

Parish of Kilclooney & Creagh
Ballinasloe Faith Community Area
Sunday, JULY 21st 2024 – 16th Sunday in O.T.
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R.I.P. Mary Hill, Roscommon (sister of Ann Donoghue, Hillcrest Park & Kathleen Burke, Roscam, Creagh); Mary Downey, Meath (sister of Sr. Kathleen Lynch, FMDM, Franciscan Convent, Garbally Drive).

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

- Mon:** Patsy Geraghty, St. Michael's Square.
- Tues:** John Kavanagh.
- Wed:** Dec mem Kilmartin Family, Athlone Road.
- Thur:** Mary Ward, 15 Dunlo Harbour.
- Fri:** Personal Intention.
- Sat:** People of the Parish.

SUNDAY, JULY 28th: First Mass of; Sat 7p.m.

Padraic Dolan, Newtown; Vincent, Jack, Eileen & Fionnuala Creaven, Creagh; Mike & Ann Day.

- 9a.m.** Thomas & Sabina Madden, Deerpark
- 12noon:** Patrick, Nell & Helen Carrig, St Jos Place & Eileen Barry & Aine Hill; Frances Finn, Atticorra; Baby John Ward, Dunlo Harbour; Tommy Ryan, New Inn

OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH, CREAGH:

SUNDAY: 10.30a.m. Maura & Malachy Croffy, Creagh Road; Andrew Donnellan, Rathbaun, Creagh (M.M.)

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

Sacrament of Confession: Saturdays 10.30-11.00am

Fr Gregory Shinvo a priest of the Catholic Diocese of Jalingo has been appointed to Ballinasloe Faith Community Area and as Curate to the Parish of Ballinasloe, Creagh and Kilclooney. He will begin his ministry here on 29th July and we wish him every blessing.

Ordination Anniversary: to honour 60 years of priesthood, Fr. Noel Colohan (formerly of Church Hill) will celebrate Mass in St. Michael's on Thur July 25th @ 6p.m. All welcome.

Heartfelt thanks: from Missionary Sisters of St. Peter Claver who visited the parish last weekend and spoke about their work on the Missions. Thanks for your wonderful support. €1737.37 was your contribution to the Missions.

Triduum at St. Francis Church Meelick Eircode H53 H728 on Wednesday 31st July and Thursday and Friday 1st and 2nd of August. Mass each evening at 7pm . Meelick Cemetery Mass on Wednesday evening and guest speakers on Thursday and Friday. All Welcome.

Clonfert Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2024 takes place from August 7th -12th departing from Shannon airport. Further enquiries from Society Travel: 090 9645350 or 087 9479141

Light the Fire at Ballintubber Abbey on August 4th. Rekindle the fire of Faith, Hope and Love. Archbishop Francis Duffy will be the main celebrant. For further information www.lighththefire.ie

National Grandparents Pilgrimage 2024 – Theme 'Do not cast me off in my old age' next Sunday 28th July in Knock Shrine, Principal Celebrant Archbishop Luis Mariano Montemayor Papal Nuncio of Ireland

The Pioneer Pilgrimage to Knock will take place on today, Sunday 21 July. Mass at 3pm will be followed by Eucharistic Blessing and Procession to the Shrine. Pioneers along with friends and relations of people who are living "one day at a time" with addiction are welcome.

The Youth 2000 Summer Festival takes place on August 15 - 18th in Clongowes Wood College, Co. Kildare - save the date! Join us for a weekend of festivities: talks, testimonies praise & worship, and workshops. Donation Only. Check Youth2000.ie for more information.

Experience Lourdes at home! Later this year, the relics of St Bernadette will journey on pilgrimage to Ireland for the very first time. This very special once in a lifetime event will provide an opportunity for people of all ages and backgrounds to experience the special gifts and charisms of Lourdes, in a church or cathedral near you. We are delighted to announce that the Relics will visit the Diocese of Clonfert, and the Diocese of Galway, Kilmacduagh and Kilfenora from the 5th – 8th September, 2024. More information coming soon.

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Mental Health & Wellbeing: Workshop commences (6-week course) on October 2nd to November 27th in Family Centre, Brackernagh. More info: Amanda Hunt (087) 6221335 or email: regarirecoverycollege@gmail.com Reg Fee - €5. Modules are free.

ACCORD Ballinasloe are committed to providing a professional counselling service for individuals and couples who are experiencing difficulties in their marriage and relationships. This confidential service is available and affordable. CONTACT 090 9643573 for appointment or E-mail accordballinasloe@gmail.com

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The interruptions are my work!

Once, a man went to see a friend who was a professor at a great university. However, as they sat chatting in the professor's office, they were continually interrupted by students who came knocking at the door, seeking the professor's advice about something or the other. Each time the professor rose from his chair, went to the door, and dealt with the student's request. Eventually the visitor asked the professor, "How do you manage to get your work done with so many interruptions?" "At first I used to resent the interruptions to my work. But one day it suddenly dawned on me that the interruptions were my work." the professor replied. He made his work consist of -being available to his students. And it was by no coincidence that he was the happiest and most fulfilled professor on the campus. *Flor McCarthy,*

Thought for the day Our current culture of distraction seems to privilege busy-ness (the modern heresy of "activism"). It is, of course, an illusion to confuse hyperactivity with productivity or, even worse, administration with ministry. When people involved in ministry go on retreat, the first two days are often spent sleeping—itself instructive! It is often only when we stop that we realise how much we are in need of rest and refreshment. While there is always more to be done, we have to choose how to use our time. An approach of "selective neglect" is not without its value, as recommended in The Joy of the Gospel. **Prayer** God of life and abundance, you call us to be bearers of the living and joyfilled Gospel. Help us to recognise our own need of time with you and refreshment in spirit. Amen! Let it be!

Cemetery Sunday: Public Prayer for Our faithful Departed will take place on **Sunday August 4th** at 3p.m. in Creagh Cemetery and at 4.30p.m. in Kilclooney Cemetery.