

Parish of Killooney & Creagh

Sunday, DECEMBER 27th – Feast of the Holy Family 2020

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R.I.P. Francis (Frank) Ryan, Castlefrench, Ballinamore Bridge (brother of May O'Mahony, B'sloe)

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK IN ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH: 10a.m.

Mon: Bridie & Paddy Bergin, St. Joseph's Place; Vera Geraghty, Cleaghmore.

Tues: Joe Sammon, Killooney.

Wed: Liam McCann, Brackernagh & England; Rose & Jimmy Harney & Breege Harney Barry, Glantaun

Thur: Tommy & Kitty Fallon, Sarsfield Road; Doreen Farrell, Loughbown

Fri: Margaret Burke, Taughmaconnell.

Sat: Personal Intention.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 3rd: First Mass of; Sat 7p.m.

Larry Duffy, Moher, Evelyn & Godfrey Gibbons, Society Street;

Joseph & Donnelly Family, Castlepark.

12noon: Mick & Mary Kate Lyons, Creggane; Kaye Killeen, The Pines;

Dec mem Dooley Family, Corner Hse, Dunlo Street.

Masses from St Michaels Church are being live-streamed at

www.churchservices.tv/ballinasloe

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THANKS: from St. Vincent de Paul Society to all who supported so generously their recent appeal.

ST. MICHAEL'S FOLK CHOIR: Our annual Carol singing has gone virtual this year due to Covid 19 and it can be viewed on Ballinasloe Life Facebook page until Jan 2nd. All proceeds raised go to local Meals on Wheels & Care & Repair group. You will see Donate button on the Facebook page or give donation to Sean Og Hurley or Anne Jordan.

Encounter with an angry, Karate black-belt wife: A man left work on Friday afternoon, but instead of going home, he went partying with the boys and didn't return till Sunday night. His wife was furious, and after a lengthy tirade finally said, "How would you like it, if you didn't see me for two or three days?" "I'd like it just fine!" he slurred. And that's what happened. All day Monday, he didn't see her even once. Tuesday and Wednesday passed without his seeing her. Finally, on Thursday afternoon, he caught just a glimpse of her as the swelling of his eyes started to go down

According to a study of more than 500 family counsellors, the following are the top traits of successful families:

- *Communicating and listening
- *Affirming and supporting family members
- *Respecting one another
- *Developing a sense of trust
- *Sharing time and responsibility
- *Knowing right from wrong
- *Having rituals and traditions
- *Sharing a religious core
- *Respecting privacy.

Focus on the Family Bulletin, December, 1988.

Prayer for Open Hearts

We turn to God in prayer at the start of this new day. We ask you Lord to take care of us all and of all those we love and care about.

Help us Lord to be loving, caring people.

'O that today you would listen to his voice. Harden not your hearts' (Psalm 94:8)

From a spiritual point of view, hardness of heart is one of the worst things that can happen to anyone.

To adopt a hard-hearted attitude is to maim oneself.

A hard heart can't feel, can't respond, can't love.

A hard heart can't experience joy.

A hard heart is a closed heart.

A heart is a barren heart.

A soft heart, on the other hand, is a blessing.

A soft heart can receive and can respond.

It can be saddened but it can also be deliriously happy.

Softened by the rain of God's grace,

And warmed by the sun of his love,

The human heart can be turned from a desert into a garden.

(from Inspiration for all Seasons by John Scally)

Wishing You and all you care for A Happy and Safe New Year.

