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*Lectio Divina: Last Sunday monthly at 5pm – Meeting Room in the Mainséar

*Weekly Adoration in Furbo Church: Mondays @ 7pm

*Weekly Adoration in Barna Church: Wednesdays @ 3pm.

*Gluten Intolerance: Low Gluten Hosts can be received from the Altar.

Parish Office: Contact by ‘phone/email/post box for Mass Intentions and requests for Baptism/ Marriage Queries etc. Various cards for sale. Please note: The Post Box is on the wall at the right side of the Parish Office door. Please feel free to leave in any weekly envelopes, Messages, Requests etc. There is also a Post Box on the wall on the right at the entrance door to Séipéal Réalt na Mara. Boxes are opened daily. When giving an envelope for a Mass Intention, please write the name and the date of the Intention on the outside of the envelope. Thank You! Our Parish is committed to the protection of all children and young people in our Churches. Please see Church Notice boards for contact persons. Live Streaming in Church: Masses and Communion Services are live streamed on the Webcam in both Churches.

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS – CHURCH OF MARY IMMACULATE QUEEN, BARNÁ, H91 A2T7 (Teampall Mhuire Banríon gan Smál)
All services available on webcam – church.tv.ie/barna – and on local radio 106.6fm

Saturday 6 th June	6.30pm	*Nancy Greaney, Aille *Seamus and Margaret O’Shea, Barna/Ennis	First Anniversary Anniversaries
Sunday 7 th June	12noon	Mass	
Monday 8 th June	10am	*Kathleen Mullen, Lettermullen	Anniversary
Tuesday 9 th June	10am	Communion Service (churchtv.ie/barna) (radio 106.6fm)	
Wednesday 10 th June	10am	Communion Service (churchtv.ie/barna) (radio 106.6fm)	
Thursday 11 th June	10am	Mass	
Friday 12 th June	10am	Mass	
Saturday 13 th June	6.30pm	Gerry and Julia Curran, Fothraí Maola Thiar	Anniversaries
Sunday 14 th June	12noon	Mass	

AIFRINN AGUS INTINNÍ NA SEACHTAINE I SÉIPÉAL RÉALT NA MARA, na bhForbacha, H91 NY09 (Star of the Sea Church, Furbo)
Na seirbhísí uilig ar fail ar webcam – churchtv.ie/furbo

An Domhnach 7ú Meitheamh	10.00rn	*Patricia Forde, Boston, US	8ú Comóradh Báis
An Mháirt 9ú Meitheamh	10.00rn	Aifreann	Comóradh Báis
An Domhnach 14ú Meitheamh	10.00rn	Aifreann	

AS A PARISH COMMUNITY, WE EXTEND SYMPATHY TO THE FAMILY, RELATIVES AND FRIENDS OF:

*Máire T. Uí Ghríofa, Gleann Trasna, Lettermore (sister of Jude Concannon, Furbo)

Give her eternal rest, O Lord – Suaimhneas síoraí tabhair di a Thiarna

DIOCESAN COLLECTION LOURDES This special collection will be taken up this **weekend 6th/7th June** to help defray the cost for the sick and those with special needs who will be sponsored from parishes in the diocese. The Pilgrimage will take place from 29th June to 4th July and will be led by Bishop Michael Duignan. Forms are still available from the Office.

Corpus Christi (The Body of Christ) “Magnifica Humanitas”

As I present the 2nd part of Pope Leo’s speech during the launch of his encyclical, his main focus right through was on preserving/ safeguarding the dignity of the person. His emphasis therefore was on encouraging all people concerned with the development of Artificial Intelligence and agencies concerned including the various Churches to work together so as to ensure that the development of such technology would not be a threat to humankind...

What has that to do with this special feast Corpus Christi? For those to have the eyes and hearts to see, there is a precious link. In an article looking back at all the happenings celebrated during the Season of Easter, John Foley SJ states that: *When Christ left his followers (the Ascension), was that the end? If that were the end of the story we would have only memories. On Pentecost the Spirit was sent into the hearts of the brethren. We ourselves, his followers, were to receive that same Spirit and become his new and continuing body for the life of the world.*

Today’s Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ reinforces this possibility. He states that: *The great plan of God could get lost unless there were a Manna-like sacrament to draw our bodies and our spirits into Christ’s presence. And so, now the Easter picture is complete. Christ remains in the world for all time. He is spiritually and physically present to the world in us, as often as we accept his body and dwell in his Spirit.*

Ron Rolheiser SJ in a separate article echoes that sentiment...

Occasionally when St. Augustine was giving the Eucharist to a communicant, instead of saying, “The Body of Christ,” he would say: “Receive what you are.” That puts things correctly. What is supposed to happen at the Eucharist is that we, the congregation, by sacrificing the things that divide us, should become the body and blood of Christ. Like the bread and wine, we, the people, are meant to be changed, to be transubstantiated.

The Eucharist, as sacrifice, asks us to become the bread of brokenness and the chalice of vulnerability.

Magnifica Humanitas echoes that same sentiment...

Launch of the Encyclical... 2nd part of Pope Leo's address...

The Church has long been working for nuclear disarmament, aware that every great technical power can affect people's lives and so must be accompanied by adequate moral discernment and public control. Nuclear disarmament remains a service to peace and the dignity of the human family.

In a similar sense, artificial intelligence now demands to be "disarmed," freed from logics that turn it into an instrument of domination, exclusion and death. Like nuclear energy, it must be at the service of all and of the common good. Decisions about technology must never be separated from conscience and responsibility. "Let us not sleep as others do," admonished the Apostle Paul, "but let us keep awake" (1 Thess 5:6). Such vigilance is necessary today. Peace, not merely the absence of war, is justice at work. But when technology weakens our critical sense, peace itself is at risk.

Disarming, however, is not enough. We must build.

The word "build" reminds me of my years as a missionary in Peru. In 2017, torrential rains and floods struck the north of the country: many families saw their homes swallowed by mud, and many roads, too. There I learned that rebuilding does not mean simply replacing what has been destroyed. It means repairing bonds, restoring trust, and reawakening hope in the future. Moreover, no one rebuilds alone.

In *Magnifica Humanitas*, I recall the biblical prophet Nehemiah. Before the ruined walls of Jerusalem, he gathers discouraged people to bring about rebirth. The image of walls does not legitimise closures or divisions, but invites each and every one to do their part. Brick by brick, a more just coexistence takes shape, capable of safeguarding the dignity of all. Nehemiah's effort speaks to our time. Artificial intelligence can be a construction site of history from within a horizon of communion, in which technical progress learns to serve human life.

"Let each builder choose with care how to build" (1 Cor 3:10) warns St. Paul. He does not fear the worksite; rather, he warns against building without solid foundations. Let's not fear artificial intelligence, but constantly keep the question of the human in play. We cannot be careless with our most powerful technical instruments.

True development, says St Paul VI, always concerns "each man and the whole man." "Each" means that no person can be left at the margins of digital transformation. "Whole" means that no one can be reduced to productivity, to cognitive performance, or to mere data. The person bears within him- or her-self a freedom, an interiority and a vocation to love and worship that no machine can replace or block.

Only with such an integral vision can artificial intelligence be directed toward the common good. Only together — those who design systems and those affected by them, richer countries and poorer ones, institutions and individuals, power centres and peripheries — will we be able to build a future, not for a privileged few, but for the entire human family. This is the civilization of love which St Paul VI spoke and which St John Paul II so forcefully proclaimed as a horizon to seek together. It is not a naïve dream. It is a direction. It is the path that Jesus Christ opens within history.

For this reason, the Church wishes, with humility and frankness, to be part of conversations on artificial intelligence. We do not possess technical answers, nor do we seek to displace those with expertise. But we bring a wisdom concerning the human that our present time desperately needs: every person is unique and irreplaceable, a free and intelligent subject with a conscience, capable of seeking God, serving one another, caring for our common home.

I, therefore, invite all members of the Church and of the human family: let us learn to listen to one another, face the present challenges with courage, and cooperate in building a more human and fraternal society.

From this launch of *Magnifica Humanitas*, please take with you a commitment to stay awake and, as "artisans of hope", to keep on building the worksite of our time. May the Spirit of the Risen Lord Jesus sustain our work together.

I entrust each of you to our Mother Mary. Her *Magnificat* sings of the greatness of God who uplifts the lowly. May she teach us to recognize the true greatness of every man and every woman in loving and serving. May the Lord make fruitful the great enterprise that today we entrust to his grace, letting the civilization of love mature in history.

Upon all of you I heartily invoke God's blessing.

Fr. Michael

WELSH CHOIR CONCERT – Ceolchoirm Chór na Breataine Bige – Meibion Goronwy are coming again for the third time to sing in Barna Church on Friday 12th June at 8pm. Suggested donation €15 per person. Tickets at the door. (50% of proceeds will be donated to Galway Hospice/50% den fháltais chuig Ospís na Gaillimhe).

MEET AND GREET Our next 'Meet and Greet' will take place in the Cillín after the 12noon mass on Sunday 14th June. You are invited to stay for a little time after mass and enjoy a 'cuppa' and a chat!

9 DAY SPANISH CAMINO July 11th -20th is a fantastic opportunity to join Bishop Duignan and young adults to walk the historical route across Northern Spain. Enjoy adventure and meet new people. Bargain price: €699, with part sponsorship possible. Places limited email youthpilgrimage@clonfertgalway.ie

BEARNA NA FORBACHA AONTAITHE Congratulations to our U15B boys' squad and Management who recently won the GFA Div 3/4 Cup final. They beat Athenry 5-2 in Mervue after extra time. Maith sibh.

Exam Prayer Dear Lord, as I prepare to take these exams, please calm my anxious thoughts and steady my nerves. Clear my mind so I can think clearly, and prompt my memory to recall all I have studied. May I strive to give my best, and do myself justice in each test. Guide my hands and grant me wisdom in all I do. Amen.