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*The past is a place of
reference, not a place of
residence.*

The Fourth Sunday of Lent.

The healing of the blind man unleashes a chain of chaos and confusion. His neighbours are dumbfounded, the Pharisees are suspicious and at war with one another, and the Jews are cynical, even calling in the man's parents as witnesses.

The character of Jesus, and of the blind man, are called into question as everyone tries to figure out what has happened. Jesus and the man who has been healed are both accused of being sinners. The interrogators even ridicule the man, asking, 'Are you trying to teach us, and you a sinner through and through?'

But things are simple for the man who has experienced Jesus' healing. He knows what he has witnessed, and is ready and willing to attest to it. 'If this man were not from God,' he says, 'he couldn't do a thing.' He understands that his encounter with Jesus was extraordinary.

Jesus finally clears up the confusion, turning everything on its head, as is often his way. It is the man who had been blind who sees who Jesus is: 'Lord, I believe.' The Pharisees who think they see things clearly are the ones who are really blind to the truth. 'We are not blind, surely?' is the question facing all of us as we advance through Lent. Are we open to the Good News and the healing power of Jesus? **(Triona Doherty, Intercom)**

Anniversary Masses, Ballyfarnon.

Sat. 25th Aggie, Sonny & Sean Flynn

Anniversary Masses, Keadue.

Sun 26th. Fr. Donal Kelly

Anniversary Masses Arigna.

Sun 26th Patrick & Julie Earley
Packie Cullen.

Sunday 2nd Johnny Gaffney, Tawlaght,
Bill Lincoln,

Annie & Owen Duignan, Eugene,
Paschal, Maureen, George & D.M.F

Weekday Masses. Evening Masses Tuesday Arigna 7p.m. & Wednesday Keadue 7p.m 10a.m.: Monday, Keadue, Wednesday, Arigna, Thursday & Friday, Ballyfarnon. Saturday, Vigil Masses: Keadue 7pm & Ballyfarnon 8.30pm. Sunday Masses: Arigna at 10.30p.m. and Keadue 12noon. **Confessions** after Vigil Masses.

+ **Congratulations and best wishes** to Carol Boyle, Moylough and Maurice McGurk, Foxrock who were married on Friday 24th March in Keadue Church.

Eddie Stone will attend St. Mary's Church Newtownforbes, on Saturday 8th April at 2p.m

Ballyfarnon: Minister of Holy Communion: Sat 1st. Veronica Sheeran. Reader: Sat 1st Damien Killoran. Altar Society: Olive Healy, Laura McTiernan, Angela Coen. Collectors: Peter Kerrigan, P.J. Healy. Grounds: Seán Gaffney, Martin Gaffney. Offertory Collection, €580.00.

Arigna: Minister of Holy Communion: Sun 2nd. Tommy Earley, Kevin Wynne, Reader: Sun 2nd. Sally Ann Earley. Altar Society: Margaret McPadden, Mary Guihen. Offertory Collection, €900.00

Rest in Peace. †

Rev. Fr Donal Kelly PP, Dundrum Co. Down & Foxrock, Dublin, son of late William Kelly, Dromore, Keadue.

Time Change

Winter Time ends at 1a.m tonight, Sunday 26th. All clocks should be moved forward one Hour.



Keadue: Ministers of Holy Communion: Sat 1st. Sean Martin. Sun 2nd. Brendan Kelly, Readers: Sat. 1st. Arthur/Rosaleen Boyle, Sun. 2nd. Bríd McMorro. Collectors: Sat. 1st. Margaret Kelly. Sun. 2nd. Tom Quinn. Altar Society The Kelly Family, Carrowbeg. Grounds: Yincen McCabe, Sean McMorro. Offertory Collection, €1055.00

Choir Practice for Easter Thursday 9pm - 10pm. Please come New members welcome.

Strabraggan N.S. is now enrolling for September 2017. Please call the school on 071 96 46140 or call in for your enrolment pack. Open Afternoon will be on Thursday 6th April 2017 from 1:30 - 2:45 pm.

The Diocesan Safeguarding Conference will take place on Tuesday, April 4th at 7.30 p.m., in St. Mel's College, Longford. Guest Speaker: Breda O'Brien, Irish Times Columnist. All are welcome.

The 21st Pioneer National Ball takes place on Sat 8th April 2017, in the Sheraton Athlone Hotel, after 6.30pm Mass in St. Mary's Church, Athlone, Celebrant Bishop Francis Duffy. Tickets €30. Guest Speaker: Jim Bolger. Music by Nite Fever. For tickets/information - contact Brenda Lynch 087-6189411 or Dermot Fagan 085-7201646."

St Ronan's Lotto: There was no winner of the lotto jackpot when the draw was held last weekend. The numbers drawn were 11, 16, 17 and 25. Consolation prizes were won by the following €70 Bea Foy, Arigna, €30 McGowans Coaches, Drumshanbo. €15 each Maura Prior, Keadue. Barry Cooney, Ballyfarnon, Charlene Gallagher, Geevagh, The jackpot this week will be €3,300 and the draw will be held in McRanns.

Bonus Ball Bash: Last week's winner of €45 each was Katelynn Hennessy. Get your €2 entry at The Harp & Shamrock or O'Donnell's

Concert in Keadue: A Concert featuring Mossie Martin and Musicians, Singers and Dancers who attend Mossies Irish Music course in Drumshanbo will be held in St Ronans Hall Keadue on Friday Night 31st March commencing at 8.30pm. Also appearing on the night will be members of Keadue Branch of Comhaltas Ceoltoiri Eireann. Funds raised on the night will go towards the running costs of St Ronan's Hall.

St Ronan's Hall Co. meeting will be held on Monday 6th at 8.30 p.m. to make arrangements for the concert to be held on Friday night. All members please attend.

Keadue Tidy Towns meeting on Tuesday 27th at 8.30 p.m. A good turn out will be appreciated.

Kilronan Community Games –The Kilronan Community Games committee would sincerely like to thank all those who contributed so generously to their recent Church gate collection. The total raised was €610. Without this funding we would not be able to hold the many competitions that the children of our parish participate in each year that fall under the Community games umbrella. Upcoming events are – Solo singing and music on Thursday April 6th @ 7:45pm in the Enterprise centre in Arigna & the annual Athletics competition in St Ronan's Park, Ballyfarnon on Sunday April 30th – time TBC. We are currently running the Art and Hand Writing competitions in the 4 schools in the Parish. We would like to thank the teachers of the each of the schools for facilitating these competitions – your support is very much appreciated. Any queries please contact Fiona @ 0868700666.