

Parish of Killooney & Creagh

Ballinasloe Faith Community Area

Sunday, 13th OCTOBER – 28th Sunday in O.T.

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R.I.P: Mary Kathleen Ryan, Garbally Oaks; Joe Spain, Gurtymadden (brother of Ita Tully, Derrymullen) Jeanette Glynn, Beechlawn.

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

10a.m.Mon: Personal Intention.

Tues: Raymond Reilly, 20 St Michael's Place.

Wed: Personal Intention

Thur: Frank & Bridget Dowd & daughter Mary, St Brendan's Tce; Patrick & Mary Quigley, Glantaun.

Fri: Patrick Commins, Skehana; Mary & James Hall, St. Joseph's Place; Martin Cawley, 33 Hymany Park.

Sat: Personal Intention.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20th: First Mass of; Sat 7p.m.

Paddy & Mary Manton, Creagh Road; Laurence (Lar) O'Reilly, St Joseph's Place;

Josephine & Stephen Ruane, Mackney; John Cawley, Portnick (M.M.)

9a.m. Tommie, Paddy, Patrick, Margaret Caulfield, Poolboy & Mary & Charles Baska, Canada.

12noon: John & Hannah Carrig, Society St & Carmel Power & Nora Hughes; Tony Mahon, Cleaghmore; Louis, Ann & Stuart Bannerton, Beechlawn; Kevin Whyte, Garbally Drive; Nora Rothwell, Mount Pleasant (M.M.)

OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH, CREAGH: SUNDAY OCTOBER 20th

SUNDAY: 10.30a.m. Martin & Phil Kelly, Poolboy; Pat Kenny, son Sean & dec mem Kenny Family, Beagh.

Adoration: Wed from 3-5p.m. Intercessory prayer for priests' vocations. Thur from 2-9p.m.

Sacrament of Confession: Saturdays 10.30-11.00am

First Friday Calls: to people who are housebound. Please contact the Presbytery **9643916** if you would like a visit from one of the priests of the parish each month

'As the deer yearns for running streams ...' retreat opportunity in Ballinasloe on evening of Friday 18th and morning of Saturday 19th October. All welcome but places limited.

See www.creideamh.ie/retreat for more details.

World Mission Ireland - next weekend we will celebrate World Mission Sunday, the Holy Father's annual appeal to support overseas mission and missionaries. The following is a link to the relevant page on our website: <https://missio.ie/mission-month/>

The National Vocations Office will hold open days for adult men who wish to explore a vocation to the Diocesan Priesthood - Dublin - UCD Chaplaincy - October 12th Galway - Chapel of St. Columbanus - October 26th; Thurles - Pallottine College - November 10th. Details and information on the registration process is available on vocations.ie/exploring

On Sunday 13 October 2024, the Bishops of Ireland published a pastoral letter – A Hundred Welcomes? – to welcome migrants to Ireland.. As Christians, we have a responsibility to respond to the key question of immigration across our island, and the world. This fundamental question asks, "Who is my neighbour?", and to answer this we are informed by the parable of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:29-37). In the light of the Gospel and Catholic Social Teaching, our bishops offer this reflection on what hospitality for migrant people means in contemporary Ireland. Mindful that migration has been a central part of our history, the Pastoral Letter provides a space to us 'migrant pilgrim people' to contemplate the causes of migration, the gifts that migrants bring to our Church and our country, the economic and social issues we all face in Ireland and the importance of encounter in building a true sense of belonging in every parish and community. Information is available on www.catholicbishops.ie

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) Are you interested in the Catholic Faith? The RCIA is a process for adults interested in the Catholic faith, or desiring to receive the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, or First Holy Communion. Please contact the parish (phone number and email address) or the Clonfert Diocese 091 841560 or office@clonfertdiocese.ie for further information.

Comhaltas: AGM on Thur 17th @ 8p.m. in Gullane's Hotel. Past & present members very **English Conversation Classes:** in B'sloe Library, Society St on Tuesdays. New time of **11.15a.m.** All welcome. Failteisteachballinasloe@gmail.com

Mental Health and Wellbeing Education: Introduction to DBT Workshop with the Regari Recovery College in Ballinasloe Town (Clonfert Family Centre). On Tue., Wednesday 16th October 2024, (1:30- 4:30pm). Info: Amanda Hunt on (087) 622 1335 or Email: regarirecoverycollege@gmail.com. Workshops are fun and free to attend!

Gamblers Anonymous – Want to stop Gambling Helpline 086 349 4450 Weekly Meetings Tuesday GELS Room, Main Street Ballinasloe H53 RC95 @ 8pm.

The Freedom to Sing

The French have a story about a millionaire in his palace who spent his days counting his gold. Beside the palace was a poor cobbler who spent his days singing as he repaired people's shoes. The joyful singing irritated the rich man. One day he decided to give some gold coins to the cobbler. At first the cobbler was overjoyed, and he took the coins and hid them. But then he would be worried and go back to check if the coins were still there. Then he would be worried in case someone had seen him, and he would move the coins and hide them in another place. During all this, he ceased to sing. Then one day he realized that he had ceased to sing because of the gold coins. He took them back to the rich man and said, "take back your coins and give me back my songs."

Prayer for the Synod During the Month of October

Loving Father, Lord of all ages. God of all peoples, through your Son, Jesus Christ you have called us by name.

You have gathered us into the family of the Church. Send forth your Holy Spirit upon us. Inspire Pope Francis and all those who are assembled in Rome at this time.

Open their hearts to your voice.

Help them to recognise how best to respond to your call.

Give us a new heart and a new spirit. Strengthen our faith. Renew your Church.

Inspire us to work for a world where love abounds, justice reigns and peace prevails.

With Mother Mary by our side, all this we ask of you. Amen