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The happiness of your life
depends upon the quality
of your thoughts.
Marcus Aurelius.

The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord.

John the Baptist was driven by one mission: to point people to Jesus, to prepare the way for Jesus. Yet John is uneasy in this account of Jesus' baptism. The moment has arrived but he is standing before someone much greater than himself and is being asked to minister. John feels unqualified, unworthy of such a task. After some persuasion 'John gave into him' and accepted his responsibility. This is a lesson to all of us, not to let feelings of inadequacy stop us from carrying out our various missions and vocations in our lives. Jesus explains to John that this is necessary as a sign for the beginning of his ministry, a public statement of identity.

Today we might consider our own baptism and what it means to us. At that moment we were anointed as priests, prophets and Kings. To what extent do we live this out in our Christian lives? John points us towards Jesus and we can ask, do we also point the way to Jesus for others? How can we be a signpost for others?

Remember today those who pointed the way for you at various times in your life. Maybe a chaplain in school or college, a teacher, grandparent, a friend, a retreat you participated in. At various times in our lives we meet these 'signposts' which help us to grow in our faith and deepen our awareness of Christ's love. Let us celebrate all of these 'baptismal' moments today.

Ballyfarnon Anniversary Masses.

Sat. 11th Peter Joe & Elizabeth McDonagh,
John Joe Sweeney, Coolmeen,
John & Kathleen White.

Sat 18th Nuala Sheeran

Keadue Anniversary Masses.

Sun. 12th Tony McCabe, Keadue.

Mon. 13th Missa Pro Populo

Sun. 19th Michael McNiff & D.M.F

Arigna Anniversary Masses

Sun. 12th Francie Leydon

Kevin & Margaret McLoughlin
Seltinaveeney,
Leo Wynne, Carrownanalt
Bridget & Tommy Tivnan &
D.M.F.

Sun. 19th : Margaret Daly, Glen
John Thomas Flynn, & D.M.F.
Cartron

Weekday Mass 10a.m. Arigna Tuesday & Wednesday. Ballyfarnon on Friday.

Week-end Masses: Saturday: Vigil Mass, Ballyfarnon 7p.m. **Sunday** Arigna 10.00a.m. & Keadue 11.30a.m. **Confessions** after Mass or on request.

Arigna: Minister of Holy Communion: Sun 19th Tommy Earley, Kevin Wynne. Reader: Sun. 19th Guihen Family. Altar Society: Mary O'Donovan, Patricia McDermott. Offertory Collection; €800.00

Ballyfarnon: Minister of Holy Communion: Saturday 18th Sean Martin. Reader: Saturday 18th Liz Travers. Altar Society: Laura McDonagh, Olive Healy, Angela Coen. Collectors: Gerry Travers & Tony McDonagh. Grounds: Sean Gaffney, Martin Gaffney. Offertory Collection, €260.00

Keadue: Minister of Holy Communion: Sun 19th Paul Kelly. Reader: Sun 19th Paul Kelly. Collector: Sun 19th Colm O'Donnell. Altar Society: Mary McCabe, Bríd McMorrow, Mai Fearon, Berna Gibbons, Viola Durka. Grounds: Paul Kelly, Keadue Tidy Towns. Offertory Collection, €520.00

St. Ronan's Lotto: There was no winner of the Lotto jackpot when the draw took place last weekend. The numbers drawn were 7, 15, 22 and 23. Consolation prizes were won by the following €70 Andy McPadden, Arigna. €30 Claire Lynch, Arigna. €20 each Bernadette Lynch, Arigna. Michael Fallon, Geevagh. Michael McNama, Arigna. The jackpot this week will be €5,500 and the draw will be held in Roddy's

Bonus Ball Bash: Last week's winner of €45 was Martin Roddy. Get your €2 entry at The Harp & Shamrock or O'Donnell's / O'Carolan Bar.

Kilronan Operation Transformation: The OT Programme commenced on Tuesday 7th January in St Ronan's Hall Keadue. Circuit Training will continue each Tuesday 8-9pm and Boot Camp on Saturdays 11am - 12noon in Keadue Sportsfield for 6 weeks. For information call Dawn 087 7907886 / Edel 086 3181469/ or see our facebook page.

Drumkeeran exercise/fitness class 2020: 6 week series of classes starting Thursday 16th Ladies 8-9pm, Men's class 9-10pm. Come along and give it a go all ages and abilities catered for. "Make the new decade you're decade" for more details see "Drumkeeran handball sport & Leisure" on facebook or call 087-9591206 for more info.

Active Hope Workshop with Kathryn McCabe: How can we be active in the current climate crisis, and keep hope alive for ourselves and others? You are invited to an evening workshop which will explore our inner resources for resilience and connection to other people and our world. Through a series of activities drawing on Joanna Macy's Social Ecology, Kathryn will help us to explore our own responses to the state of the planet. March 4th, 6.30-9.30pm, Galilee Spirituality Centre. Cost €20. All welcome. Booking: info@galilee.ie 071-966-4101. Kathryn McCabe MA is a social ecologist, professional facilitator and leadership development specialist. She is a published author in Social Ecology; Applying Ecological Thinking to Our Lives and Our Work.

The Spirituality of Recovery: A Unique day, for Families Affected by Addiction. With Mr Sean Harty. Spirituality is a personal search for meaning in life, for connection with all things and for the experience of a power beyond oneself. This day of reflection and support will allow us all to express and discuss the importance of spirituality and Addiction Recovery. Shared experiences and mutual respect for each other will allow this day to take us on a journey. February 15th, Galilee Spirituality Centre, 10.30-3.30. Numbers Limited: Booking: info@galilee.ie 071-966-4101 . €20 or €25 per family. €10 unwaged. Light lunch included. Sean Harty is an Accredited Addiction Counsellor and Clinical Supervisor with Addiction Counsellors of Ireland. He is also serving as Chairperson of this organisation for the past four years.

The Roscommon Underwater Search and Rescue Unit will hold its annual Church outside Collection on next weekend 18th and 19th January. All monies collected will be used for the maintenance of the unit. We would like to thank you for your generous support in the past and hope that you will be able to support this collection."

Catholic Schools Week 26th January to 2nd February, Theme: Living in Harmony with God's Creation. **Church unity week** 18th to 25th January.

St Ronans LGFA will hold a church gate collection on the 25th and 26th January, the proceeds will be going to Roscommon LGFA.