

Parish of Killeeney & Creagh

Ballinasloe Faith Community Area

Sunday, SEPTEMBER 29th – 26th Sunday in O.T.

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RIP: John Cawley, Portnick; Nora Rothwell, Mount Pleasant.

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

Mon: Personal Intention.

Tues: Personal Intention.

Wed: John & Ann Madden, Deerpark.

Thur: Personal Intention.

Fri: Bridget Scates & James Scates; William Goode, Glantaun

Sat: Personal Intention.

SUNDAY, SEPT 6th: First Mass of; Sat 7p.m.

John & Peggy Desmond, Ard Mhuire ; Jimmy & Margaret Higgins, Glantaun;
Joe Murray, River Street; Martina Egan & dec mem Egan & Glynn Families.

9a.m. Private Intention.

12noon: Dec mem Connaughton Family, St. Ml's Place;

William & Kathleen Bendall; Mary Fogarty, St. Ml's Place; Michael Coffey, St. Joseph's Place; Kitty O'Brien & Gertie O'Connor.

OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH, CREAGH:

SUNDAY, OCT 6th: 10.30a.m. Yomi Akindahunsi, Garbally Drive (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

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 or the Clonfert Diocese 091 841560 or office@clonfertdiocese.ie for further information.

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

Silent Retreat: Theme: "If you but knew the gift of God..." Preached by: Fr. Kilian Byrne, Foyer of Charity in St. Mary's Accommodation, Knock, Co. Mayo October 14th to 20th 2024

Cost: €540 full board Contact: Helen : 086 1678027/ hellywilliams@gmail.com

www.foyerofcharity.ie A privileged time to come away from noise and distractions, and listen to the Spirit of God, - Who is Love. Silence, prayer, teachings & liturgy of the Church.

The National Vocations Office will hold open days for adult men who wish to explore a vocation to the Diocesan Priesthood: **Dublin** - UCD Chaplaincy - Oct 12th **Galway** - Chapel of St. Columbanus - Oct 26th & **Thurles** - Pallottine College - November 10th

Further details: on registration process is available on vocations.ie/exploring

Season of Creation Sept 1st to Oct 4th 2024 - 'To hope and act with Creation' - for further details and suggestions www.catholicbishops.ie/laudato-si/season-of-creation-2024/

Willing to join a volunteer team that facilitates a Sunday Morning prayer service in a local nursing home?

Empathy toward older adults, and a good public speaking voice important. Commitment sought: availability to help out and distribute Holy Communion every third / fourth Sunday (10.45 – 11.45 am). Training will be provided. If interested, please leave your name and contact number with Mary in the parish office

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'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.

Mental Health and Wellbeing: Upcoming community workshops running for a total of 8 weeks with the Regari Recovery College in Ballinasloe Town (Clonfert Family Centre). Starting on Wed., 2nd Oct 24 until Wed., 27th Nov 24, (1:30- 4:30pm). For more information please contact: Amanda Hunt on (087) 622 1335 or Email: regarirecoverycollege@gmail.com. Registration fee of €5, then all Modules are free to attend. All voices welcome.

B'sloe Fair Week: B'sloe Fair & Festival: Heritage Evening in Gullane's Tues Oct 1st @ 8p.m.; Monster Fireworks @ 8p.m. @ Marina & Street Tug-O-War Fri Oct 4th; Irish Country singer Cliona Hagan on Soundstage @ 3p.m. on Sat Oct 5th & Food & Craft Market, Dog show, Vintage Display, Children's Arts & Crafts comp & Adult Bakery Comp; Motorbike Stunt show, festival music & much more from 11.a.m. on Sun Oct 6th Details: www.ballinasloeoctoberfair.ie or facebook.com/ballinasloefair. (087) 2071869.

English Conversation Classes: in B'sloe Library, Society St on Tuesdays. New time of **11.15a.m.** All welcome. Faiteisteachballinasloe@gmail.com

Anam Cara's October Parent Support Evening Wednesday 2nd Oct at 7.15pm in the Clayton Hotel, Briar Hill, Galway. We also offer a monthly online support meeting for bereaved parents. This month's online meeting will take place on Wednesday Oct 23rd at 7pm. To register or find out more, please email info@anamcara.ie Have you other questions about our support or upcoming events? Call us on 085 288 8888 or email info@anamcara.ie

Thought for the day Jesus knows, of course, that it is not our hands or our feet or our eyes which cause us to sin (cf. Mark 7:14-23). There is a certain sarcastic, even caustic wit in telling us to lop off extremities, as if it were that simple. Sometimes, humour is more effective—more disarming at any rate— than blunt exhortation (hence, dictators always fear the comedians). The point is not lost however: we need to get to the root of the matter and undergo conversion of heart, then of life and then of the whole person, limbs and all!

---According to a traditional Hebrew story, Abraham was sitting outside his tent one evening when he saw an old man, weary from age and journey, coming toward him. Abraham rushed out, greeted him, and then invited him into his tent. There he washed the old man's feet and gave him food and drink. The old man immediately began eating without saying any prayer or blessing. So, Abraham asked him, "Don't you worship God?" The old traveller replied, "I worship fire only and reverence no other god." When Abraham heard this, he became incensed, grabbed the old man by the shoulders, and threw him out of his tent into the cold night air. When the old man had departed, God called to his friend Abraham and asked where the stranger was. Abraham replied, "I forced him out because he did not worship You." God answered, "I have suffered him these eighty years although he dishonours me. Could you not endure him one night?" (Fr. Lakra)