **What would be your preferred option for engagement in a conversation process about the Synod?** The responses will be considered by the task group to be put in place by the bishops this summer to plan and oversee the first steps along the Synodal Pathway. Submissions should be made via the new Synodal Pathway webpage: [www.catholicbishops.ie/synod](http://www.catholicbishops.ie/synod)

### Mass Stipends

In the Catholic Church a Mass Stipend is a donation given to a priest for praying a Mass. It is considered as a gift or offering given freely, rather than a payment.

Your stipend may be placed in an envelope on which you should write the name of the person for whom the Anniversary Mass is offered, along with the date of the Mass; this can then be put into the secure box in Sacred Heart Church or given to one of the priests.

**Parish Mobile (in case of emergency): 085 817 6203.**



## Parish of Clones

Sacred Heart, Clones  
St Alphonsus, Connors  
St Macartan's, Aghadrumsee

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2nd May  
2021

Fifth Week of  
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### Masses and Intentions for the Week

#### Fifth Sunday of Easter

Vigil	7.30pm	Elizabeth (Betty) Cosgrove-Denault, Staten Island, NY; Josephine Mulhall, Fermanagh Street; McPhillips Family, Cloncallick & Annagheane
Sun 2nd	10.00am 11.30am	Phyllis, Bernard & Susanna Beagan, Follom People of the Parish

#### SS Philip and James, Apostles

Mon 3rd	10.00am	John & Catherine Boyle, Creevagh & Olive & James Dunwoody, Surrey
Tue 4th	10.00am	Mass of the Day
Wed 5th	10.00am	PJ Murray, Newtownbutler Road
Thurs 6th	10.00am	Dec'd Workers, Denim Trading Company
Fri 7th	10.00am	Francis McCaul, Roslea
Sat 8th	10.00am	John Flanagan, O'Neill Park

#### Sixth Sunday of Easter

Vigil	7.30pm	Jennifer Pugh, Analore Road
Sun 9th	10.00am 11.30am	Margaret & John Collins, Kilrid People of the Parish

#### Sacred Heart Church Readers:

Sat 8th May	Vigil	Caroline McMahon
Sun 9th	11.30am	Elaine McDermott

#### St Macartan's 9th May

Reader	Caolan Faux
Eucharist Minister	Samantha Boyle

**Death:** We pray for Algimantas Akstinavicius, McCurtain Street