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Kilronan Parish Newsletter

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I have found that if you
love life, life will love you
back.

Arthur Rubinstein

2nd Sunday of the Year.



"Look, there is the lamb of God..."

In today's Gospel, John the Baptist is inviting us to look at Jesus. He calls Jesus the 'lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world'. We say these words often at mass and today we are invited to meditate on them more closely. What does it mean? In Jesus' time, two lambs were sacrificed in the Temple in Jerusalem each day. It was a ritual that invoked purity. Jesus will preach a love that is radical for many, in a world that was, and still is, broken. John refers to Jesus as the lamb as he knows that if one loves in such a way, they will suffer at the hands of unjust systems and institutions.

When we look at the 'sins' of our world today – broken relationships, crisis, can we also see those who, like Jesus, 'take away' the sins of the world? Christ's love was not passive, he actively challenged systems that were oppressive and which prevented people from living life to the full. Whether it be the climate crisis or the homelessness crisis or any number of issues we face, 'look' where Jesus walks and is actively working to ease this suffering. When we hear these words at mass, let us be reminded of all those who sacrifice much to ease the sufferings of others. This is Christ, the 'lamb of God' active in our world today. 'The descent into the waters of our spirit, is a journey into the presence of divinity ... all human beings are children of God but not all live in the awareness that there is 'that of God' within them'

Ballyfarnon Anniversary Masses.
Sat 18th Nuala Sheeran

Keadue Anniversary Masses.
Sun. 19th Michael McNiff & D.M.F
Mon 20th Pro Populo.

Arigna Anniversary Masses
Sun. 19th : Margaret Daly, Glen
John Thomas Flynn, & D.M.F.
Cartron
Sun. 26th Helen Earley, Strabraggan.

Weekday Mass 9a.m. Keadue; Monday Arigna 10a.m. ; Tuesday & Wednesday. Ballyfarnon Thursday 9.30a.m & Friday 10a.m.

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

The do this in memory programme takes place next Sunday 26th January during the 11.30a.m Mass in Keadue.

Arigna: Minister of Holy Communion: Sun 26th Mary Guihen, Maureen Guihen. Reader: Sun. 26th Maureen Guihen. Altar Society: Mary O'Donovan, Patricia McDermott. Offertory Collection; €822.00

Ballyfarnon: Minister of Holy Communion: Saturday 18th Nuala McNamara. Reader: Saturday 25th Damian Killoran. Altar Society: Laura McDonagh, Olive Healy, Angela Coen. Collectors: Gerry Travers & Tony McDonagh. Grounds: Sean Gaffney, Martin Gaffney. Offertory Collection, €513.00

Keadue: Minister of Holy Communion: Sun 26th Paul Kelly. Reader: Sun 26th Margaret Kelly. Collector: Sun 26th Tom Quinn. Altar Society: Mary McCabe, Bríd McMorro, Mai Fearon, Berna Gibbons, Viola Durka. Grounds: Paul Kelly, Keadue Tidy Towns. Offertory Collection, €993.00

St. Ronan's Lotto: There was no winner of the Lotto jackpot when the draw took place last weekend. The numbers drawn were 3, 4, 21 and 27. Consolation prizes were won by the following €70 James Bruen, Keadue, €30 Joseph Gaffney, Ballyfarnon, €20 each Christy McNamara, Arigna, Kathleen Gaffney, Ballyfarnon, B, McKenna, Arigna. The jackpot next week will be €5,600 and the draw will be held in Shvsnans.

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

Cystic Fibrosis Collection Thanks to all who contributed to the collection last weekend. The amounts collected were Arigna €247.60 and Keadue €190.22

The Roscommon Underwater Search and Rescue Unit will hold its annual Church outside Collection on this 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. Ronan's LGFA will hold a church gate collection on the 25th and 26th January, the proceeds will be going to Roscommon LGFA.

Kilronan Cemetery Committee will be holding a meeting in St Ronan's Hall on Tuesday the 28th of January at 9 pm. All welcome.

Arigna Recreational Enhancement Area (A.R.E.A): Meeting next Thursday night Jan 23rd @ 9pm in The Miners Bar. Among the topics that will be on the agenda is items that we will incorporate into the final design of the project. Children within both National Schools have spent time on what they would like included and we thank the teachers of both schools for compiling all the ideas and sending them back to the committee. We invite anyone within the community who may have ideas to come along to next week's meeting or alternatively email them to areaarigna@gmail.com

St. Ronan's Hall: A meeting to discuss the refurbishment of St. Ronan's Hall will be held on Monday night the 20th at 9 o'clock. It is important that all committees that use the hall attend. All welcome

Study Theology online: Attend Saturday lectures in Tallaght or from the comfort of your own home. Register now for Spring 2020. For more information on courses available, enquiries@prioryinstitute.com or call 01 4048124.

"Longford Pro-Life meeting at the Family Centre behind St. Mel's Cathedral, Longford town on Thursday 23rd January at 7.30pm. For enquiries, call Edward on 089 4634558. A General Election is coming up, please get involved, we need your help".