



## First Sunday of Lent

Jesus is God. When the tempter came to him in the desert Jesus' powers were infinite, but he chose not to use them. Instead, he responded with directives to trust and worship God and to be nourished by God's word. Each temptation Jesus rejected is significant in relation to his public ministry, but perhaps one overlooked focus is simply that he was tempted.

The choices Jesus made in today's scene in the desert, in the villages where he taught and healed, in the garden where he sweat blood, and on the cross where he gave up his life, were all made out of obedience to the Father and out of love for us.

Because we have free will—the ability to choose—we can and will be tempted. Is the way we use our gifts guided by obedience to the Father and love of our neighbour? It may be that we are most tempted to sin when it comes to our gifts. It is far too easy to use our talents in a self-serving way and to ignore God's call to serve. As always, we have the perfect model of Jesus to guide our choices.

### Anniversary Masses Keadue.

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

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

**Sat. 15th** Tommy Grimes

**Sun. 16th** Lizzie Gralton & D.M.F.

### Anniversary Masses Ballyfarnon.

**Sat. 8th** Pat & Kate Ann Leydon

### Rest in Peace +

Paddy Joe Farrell, Lislea.  
Bridie McDermottroe (née Kelly) Kilmactranny,  
& Kilgariff, Keadue.

### Anniversary Masses Arigna

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

D.M. of the Toal & Noble Families

**Thurs 13th** Lena Guihen, Months Mind 7p.m

**Sun. 16th** Peggy Leydon

**Mon 17th** Rose Ann & Pat Wynne Corgorman

**Week Day Mass** 10a.m.: Keadue, Monday; Arigna, Tuesday & Wednesday; 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.

**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:** congratulations to the following young people from the parish who made their First Confession on Thursday last in Keadue Church. Alan, Alannah, Cormac, Dion, J.J., Jason, Katelynn, Ruby, Tara. **Please note** that the date for the 'Do this in Memory Programme' is changed from 23rd March to 30th March.

**Kilronan Parish Pastoral Council** Meeting Wednesday 12th in the Parochial House, Keadue at 8.30p.m.

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

**Missionary Promotion:** St. Patrick's Missionary Society have asked me to thank you, the people of the parish for your generous donations and to assure you that you will be remembered in their Masses and prayers.

**Arigna:** Minister of Holy Communion: Sun 16th Mary Guihen, Reader: Sun 16th Mary Guihen. Altar Society: Rose McGuckian, Eithne McGuire, Tess Flynn. Offertory Collection €700.00.

**Keadue:** Ministers of Holy Communion: Sat 15th Paul Kelly, Sun. 16th. Margaret Kelly, Readers: Sat. 15th Sinead Irwin, Sun. 16th. Paul Kelly. Collectors: Sat 15th. Paul Kelly, Sun. 16th. Tommy Daly, Altar Society: Kathleen Martin, Frances Gaffney, Mary Quinn, Carmel Benson, Phyllis Quinn. Church Grounds: Vincent McCabe, Sean McMorrow. Offertory Collection; €615.00

**Ballyfarnon:** Minister of Holy Communion: Sat 15th. Nuala McNamara. Reader: Sat. 15th Maureen Cooney 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 €255.00.

**Bonus Ball Bash:** Last week's winners of €45 each were Callum Martin & Yvonne Gilmartin. 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., this Saturday, 8th March, 2014, at 8pm. Venue: St Ronan's Hall, Keadue. Two 1 Act Plays performed by "The Kilglass Players" "Where There's A Will" & "Bedtime Stories" Cost €10.00 Interval: Performances by young local musicians.



**Keadue Branch CCÉ,** Traditional Music Session, Saturday March 15th 2014 in Killoran's Bar, Ballyfarnon at 9:30pm. All Welcome.

**St. Ronan's Lotto:** There was no winner of the lotto jackpot when the draw was held last weekend. The numbers drawn were 11, 19, 25, 27. Consolation prizes were won by the following: €70: Theresa Shivnan, Ballyfarnon. €30: Sean Coen, Ballyfarnon €15each Kathy Reilly, Arigna, Dylan Healy, Ballyfarnon, Seamus Gaffney, Crosshill. The jackpot this week will be €11,900 and the draw will be held in Killoran's Bar, Ballyfarnon.

**Table Quiz** Keadue Tidy Towns are holding a Table Quiz on this Friday Night 14th March at 9.30 in Mc Cabes Bar. A meeting on this Tuesday Night at 9pm. to make final arrangements for the above

**A thought for Lent:** One of the most beautiful gifts in the world is the gift of encouragement. When someone encourages you, that person helps you over a threshold you might otherwise never have crossed on your own. John O'Donohue

**Garda Siochana:** Live Interview and Physical Competency Test Training at the Athlone Institute of Technology on Saturday the 29th of March in preparation for the next stage of An Garda Siochana entrance exams.

**Co. Roscommon Branch of Multiple Sclerosis Ireland** is holding an Open Meeting on Monday 10th February at 8 pm in the Cuan Mhuire Centre at Kilbride Community Centre, Fourmilehouse, Co. Roscommon. This is a public / open meeting to which all are invited and welcome. For directions to the venue or any other information please call or text 087 2036119.