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# Kilronan Parish Newsletter

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Behind the dim unknown,  
Standeth God within the  
shadow, keeping watch above  
his own. (James Rissell Lowell)

## Fourth Sunday of Lent (Year B)



Today, the 'middle' Sunday of Lent, is known as Laetare Sunday – Laetare means 'Rejoice!' We tend not to think of Lent as a time to rejoice, but signs of joy are central at Mass today. We are offered an opportunity today to pause and reflect on our Lenten journey. In our gospel we hear that 'the person who lives by the truth comes out into the light'. On the other hand, Jesus says that those who 'prefer darkness to the light' live in fear that their actions will be exposed.

We hear a lot of talk these days about transparency. We have seen the damage caused by those whose private actions gravely contradict the message they proclaim in the public sphere. Some questions we might ask ourselves this Lent are: Am I living a truthful life 'in the light'? Am I honest in my dealings with others, trying always to choose what is right and just, or are there things I do in secret that are unkind or dishonest? Am I attentive to the needs of others or am I more inclined to think of myself? Lent offers us the opportunity to step out into the light, to allow the light of Jesus to sweep away any darkness or destructive habits and to begin again.

'We proclaim the resurrection of Christ when his light illuminates the dark moments of our existence, and we are able share it with others; when we know when to smile with those who smile, and weep with those who weep; when we accompany those who are sad and at risk of losing hope; when we recount our experience of faith to those who are searching for meaning and happiness... and there – with our attitude, with our witness, with our life – we say 'Jesus is Risen,' with our soul.' (Pope Francis) Intercom, The Deep End by Tríona Doherty,

**Parents with children for First Communion and /or Confirmation** will be able to access resources on the internet. The 'Grow in Love' series is being provided free during the Covid—19 lockdown by Veritas. Simply login on [www.growinlove.ie](http://www.growinlove.ie) website with these details: Email: [trial@growinlove.ie](mailto:trial@growinlove.ie) Password: growinlove

**Masses will be on Kilronan Parish Facebook page and on Local Radio** without a congregation till further notice. Mass times Saturday, Ballyfarnon 7p.m. Sunday Arigna 10.a.m. & Keadue 11.30a.m. **17th March is Feast of St. Patrick.** Vigil Tues. 16th Ballyfarnon 7p.m, Wed 17th Arigna 10a.m. & Keadue 11.30a.m. Ballyfarnon Thursday 18th 6P.M. & Friday 19th 10a.m.

**Enrolment for Strabraggan N.S.** for September 2021 is now open. Please phone or email the school on 071 9646140 or [strabragganns@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:strabragganns@yahoo.co.uk) for Application forms. Completed Application forms must be returned by March 31st.

**St Ronan's Lotto.** There was no winner of the lotto jackpot when the draw was held at the weekend. The numbers drawn were 14,18,19 and 27. Consolation prizes were won by the following €70 Phyllis Quinn, Keadue, €30 Marie & James, c/o Shivan's, €20 Adrian Mulvanerty, Keadue, (On Line), €20 Catherine Ruxton, Drumboylan, (On Line), €20 Vivienne Gaffney, Aghafin, Keadue, (On Line). The jackpot next week will be €2,200 and the draw will be held on Sunday evening at 6pm. Our lotto tickets are now available online. Visit [www.stronansga.com](http://www.stronansga.com) or St. Ronan's GAA Club Facebook page for further information. The club extends its sympathy to the Mc Manus Family, Ballyfarnon and the Bruen Family, Keadue on the death of Brendan Mc Manus who died in Dublin last week. May he rest in peace.

**Leitrim Calling** is a free confidential telephone support call for older persons, for people feeling vulnerable in the short term or longer or for any person who would enjoy a friendly telephone chat. We are all living in difficult times and it is important that we maintain supportive interactions during these challenges. To access our services: Telephone 08795850.

**Anniversary Masses Arigna**  
**Sun. 14th** Tommy Flynn, Carnault,  
**Wed. 17th** Pat & Kate Ann Layden.

**Anniversary Mass Keadue**  
**Wed.17th:** Lizie Gralton & D.M.F.  
**Sun. 21st:** Francie McCabe & D.M.F.

**Ballyfarnon Anniversary Mass**  
**Fri. 19th** Michael Lynam (Months Mind.)  
**Sat. 20th** Agnes, Sonny & Sean Flynn.  
**Sun 21st** Bridget Lynch (1st Anniversary.)

## Rest in Peace ☩

Ronan Healy, Ballyfarnon & Ballintogher  
Funeral Mass on Monday 15th in  
St. Teresa's Church, Ballintogher  
at 12 noon.

Today we begin a Week of Prayer as we prepare to celebrate a special year which Pope Francis has dedicated to the 'The Joy of Love' in family life. The year will begin on the Feast of Saint Joseph on 19th March. We have chosen St. Joseph as our inspiration for our Week of Prayer. Our reflection today is on Saint Joseph as a man of faith. We pray for all families in our parish: that they will feel nurtured by the coming year, especially when it comes to passing on the faith from one generation to the next.

In order for faith to continue through the generations of a family, there must be a passing down of that faith. The role of parents is to pass down the faith to their children who will in turn pass it down to their children and so faith can thrive from generation to generation.

We read a great example of this in Scripture:

*"I am reminded of your sincere faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice and, I am persuaded, now lives in you also." (2 Timothy 1:5)*

In this passage, faith was passed down through three generations. Lois the grandmother, Eunice the mother and Timothy the son.