



The 8th Sunday of Ordinary Time.

Jesus said "No one can serve two masters." None of us have enough space in our lives to be open to the gifts of God if we are obsessed with acquiring security by our own skills. If God provides daily food to the birds of the air and attractive appearance to the wild flowers, why would we ever think that those of us who are called by God, his sons and daughters would not be cared for also?

This awareness doesn't mean that we can be lazy and passive. Even the birds work to find seeds to eat and to build their nests; and the flowers of the field stretch their roots into the earth and turn their leaves to absorb the sun.

Therefore we too are obligated to use the gifts God has given us to seek out what we need on this earth. But we face a real danger of becoming so consumed by a desire to have more than we need and that we ignore our creators promise that we will have all we need.

Anniversary Masses Keadue.

Sat. 1st Mary, Paddy & John McManus

Sun. 2nd Nan Leyden

Sat. 8th Fr. Sean Tynan, Months Mind.

Sun. 9th John, Nora & John James Gaffney.

Anniversary Masses Arigna

Sun. 2nd John Joe McManus D.M.F.

Anna Brewer & Pat McDermott

Laura McLoughlin.

Sun. 9th Phil Guihen & D.M.F. Crosshill.

Week Day Mass 10a.m.: Keadue, Monday; Arigna, Tuesday; (**Ash Wednesday** see below) Ballyfarnon, Thursday and Friday. **Vigil, Saturday:** Keadue 7p.m. & Ballyfarnon 8.30p.m. **Sunday:** Arigna 10.30p.m. & Keadue 12 Noon. **Confessions** after the Vigil Masses.

Ash Wednesday: A day of Fast and Abstinence. Mass, blessing and the distribution of the ashes in Arigna at 10a.m. and Keadue at 7p.m.

Lenten: Trocaire Lenten Boxes are available in Church. The Trocaire Box is a practical way of uniting our Lenten penance with helping the poorest of the poor. The focus of this years Trocaire Lenten campaign is on the global water crisis and on how Trocaire is working with communities to help them gain access to clean water. Water scarcity is a major human rights issue in our world today.

First Confession: First Confession takes place on Thursday 6th March at 7.30p.m in Keadue.

First Friday: Communion Calls this Friday.

Missionary Promotion: We welcome Fr Joe Rabbitt SPS who will speak at all Masses this week-end about the missionary work of St Patrick's Missionary Society.

Station Masses: Anyone who wishes to have the Station Mass for your area during Lent should contact me as soon as possible.

Rest in Peace +

Annie Beirne, Nee Gaffney, Drumshanbo & Cuilkeel.

Maggie Ann Wrynn, Nee McHugh, U.S. & Tullynaha.

Arigna: Minister of Holy Communion: Sun 9th Kevin Wynne, Reader: Sun 9th Niamh McNamara. Altar Society: Rose McGuckian, Eithne McGuire, Tess Flynn. Offertory Collection €772.00 .

Keadue: Ministers of Holy Communion: Sat 8th Sean Martin, Sun. 9th. Brendan Kelly, Readers: Sat. 8th Sinead Irwin, Sun. 9th. Paul Kelly. Collectors: Sat 8th. Moira Doyle, Sun. 9th. Brendan Kelly, Altar Society: Kathleen Martin, Frances Gaffney, Mary Quinn, Carmel Benson, Phyllis Quinn. Church Grounds: Peter McNiff. Offertory Collection; €756.00

Ballyfarnon: Minister of Holy Communion: Sat 8th. Teresa Shivnan. Reader: Sat. 8th Eithna Flynn Altar Society: Caroline Bruen & Fiona Lynam. Collectors: Ronan Glynn & Michael Killoran. Counters: Carmel O'Connor John O'Connor. Church Grounds: Martin McNamara, Michael Kerrigan. . Collection €300.00.

Bonus Ball Bash: Last week's winners of €45 each were Martin Roddy & Teresa Hennessy To win €45 get your €2 entry at The Harp & Shamrock or O'Donnell's.

Fundraising Night in Aid of St Asicus Day Care Centre, Keadue., next Saturday, 8th March, at 8pm. in St Ronan's Hall, Keadue. Two 1 Act Plays by The Kilglass Players' "Where There's A Will" & "Bedtime Stories" Cost €10.00 Interval: Performances by young local musicians

St. Ronan's Lotto: There was no winner of the lotto jackpot when the draw was held last weekend. The numbers drawn were 3, 8, 13, 29. Consolation prizes were won by the following: €70: Aine Kelly, Keadue. €30: Joseph Grogan, Arigna €15each Kathleen Conlon, Geevagh, John Waites, Gort, Co. Galway, Eileen Carty, Arigna. The jackpot this week will be €11,800 and the draw will be held in The Miners' Bar, Arigna.

Youth Alpha Retreat: thanks to Orla Guihen and Sinead Flynn who gave up their time to bring the young people from the Parish on the Youth Alpha Retreat in Avoca, Co Wicklow.

youthconnect.ie is coming soon! -things to do for young people in Co. Roscommon at the touch of a button. Youth Work Ireland and Comhairle na nÓg, Roscommon are relaunching a website, where young people can gain instant access to information on things to do in their area of Co. Roscommon. We are looking for information from organisations/groups in Co. Roscommon for inclusion on the site. If you run events, clubs, classes, groups or activities of any kind which are aimed at young people aged 12 years to 25 years, and you would like us to include your information on our website, please contact the Youth Information Office in Roscommon at 090 6625395 or youthinfo@roscommonyouth.ie. You should include times, dates, venues, contact details and a line or two describing what you offer.

This Sunday is Temperance Sunday. It provides us with an opportunity to reflect on how we use alcohol and take personal responsibility for the times we abuse it. It is widely accepted that as a nation we have a very unhealthy attitude to alcohol. Abuse of Alcohol causes heartbreak for a person, for his or her family and in the wider community.

Congratulation to Jamie Gaffney, Ballyfarnon who became the European Junior Pool champion in Malta last week-end.

Keadue Tidy Towns are holding table quiz in McCabe's Bar on Friday March 14th at 9.30 pm Meeting on Tuesday night 4th at 9pm to organise the above.