

Parish of Kilclooney & Creagh

Sunday, FEBRUARY 23rd – 7th Sunday O. T. 2020

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PRIESTS: Fr's John Garvey, Colm Allman, Bernie Costello

Intentions this week: St. Michael's. (Monday/Friday)

Evening: 6p.m.

Mon: Thomas McDonnell, St. Michael's Place.

Tues: Biddy & Dan Dowd, St. Grellan's Terrace.

Ash Wed: 9.00am and 6.00pm Dec mem Donnellan Family, Ballygill.

Thur: Mary Ward, 19, Curragh Park.

Fri: Pat McGovern, Suckfield (M.M.)

Sat: 10a.m. Private Intention.

SUNDAY, MARCH 1ST: First Mass of; Sat. 7p.m.

Martin, Jennie & dec mem Deeley fam, Brackernagh.

Adrian Jordan, Derrymullen

9a.m. P.B. & Cormack Ryan, Derrymullen.

12 noon: Arthur Clarke, Duggan Ave; Peter Dooley, Cuilleen

Pakie, Bridgie & Joe Clarke, Dunlo Hill.

Our Lady of Lourdes, Creagh: (Monday/Friday) 10a.m.

Mon: Private Intention.

Tues: Personal Intention.

Ash Wed: Dec mem Burke Family.

Thur: Private Intention.

Fri: Dec mem O'Hara Family.

SUNDAY, MARCH 1ST: First Mass of; Sat. 6p.m.

Personal Intention.

10.30a.m. Edward Costello, Portnick.

ASH WEDNESDAY: Ashes will be blessed & distributed at all Masses.

HOLY HOUR & ROSARY: every Sunday @ 6p.m. in St. Ml's Church

ADORATION: Wednesday – Friday: 10a.m. – 6p.m. and Sunday: 6-7p.m.

CONFESSIONS: every Saturday in St. Michael's Church from 2.30-3.30p.m.

CENTERING PRAYER: on Thur 27th @ **6.45p.m.** in Family Centre, B'nagh.

Welcome! **"make your home in Me, as I make mine in you"**. John 15:4.

ACCORD B'SLOE: are committed to providing a professional counselling service for individuals & couples who are experiencing difficulties in their marriage & relationships. This confidential service is available & affordable. Tel: 9643573 or appointment or email: ballinasloeaccord@eircom.net

CLONFERT DIOCESES LENTEN ADULT FAITH DEV GATHERING:

takes place on Sunday, March 8th from 2.30-5p.m. Guest speaker:

Bishop Michael Duignan. Details: www.creideamh.ie/gathering.

CHILDREN'S ART COMP: (3rd-5th Classes) Launches today. See

www.creideamh.ie/art

LENTEN SCRIPTURE SHARING GROUP: meet on Sundays of Lent from 7-7.40p.m. on Sundays of Lent in Family Centre, Brackernagh. New members

welcome. Details: www.creideamh.ie/scripture

BEGINNING EXPERIENCE: Weekend for people who have lost a spouse through death, divorce or separation. 3-5th April in Redemptorist Centre, Esker. Tel: Maureen (087) 6646896 / Mary (087) 9384446.

MASS: for deceased members of the B'sloe Golf Club in Clubhouse on Sat 29th Feb. @ 8p.m. All welcome.

WHY NOT TAKE THE SHORT-TERM PLEDGE: as your Lenten sacrifice for the 6 weeks of Lent? Go online @ www.pioneerassociation.ie

LENTEN COLLECTION: will be taken up at all Masses next weekend for the needs of Clonfert Diocese and covers many administrative needs including Safeguarding, GDPR (General Data Protection Regulations), Charity Regulatory Authority etc. These new requirements are in addition to the many ordinary demands of a modern office.

R.I.P. Chrissie Ehapalu, (aunt of Betty Devlin, Derrymullen)

The power of forgiveness: 'I bear no ill will. I bear no grudge. Dirty sort of talk is not going to bring her back to life. She's in heaven and we shall meet again. I will pray for these men tonight and every night.' These words of Gordon Wilson echoed across the world in 1987, just hours after his 20-year-old daughter Marie was killed in an IRA bomb in Enniskillen. Very few words in the history of the Northern Ireland conflict had such a powerful impact. His extraordinary capacity to forgive the people who had caused him so much pain helped to move along the slow process.'

Gordon Wilson was the personification of the words of Jesus: 'love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you.' It is one of the most difficult and challenging passages in the Gospels; one commentator calls it 'Jesus' most unreasonable command. As we read and listen to the news today, the cruelty of people continues to astound and upset us. But Jesus reminds us that everyone is human. All are children of God, who 'causes his sun to rise on bad men as well as good.'

'Returning hate for hate multiplies hate, adding deeper darkness to a night already devoid of stars. Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that.' -Martin Luther King Jnr. Triona Doherty

