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# Kilronan Parish Newsletter

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If you don't live for something, you will die for nothing.



Remember that you are dust and into dust you shall return.

## Ashes to Fire.

With the coming of Spring, the season of Lent is upon us. Its beginning is obvious, foreheads marked with ashes and the sign of the cross. However, as a season in our lives, Lent has almost vanished, the Trocaire Box the only remnant. Maybe we still engage in a bit of spiritual fitness training and weight-watching, a far cry from living Lent.

Living Lent means having an eye not on its beginning, but on its conclusion. Lent is a journey from ashes to fire. It is not about our striving, but about the work of God in us through the spirit

On Ash Wednesday, we bring the ashes of ourselves and our lives to God. During Lent we open ourselves to God, in the traditional Lenten exercises, listening to God, praying, get rid of the clutter from our lives and meeting God in the neighbour in need.

In living Lent we give God an invitation and the opportunity to move away the stone from our dead lives and let in the new life of the risen Christ at Easter. Then, at Pentecost, we are poised to receive the power of the life-giving Spirit. No longer ashes but fired up apostles. (L. O'Brien)

### Anniversary Masses, Keadue.

**Sat. 6th** Michael & Mary Healy & D.M.F.

**Sun. 7th** For the people of the Parish

**Sun. 14th** Paddy & Babs O'Connor.

### Anniversary Masses, Arigna.

**Sun. 7th** Mary McPartlan,

Bernard & May Kelly & D.M.F. St. Ronan's Park.

Paddy Joe McPadden.

**Sun. 14th** Bridie Christie.

**Masses: Weekday Masses** Monday 10am, Keadue, Tuesday & Wednesday 10am Arigna, Wednesday 7pm Keadue, Thursday 7pm & Friday 10am, Ballyfarnon. **Week-end**

**Masses:** Saturday Vigil, Keadue 7p.m & Ballyfarnon 8.30p.m. Sunday Masses: Arigna at 10.30p.m. and 12 noon Keadue. Confessions after Saturday evening Vigils.

**Wednesday is Ash Wednesday**, blessing and distribution of Ashes in Arigna at 10a.m. and Keadue 7p.m.

**Thursday** 11th is the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, its also World Day of the Sick. Mass will be offered, for all who are sick in the parish, in Ballyfarnon at 7pm.



**You are invited to join in Celebrating** God's Mercy in St Mary's Church, Carrick-on-Shannon on six Monday evenings in Lent at 8p.m. beginning on Monday 15th February. Theme First Night: **What is God's Mercy?** A Visual presentation.

**Altar Society:** The Altar Societies of Keadue and Arigna Churches would welcome new members. If you would like to help, please give your name to Berna Gibbons or Margaret Kelly for Keadue or Tess Flynn for Arigna. If we had a few more members, each group would only have to do it for one month.

**Parish Accounts for 2015** Please take a copy of the Parish Accounts for 2015 which give details of income and expenditure for the past year

### Rest in Peace †

Mai McLoughlin, Tarmon, sister in law of Annie Guihen, Crosshill

Kathleen Doherty, Buncrana Co. Donegal sister of Colm O'Donnell, Keadue.

**The Collection** for Lourdes Assisted Pilgrims, which took place at all Masses in the Parish last week-end, was €790.14. Thanks to all for your support.

**Ballyfarnon:** Minister of Holy Communion: Sat 13th. Margaret Killoran. Reader: Sat 13th Damien Killoran. Altar Society: Mary Shivnan and Ann Healy. Collectors: Gerry Travers & Tony McDonagh. Church Grounds: Martin McNamara, Michael Kerrigan. Offertory Collections €415.00.

**Arigna:** Minister of Holy Communion: Sun 14th. Mary Guihen, Tess Flynn. Reader: Sun 14th Maureen Guihen, Altar Society: Beatrice Rynn, Maureen Guihen. Offertory Collections €500.00

**Keadue:** Ministers of Holy Communion: Sat 13th. Paul Kelly Sun 14th Margaret Kelly. Readers: Sat. 13th. Bill/Joan Connolly, Sun. 14th. Mary/Colin McCabe. Collectors: Sat 13th. Phyllis Quinn. Sun. 14th. Colin McCabe. Altar Society: Moira Doyle, Fiona O'Neill, Kathleen Mattimoe, Lelia McDonagh, Mary Cox. Church Grounds: Noone Family. Offertory Collections €565.00

**Enrolment** will take place in St. Patrick's N.S., Ballyfarnon from Monday 8th of February until Friday 12th February 2016. Any parent who is interested in enrolling a child in the school should call to the school for an Enrolment Pack between 12-12.30 P.M. or between 3- 3.30 P.M. during this week. Alternatively call the school on (071)9647232.

**Keadue Sportsfield:** Keadue Sportsfield are holding their AGM this Thursday February 11th at 8 o'clock in Keadue Hall. Everyone welcome.

**Bonus Ball Bash:** Last week's winner of €45 were Eddie Rogers & Phil Joe Guihen. To win €45 get your €2 entry at The Harp & Shamrock or O'Donnell's.

**Evening Classes** Drumshanbo Vocational School will run classes, subject to demand in Spanish, Reflexology (meditation & mindfulness), Cake Decorating, Sign Language and Digital Photography. For more details or to book a place phone (071) 9640440.

**Galilee Community** 'Thursdays at Galilee' Enjoy an evening of discussion and prayerful reflection on the scriptures in a relaxed atmosphere, starting with a 'cuppa' at 7:30pm. The input session begins at 8pm.

**Family Carers Ireland** will run the Care of the Older Person module as part of the QQI FETAC Level 5 Full Healthcare Award due to commence in Roscommon on 18/02/2016. For further enquiries please contact the training unit on 0579370221

**Pioneer Lenten Challenge.** Many people abstain from Alcohol and take the Short-Term Pledge for the duration of Lent. Make your Lenten pledge by visiting the pioneer website [www.pioneerassociation.ie](http://www.pioneerassociation.ie) and joining on line or by contacting your local Pioneer Centre Representative, Tess Flynn, Arigna.

**Bingo in Keadue** Wednesday night 9pm. Jackpot this week is €500 on 50 calls or less.

**St. Ronan's Lotto:** There was no winner of the Lotto Jackpot when the draw was held last weekend. The numbers drawn were 10,12, 15 and 16. Consolation prizes were won by the following: €70 Maura Noone, Corrigeenroe, €30 Aidan Spellman, Keadue, €15 each Bridie Scanlon, Sligo, Shane Tighe, Geevagh, O. Regan / T Mullaney, Ballyfarnon. The jackpot this week will be €6,700 and the draw will be held in McCabe's.