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Kilronan Parish Newsletter

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Human beings, by changing the inner attitudes of their minds, can change the outer aspects of their lives.
(William James)

Second Sunday of Ordinary Time Year C.



This is a familiar story, rich in symbolism. It is the first 'sign' recorded in John's Gospel. These 'signs' in John's Gospel are miracle stories but John prefers to use the term 'sign,' as they point to something far more than just the miracle itself. John used these signs to encourage belief in his readers but they are also an invitation for us to understand something more of how God operates in our lives.

Jesus transforms the water which would be used for the Jewish purification rite. He takes something used to give life to people, and transforms it into something which brings joy, celebration and new life to the party. There are many messages we can take from this account: the ability of God to transform our lives, to transform that which is dead and stale. The abundance of wine (approx. 700 litres) is a significant reminder of the abundance of God's love for us, beyond our comprehension.

We could also focus on the role of Mary in this Gospel - she is the one who notices, she is attentive to the needs of those around her and brings this concern to Jesus. We might pray today that we too may be able to notice, to see, to intervene when we are faced with situations that need attention. This may be a situation of injustice or it may be a situation where something in our own lives or in our church has become dead and stale and is in desperate need of new wine. (Jane Mellett Intercom.)

Anniversary Masses Keadue

Sun. 20th Michael McNiff & D.M.F.

Sun. 27th Michael & Mary Healy & D.M.F.

Anniversary Masses Ballyfarnon

Sat. 19th Peter Joe & Elizabeth McDonagh

Rest in Peace +

Tony McCabe, Keadue.

Anniversary Masses Arigna

Sun 20th Kathleen & Frank Guihen

Bridget, Tommy & James Tivnan
John T. Flynn, Cartron & D.M. of
Flynn & Lynch Families
Helen Earley

Sun. 27th Margaret Daly 1st Anniv.

Do this in memory Programme on Sunday next 27th January at the 11.30a.m. Mass in Keadue.

Weekday Masses, Monday, Keadue, Tuesday & Wednesday, Arigna; Friday all at 10a.m. Thursday in Ballyfarnon at 9.30a.m.

Weekend Masses: Saturday evening Ballyfarnon 7p.m. **Sunday** Arigna 10.00a.m. & Keadue 11.30a.m. **Confessions** after Mass or on request.

Kilronan Parish Eucharistic Adoration takes place on Mondays in Keadue Church from 9a.m. to 1p.m. All welcome.

Retreat for children preparing for Confirmation will take place on Thursday 28th February in Ballintubber Abbey Co. Mayo. Departure times will be announced later.

John Waters talk along with pro life speakers in Longford Arms Hotel on Wednesday January 23rd 7:30pm located in the small ball room suite. Organised by Family & Life"

Arigna: Minister of Holy Communion: Sun 27th. Tommy Earley, Kevin Wynne. Reader: Sun. 27th. Kevin Wynne. Altar Society: Mary O'Donovan, Patricia McDermott. Offertory Collection, €530.00.

Ballyfarnon: Minister of Holy Communion: Sat 26th Nuala McNamara. Readers: Sat 26th. Veronica Sheeran. Altar Society: Kathleen Gaffney, Margaret Killoran. Collectors: Gerry Travers & Tony McDonagh. Grounds: Michael Foley, Martin Lavin. Offertory Collection, €510.00

Keadue: Minister of Holy Communion: Sun 27th. Rosaleen Boyle. Readers: Sun 27th. Bill Connolly. Collector: Sun 27th. Margaret Kelly. Altar Society: The Kelly Family (Carrowbeg). Grounds: Paul Kelly. Keadue Tidy Towns. Offertory Collection, €555.00.

Bonus Ball Bash: Last week's winners of €45 each were Mary Quinn & Delores Matthews. Get your €2 entry at The Harp & Shamrock or O'Donnell's / O'Carolan Bar

St. Ronan's Lotto: There was no winner of the lotto jackpot when the draw was held at the weekend. The numbers drawn were 10, 13, 20 and 28. Consolation prizes were won by the following €70 Tess Flynn, Arigna, €30 Conor Glynn, Arigna, €20 each Colm O'Donnell, Keadue, Mollie Glynn, Arigna, Nuala McNamara, Ballyfarnon. The jackpot this week will be €10,900 and the draw will be held in Roddy's.

The Roscommon Underwater Search and Rescue Unit will hold its annual collection this weekend 19th and 20th January. We would like to thank you for your generous support in the past and hope that you will be able to support this collection.

Parish Calendars are available in all churches. Please take a copy for your home and for any of your neighbours who may be housebound

Catholic Schools Week 2019 will run from 27th January to 3rd February 2019. As Irish society changes, it is important that we reflect on the unique contribution of Catholic schools to our collective goal of education. Each Catholic School shares an ethos that is inclusive, welcoming and vibrant. Each school works towards a vision of each student as made in the likeness and image of God. This means that we work towards helping each child, irrespective of background, ethnicity or creed, reach their full potential academically, spiritually and socially. To be in the likeness and image of God means that we have the capacity to truly care for ourselves, each other and the environment around us. This week let us celebrate the work of our Local Catholic Schools, St. Lasair's Grefnafarna, St. Patrick's Ballyfarnon, Kilronan and Strabraggan.

The TúS Scheme provides 12 months quality work opportunities for those who are unemployed by providing labour support to not-for-profit organisations. Enhance your Curriculum Vitae. Gain skills employers are looking for; Personal Development . Build relationships for the future. Change career path and get a taste of the industry. Under 25 years earn an extra €113 per week. To be eligible to participate in the TúS scheme you must. **a.** Have been continuously unemployed for at least 12 months and "signing on" on a full-time basis; The TúS Scheme provides 12 months quality work opportunities for those who are unemployed by providing labour support to not-for-profit organisations. Enhance your Curriculum Vitae. Gain skills employers are looking. Personal Development . Build relationships for the future. Change career path and get a taste of the industry. Under 25 years earn an extra €113 per week.