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Kilronan Parish Newsletter

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Let us not look back in anger,
nor forward in fear,
but around in awareness.

James Thurber

Twenty-Eight Sunday in Ordinary Time



1. Scripture often speaks of the kingdom of God as a banquet. The image of people being at a meal where everyone is happy and welcome and where all hunger and thirst is satisfied gets across the idea that God loves, accepts and welcomes us and wants us to make that experience available to one another. Think of times in your life when you have had 'banquet' experiences and when you have felt accepted and loved?

2. The host enlists the help of his servants to invite people to the banquet. We are commissioned by the Lord to invite people to the banquet of the kingdom, to the fullness of life – as parents, teachers, friends, etc. What has it been like for you to play a part in leading others to a fuller life?

3. As in the parable last week there is a message

about being alert to invitations that offer a fuller life and the danger of losing out if we neglect to respond to such invitations. Perhaps there have been opportunities offered to you that you missed, and now regret. Think also of the blessings you received because you seized the moment and took an opportunity that presented itself.

4. The second parable puts the focus on how we respond to invitations. Some invitations are ones that challenge us to change, to conversion, to put on a 'wedding garment'. What has been your experience of changing in response to an invitation you received? (Intercom)

Due to the level 3 Covid-19 restrictions there will be no public celebration of Mass for the present. Anniversary Masses which have been booked will be streamed at Kilronan Parish on Facebook or if you wish you can change the anniversary Mass to another date.

Mass Times for this week on Facebook. Vigil Mass Saturday evening in Ballyfarnon at 7p.m. Arigna on Sunday, 10a.m. Keadue on Sunday, 11.30a.m. **Weekday Masses** @ 10a.m.; Monday in Keadue; Tuesday & Wednesday in Arigna; Thursday and Friday in Ballyfarnon.

Altar Society Keadue: October The Boyle Family.

COVID-19 Support Line for Older People. ALONE manage a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to the outbreak of COVID-19 (Coronavirus). Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line is open seven days a week, 8am - 8pm, by calling 0818 222 024. FREE full-time

Adult Education courses starting in The Further Education and Training Centre – Drumshanbo, located in the Enterprise Centre on the Hilly Road, this October 2020. QQI Level 5 Business & IT, Tourism with Business, Traditional Irish Music and Health Nutrition and Food Science. For more information please go go www.fetchcourses.ie, www.vtosleitrim.ie, Facebook and Twitter @VTOSLeitrim, email Seán Bailey at vtosleitrim@msletb.ie or call on 086-0624200.

Caring for our Common Home: Coming together with Laudato Sí (Pope Francis' letter to the world on the environment) With presenter Ms Jane Mellett, Laudato Sí Officer, Trócaire. Awakening: What in the world is happening? October 20th
Conversion: A Spirituality Which Includes All that Lives. October 27th
Connection: The Big Picture of the Web of Life. February 16th
Action: Getting down to Working for our Future. February 23rd

These four evenings will explore the climate crisis: the science, the spirituality and some of the solutions. A short presentation will be followed by questions and a facilitated discussion.. October 20, 27. February 16, 23. 7.30 – 8.30pm via Zoom.

Co-hosted by the Galilee Spirituality Centre, Pastoral & Faith Development Services (Diocese of Elphin) and Trócaire. Details, bookings, link: info@galilee.ie

St. Ronan's Lotto: There was no winner of the lotto jackpot when the draw was held at the weekend. The numbers drawn were 5, 10, 16 and 29. Consolation prizes were won by the following €70 Lisa Queenan, C/o The O Carolan Bar, €30 Lorna Spellman, c/o Olivers, €20 P. J. O Donnell, Drumshanbo, €20 Peter Mattimoe, Keadue, €20 Pat Bruen, Keadue. The jackpot next week will be €8,600 and the draw will be held on Sunday evening.

Offertory Collection last week. Arigna €407.20 Ballyfarnon €236.00 Keadue €367.00.

Next weekend, is World Mission Sunday. Collections will be taken up in over 120 countries including Ireland. The mission Sunday collection will be used to support the life-giving work of overseas missionaries.

Rest in Peace †

Your prayers are requested for the souls of Pat Murphy, Killoe, Co Longford, father of Mary Dwyer, Lislea, Arigna whose funeral Mass took place on Friday 9th in St Mary's Church, Ennybegs. Also for Sr. Bernard (Blandina) Lynch, Congregation of the Sisters of Mercy, Athlone and formerly Altagowlan, Arigna, who was laid to rest on Friday 9th in the family plot, in Arigna Cemetery, following Mass in St. Peter's & Paul's Church Athlone.

The public health guidelines

25 mourners are allowed at funerals and 25 guests at marriages, these figures do not include the priest, sacristan, ushers etc. They are in addition to the twenty five persons allowed

Anniversary Ballyfarnon

Sat. 10th John Francis Gaffney,

Sat. 17th Dymrna Killoran

Anniversary Masses Arigna

Sun. 11th Frank & Cecilia McLoughlin.

Michael & Margaret Gaffney & D.M.F.

Sun. 18th Paddy O'Connor.

Anniversary Masses Keadue.

Sun. 11th John Joe Barry