

St. Augustine's Church, Clontuskert

Rev. M. Finneran, P.P.

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5th March 2017

First Sunday of Lent

Masses

10am Sunday 5 th	March	Bernard Naughton.
10am Monday 6 th	"	-----
10am Tuesday 7 th	"	Special Intention (B'day Mass for M.K.)
10am Wednesday 8 th	"	For people of parish.
10am Thursday 9 th	"	John Joe Barry.
7pm Friday 10 th	"	Kathleen & Ned McCormack.
10am Saturday 11 th	"	Pat & Mary Murphy.
10am Sunday 12 th	"	Community Mass Confirmation.

Readers: Sunday 12th: John Salmon/Laura Frehill.

Minister of the Eucharist: Sunday 12th: Pakie Callaghan.

Money banked: Offertory €506; Christmas Day €9.

If you haven't yet got a Trocaire Box, please make sure you get one soon and if they haven't been distributed for your area maybe you would pass one around to your neighbours. There are people who will be left in a desperate condition if your contribution to Trocaire doesn't come in.

I am hoping that a few extra people will come to daily Mass during Lent. There is a faithful group of six or seven who come to daily Mass. I would hope that, that number would double at least during Lent or that it would treble at least on Monday mornings when there is Exposition after Mass until about 11.25. No obligation to stay for the whole time. Many blessings and requests will be given to those who use the opportunity to pray for your or your families special needs.

Today a talk entitled 'Re-encountering Jesus' will be given in Scoil an Chroí Naofa Ballinasloe. Well worth going to and no charge. Hope to see you there.

Looking forward to next Sunday's Mass which will be organised by the Faith Friends to this year's Confirmation group: Kate Kelly, Paul Reddy Jnr and Luke Bleahen with encouragement from Dawna Concannon and Catherine McKeigue. We are blessed in Clontuskert to have people like Dawna and Catherine who come out of their comfort zone to pass on the faith to our young people.

"A meeting of the Pastoral Council will be held in the school on Tues. next the 7th at 8pm. The committee is planning a Parish celebration on June 16th next to honour Fr. Finneran's 50 years of Ministry and Fr. Anthony Kelly's 40 years of Missionary work. Anyone willing to lend a hand with the preparation for the celebration is asked to come to the meeting or give your name to any member of the Council."

Clontuskert NS Open Day - St. Augustine's Clontuskert will hold their Open Day next Thursday 9th March in the school from 9.30am-11.30am. Visitors will be treated to a tour of the school, concert from the pupils and refreshments afterwards. All are welcome. Enrolment forms are currently available from the school office on 090-9643762.

Flower Arranging Demonstration by Maeve Duke AOIFA in Gullane's on Wednesday 8th of March at 8pm. Admission €5 non-members. See poster at back of the Church.

Clontuskert/Kiltormer Community Alert has now been established on a secure footing, following very generous donations from several local institutions. Signs have been erected; maps have been designed, printed and delivered to every house in the two parishes; safety stickers are being distributed; an extensive phone texting network has been launched. At a meeting of the Clontuskert/Kiltormer Community Alert volunteers on Wednesday last, it was decided that if the operation is to continue successfully, an annual donation of €10 per annum from each household will be necessary to cover yearly expenses. Therefore, volunteers will call to all Kiltormer and Clontuskert households in the coming weeks, respectfully requesting this very necessary donation.

Ladies who would like to take part in the VHI Women's Mini Marathon on behalf of team Anam Cara on Monday 5th June. Registration is now open at www.vhiwomensminimarathon.ie. Once you are registered email c.dingle@anamcara.ie.

'Galway Night for Syria', Fundraising Social in aid of Syrian Refugees, Thursday 16th March at 8pm in the Clayton Hotel, Galway; Tickets 20 euro available from Cathedral Bookshop, Galway'.

Catholic Grandparents Association 1st Annual Retreat/Conference 26th & 27th April 2017 - Dominican Retreat Centre, Tallaght Village, Dublin 24. Contact Connie at 098 24877 or catholicgrandparents@gmail.com

Progressive 25 in Ballinasloe Golf Club on Tuesday at 9pm. All welcome.

Kiltormer GAA Lotto -Jackpot €7,700. Numbers Drawn 15,16,23,26. No Winner. Lucky Dips: P.J. Casey, Patrick Taaffe, Jackie Gilchreest, Mary Muldoon, Paul Glynn. House Prize: Corrina Goode. Seller's Prize: Cas. Jackpot next week €7,800. Draw in Pardy's Bar.

Centering Prayer Weekend Retreat Friday 24th March 6pm - Sunday 26th at 2pm. at Esker Retreat Centre, Athenry. Bookings/Registration: 091 844007.