

Parish of Killooney & Creagh

Sunday, JANUARY 10TH – Feast of the Baptism of the Lord - 2021

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

Mon: Maureen Kelly Ryan, Culliaghbeg.

Tues: Dec mem Jenkins, Keane & Cullen Families.

Wed: Joseph, Mary & Eddie Jennings, Killooney.

Thur: Michael Kelly, Ard Mhuire.

Fri: Personal Intention.

Sat: Personal Intention

SUNDAY, JANUARY 17th: First Mass of; Sat 7p.m.

Maureen O'Malley, Cleaghmore (M.M.).

12noon: Michael Monaghan, Cahir Cross; Dermot Tierney, Ard Mhuire

Paddy, Chrissie & dec mem Dervin family, St. Michael's Place.

Masses from St Michaels Church are now being live-streamed at

www.churchservices.tv/ballinasloe

Church Envelopes and Calendars for 2021 are available at The Presbytery, Dunlo Street.

Please call for yours from Monday – Friday between 10.30am - 4.30pm. Thank you.

New Year's Eve Countdown Programme

This New Year's Eve was a difficult one for many. Normal gatherings of family and friends were not possible and celebrations were confined to those we live with or we were simply on our own. When settling down to watch the *New Year's Eve Countdown Programme* on our national broadcaster RTE, people of faith, did not expect to have their religious beliefs deliberately ridiculed and at the same time have the crime of rape disturbingly trivialised. Regrettably, this is what happened in the *Waterford Whispers Sketch* segment of the programme. To register a complaint with the Broadcasting Authority of Ireland, please go to:

<https://www.bai.ie/en/viewers-listeners/complaints/> and to RTÉ Complaints office by e-mail to complaints@rte.ie

Online Holy Hour for Refugees & Asylum Seekers: 8-9p.m. on Monday 11th Jan.

www.creideamh.ie/refugee-prayer. All welcome to participate.

Loving Mother!

I come before your image as Lady of Clonfert.

Although broken by life,

it is still full of tenderness and compassion.

The pandemic continues to bring death and sickness.

It has disrupted so many lives and threatened so many livelihoods.

At this time of need we turn to you O loving Mother!

You know what it is to suffer.

You know what it is to worry.

You know what the death of a loved one is like.

We bring before you all those who are sick,

those who worry about the health of loved ones and

those who are anxious about their own health too.

We bring before you those who have died

and those who mourn their loss.

We ask you to protect our doctors, nurses

and those who work in our hospitals.

Protect all those whose work in these days means that

we can have food, safety and shelter.

Protect our priests and all those who minister in your name.

Be with our leaders that they may make wise decisions.

Help our medical experts and our scientists.

Give us a generous spirit to help others.

Protect our families.

Pray for us that this time may be a time of new priorities

and personal renewal.

O Mary! Our Mother!

Before this image of your tender vulnerability,

I ask for your help this day and always. Amen

Our Lady of Clonfert. Pray for us!

(Prayer of Bishop Michael Duignan before the image of Our Lady of Clonfert,

8th January 2021)

Thought for the day In all our lives, there are “before and after” moments, whatever they might be (parenthood, marriage, career etc.). In my life as a disciple, can I name any particular “before and after” moments? This probably won't include baptism, because mostly we were just babies. But later, what happened to bring faith alive and to help me grow up as a believer? Such reflection may help us grasp the significance of John's baptism for Jesus himself. For him, it was a true “before and after” event, sustained by the ringing affirmation, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.” Fr Kieran O Mahony Tarsus.ie

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