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Templeorum Parish Newsletter

Sunday, 16th April, 2023

WEEKEND MASSES IN THE PARISH

Piltown – Saturday @ 6pm

Owning & Templeorum - Every second Sunday @ 10am

ANNIVERSARIES

Betty & Maureen Anthony, Piltown

Raymond Anthony, Owning

John Dalton, Piltown

MONTH'S MIND

Noel Kenny

ITEMS FOR THE NEWSLETTER

Items for the Newsletter should be submitted

by e-mail to piltownparishnews@gmail.com

prior to 7pm on Wednesday of each week to ensure

inclusion in the Parish Newsletter the following Sunday.

DAILY MASSES FOR THE COMING WEEK in Piltown Church will take place on Wednesday, Thursday & Friday at 10am.

TROCAIRE BOXES can be returned to any of the three Churches.

EASTER STATIONS are now due.

CHURCH COLLECTIONS

The total collection from all three churches for the month of March came to €1,135. We thank those who contributed.

PRAYER GROUP

The prayer group will be re-starting soon. Anybody wishing to join the group should submit their mobile number to the Parish Office so that you can be set up for the group notifications.

WEEKLY CHURCH ENVELOPES

There are still a few boxes of the weekly church envelopes outstanding for collection. They are located on the top pews of the church. We thank, in anticipation, you for your continued support.

2023 DATES FOR THE SACRAMENT OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

First Holy Communion will take place on the following dates:

Piltown Church – Saturday, May 6th

Owning Church – Saturday, May 13th

Templeorum Church – Saturday, May 20th

CONFIRMATION

Congratulations to all the boys and girls who received the wonderful gift of the Holy Spirit recently. To view the Confirmation ceremony log into Frontline's recording on:

<https://www.youtube.com/@frontlinestreamingservices6147/streams>

SAFEGUARDING

We take Safeguarding, Child Protection and Care of Vulnerable Adults very seriously. It is imperative that all involved in Parish activities are familiar with our Safeguarding Policy. I invite all of you to attend an information night on Tuesday 9th May in the Community Centre. I appeal to all members of the Pastoral, Liturgical and Finance committees to attend and also Readers and Ministers of the Eucharist.

READERS

We thank all of you for reading the Word of God at mass and for all your time and preparation. We have a very high standard and for this we thank you. With the changes in our mass times I invite the readers in Owning and Templeorum to read in Piltown Church on Saturday evenings. If you are willing and available please contact the Parish office on (051) 643112.

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Again we would love to see our Ministers of the Eucharist distribute Holy Communion in all our churches. If you are available please let the parish office know.

THE CHURCH CHOIRS

Our choirs play an essential part in our Liturgies and we are lucky to have them. It is a big commitment to turn out for masses week in, week out and to supply sacred, supportive music at the occasions of funerals. New members are always welcome.

COMMUNITY CENTRE

The Centre is a hive of activity with Indoor Bowls on Monday and Thursday, Table Tennis on Thursday, Knitting and Art, Music class and Piano lessons. For more information call John on 087 9746007.

ST. MODOMNOC – PATRON SAINT OF BEES AND BEEKEEPING

St. Modomnoc lived in the first half of the sixth century. He was a descendant from the clan of O'Neil from Ulster. Modomnoc wished to serve God as a priest. He went to Wales where he studied at St. David's Seminary. At the seminary, Seminarians undertook different responsibilities or charges such as manual labour, church singing or growing vegetables. Modomnoc took charge of beekeeping. He looked after the seminary's bees well by making straw beehives and locating them in a suitable place in the garden which was full of flowers grown by himself for his little charges. The bees flew in swarms around his head, never once stinging him. At the end of the summer, the bees produced so much honey Modomnoc, needed helpers to deliver it to the monastery. Some years later, Modomnoc returned to Ireland to start his priestly ministry. The abbot at St. David's gave a gift of bees to Modomnoc and he made a shelter for them on his boat. When he arrived in Ireland, St. Modomnoc erected a church near Balbriggan in Dublin. To this day that spot is known as "the beekeepers church" It is now known and accepted that this was the first time bees came to Ireland. St Modomnoc later served as bishop of Ossory and ended his days, in around 550, as a hermit in Tybroughney known then as "Tibraghny". At this site he founded a Monastery, the ruins of which are evident today. It can be assumed that the saint is buried here in the graveyard amongst the many burial sites there. The site is opposite Tybroughney house and in around forty meters from the road. Kilkenny County Council erected a replica of a beehive in December 2001, made from copper and coated in black, in recognition to St. Modomnoc and this is a familiar landmark located at the slip road to the N24 opposite to the entrance to Piltown Engineering.