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Kilronan Parish Newsletter

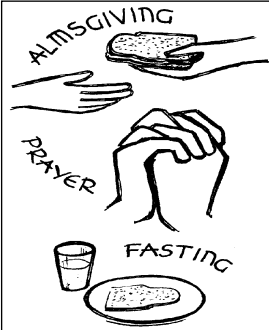
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The Christian ideal,
especially in families, is
a love that never gives
up” Pope Francis

The First Sunday of Lent .



Lent is a spring cleaning sort of time so that we can make more room for God and make more room for what God has planned for us. We can get stuck, especially when we are comfortable and don't really want too much to change. But without change we can't grow and things fast become stale in our lives. God is always urging us on because God knows what possibilities there are for each of us. So Lent might be a time to give up something or take on something new. The gospel today tells us that Jesus is sent into the desert and we too are invited into a desert time. Deserts are interesting places which can allow us to reflect, give ourselves

space and we should not be afraid because as the gospel tells us clearly today, it is a Spirit led desert. God is with us in this desert. So enjoy Lent, embrace it. How we make use of this time determines what will be. (Intercom)

Anniversary Masses Keadue

Sat. 17th For the People of the Parish

Sun 18th. Róisín Walsh.

Paddy & Babs O'Connor.

Sat. 24th Tommy & Linda Grimes.

Anniversary Masses Arigna

Sun. 18th Paddy & Lena Guihen

Tom & Margaret McManus

Noel McManus & Margaret Kelly.

Sun. 25th Margaret Daly, Glen Months Mind

Anniversary Masses Ballyfarnon

Sat. 17th Nuala Sheeran, Ballyfarnon, Months Mind.

Sat. 24th Pat, Kate Ann & John Joe Travers.

Tommy Gaffney

Rest in Peace

Claire Giblin, Nee Frizzelle, U.S.A,
formerly Aghafin.

Bernie Joe McDermott, Chicago, formerly
of Crosshill, brother of the late Nan
Leyden & Lil Beirne.

Weekday Masses 10a.m; Monday, Keadue; Tuesday & Wednesday, Arigna; Thursday & Friday, Ballyfarnon. **Vigil Masses:** Saturday, Keadue 7pm & Ballyfarnon 8.30pm.

Sunday Masses: Arigna 10.30am and Keadue 12noon. **Confessions** after Vigil Masses.

Meeting of the Parish Finance Committee on Tuesday 20th February at 8.30p.m.

World Meeting of Families 2018 from 21st—26th August 2018. Its important to book as soon as possible on line. <http://www.worldmeeting2018.ie> Pilgrims can now register for the main three day Congress in the RDS, Dublin from 22—24 August, for the Festival of Families on Saturday, August 25 and for the Closing Mass on Sunday, August 26. There are registrations from over 50 countries at this stage. So its important that those wishing to attend from the parish and elsewhere will register as soon as possible.

Ballyfarnon: Minister of Holy Communion: Sat 24th Tony McDonagh. Reader: Sat 24th. Liz Travers. Altar Society: Kathleen Gaffney, Margaret Killoran. Collectors: Gerry Travers, Tony McDonagh. Grounds: Michael Foley, Martin Lavin. Offertory Collection, €295.00

Arigna: Minister of Holy Communion: Sun 25th. Sean Guihen, Margaret McPadden, Reader: Sun. 25th John Reynolds. Altar Society: Beatrice Rynn, Maureen Guihen, Offertory Collection, €305.00

Keadue: Ministers of Holy Communion: Sat 24th Joan Connolly. Sun 25th. Rosaleen Boyle. Readers: Sat. 24th. Bill/Jean Connolly, Sun. 25th. Mary/Colin McCabe. Collectors: Sat. 24th. Margaret Kelly. Sun. 25th. Colm O'Donnell. Altar Society: Imelda McCabe, Stephanie Butler, Rita McGreevy, Joan Connolly. Grounds: Paul Kelly Arthur Boyle. Offertory Collection, €430.00

Lourdes Assisted Pilgrims Fund Collection will be taken up this week-end 17th & 18th February. Please note that there is a special brown envelope in your Envelope Box for this collection which you can drop into the collection basket this weekend or next week end.

St. Ronan's Lotto: There was no winner of the lotto jackpot when the draw was held last weekend. The numbers drawn were 1, 5, 14 and 24. Consolation prizes were won by the following €70 Teresa Cooney, Gleann, €30 Vincent & Chloe McCabe, Keadue, €15 each Amy & Leah O'Neill, Keadue, Martin McCawley, Geevagh, Vera & Niall Gaffney, Arigna. The jackpot this week will be €6,100 and the draw will be held in Killorans

Bonus Ball Bash: Last week's winners of €45 each were John McShera & Tom McDermott. Get your €2 entry at The Harp & Shamrock or O'Donnells / O'Carolan Bar.

Former Keadue Health Centre: Keadue Development Association has been informed by the HSE. that the former Health Centre in Keadue is being offered for sale in the near future. The Development Association has been making representations to the H.S.E. since 2012 requesting that the building be gifted to the Community or to be made available on a long-term lease. We were granted permission to use the building from May 2017 until it is disposed of, which is now expected to happen very soon. If the premises can be acquired it is the intention of Keadue Development Association to create a Multidimensional Harp Centre which could serve as a focal point for Tourism, Cultural Activities and Events including a Harp School, Audio Visual Presentations on the life and times of Turlough O'Carolan as is suggested in the "Priority Plan for Keadue" by Liam Scollan, planning consultant. A display of the many awards won in the Tidy Towns Competitions as well as other items of historical interest could also be put on show. As the building is ideally situated for the above projects, Keadue Development Association is very anxious to acquire it.

Slimming World Drumshanbo are relocating from Monday 19th Feb ,we will be at our new venue Drumshanbo Enterprise Centre [new building at the back] Hilly Road Drumshanbo N41C6X6 at the usual times 5pm or 7pm. Text Siobhan for more info 0876674511.

Trocaire Collections Boxes are available in each of the churches.

World Meeting of Families Petitions Box. Petition slips are available in each church and you are invited to write the names of your family members whom you wish to be prayed for on the petition slip and place them in the Petition Box provided. These petitions will be sent to Contemplative Orders, including The Poor Clare Sisters Drumshanbo, who will pray for all intentions. The petitions will be brought to the Final Mass of World Meeting of Families 2018.