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# Kilronan Parish Newsletter

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Live so that when your children think of fairness, caring, integrity, they think of you. *H Jackson Brown Jr.*

## Feast of the Baptism of the Lord.

There is a beautiful Native American parable about the sacredness of water: Father Sky gives to Mother Earth the clouds, which in turn are filled with water to nurture the good earth. A single raindrop falls on a meadow and joins other raindrops to become a trickle. The trickle becomes a stream and the stream becomes a river. The river then makes its way to the ocean, providing life-giving water to every creature and seedling along its way. The sun illuminates and warms the ocean, transforming some of its clear blue water into mist. The mist rises to Father Sky and becomes a cloud. And the cloud opens up and another raindrop falls to Mother Earth.

And another journey begins.

We are like raindrops, the ancients believed. We are all made from the same "holy stuff," the water that is life. In our time, our mothers give birth to us and we "fall" to earth. Each one of us is unique, each one of us possesses our own identity; but we are all part of what has gone before us and what comes after us. And, with other drops of rain, we journey to the same ocean and then back to Father Sky.

In the waters of baptism, we begin our journey back to God, the Father who gives us this life in the first place. In these waters, we embrace the name of "Christ" and the Spirit of his gospel that unite us to the saints who have come before us and who will come after us. In these waters, we travel through life's deserts and meadows, in struggling trickles and powerful rivers to the ocean where one day we will "return" to God.

Baptism is not just a one-time rite of passage in our lives; it is an ongoing journey with God and to God, a sojourn across the waters to the dwelling place of the Father.

### Anniversary Masses, Arigna

**Sun. 10th** Francie Leydon

Kevin & Margaret McLoughlin, Seltannaveeny  
Patsy & Gerry Christie.  
Packie Leydon.

**Sun. 17th** John Thomas & Gerard Flynn,

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

### Anniversary Masses, Keadue

**Sat. 9th** Molly & Tom Stenson  
& John Roddy.

**Sun. 10th.** Mass for the people  
of the parish

**Rest in Peace. †**

Leo Wynne, Carrowanalt.

### Anniversary Masses Ballyfarnon.

**Sat. 9th** Peter Joe & Elizabeth McDonagh.

**Weekday Masses 10a.m: No week day Masses this week.** 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



**Baptisms:** Anya Beth O'Connor daughter of Tracy & Philip, Palmerston Nth. N.Z; Cian Stanley Connolly, son of Aine & Shane, Carrowbeag, Robyn Rose McNiff, daughter of Suzanne & Gerard, Derreenavoggy, were welcomed into the Christian Community last week end.

**The Annual Diocesan Collection** for Lourdes Assisted Pilgrims takes place on the week-end of 30th/31st. There will be a second collection for this worthy cause taken up after Holy Communion at all Mass in the parish on that week-end .

**Ballyfarnon:** Minister of Holy Communion: Sat 16th. Nuala McNamara. Reader: Sat 16th. Margaret Killoran. Altar Society: Caroline Bruen & Fiona Barry. Collectors: Michael Cawley & Eamon Keaveney. Church Grounds: Martin McNamara, Michael Kerrigan. Offertory Collection: €365.00

**Arigna:** Minister of Holy Communion: Sun 17th. Tommy Earley, Kevin Wynne. Reader: Sun 17th. Rose McGuckian, Altar Society: Mary O'Donovan, Patricia McDermott. Offertory Collection: €515.00.

**Keadue:** Ministers of Holy Communion: Sat 16th. Paul Kelly. Sun. 17th Imelda McCabe. Readers: Sat. 16th. Sean Martin, Sun. 17th. John Coonan. Collectors: Sat 16th. Paul Kelly. Sun. 17th. Tommy Daly. Altar Society: Kelly Family, Carrowbeg. Church Grounds: Vincent McCabe, Sean McMorrow. Offertory Collection: €595.00.

**Collection Envelope Boxes 2016** There are a few Envelopes Boxes for collection in Keadue and Ballyfarnon Churches. If you didn't receive your Envelopes for 2016 please contact 086-2691806

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

**St. Ronan's Lotto:** There was no winner of the Lotto Jackpot when the draw was held last weekend. The numbers drawn were 3,14,15 and 28. Consolation prize winners were: €70 Patrick Mc Tiernan, Ballyfarnon, €30 Paul Martin, Drumshanbo, €15 each Teresa Duignan, Ballyfarnon, Aisling & Bernadette, Arigna, Mary Keaveney, Arigna. The jackpot this week will be €6,300 and the draw will be held in Saddler's.

**Comedy Comes to Keadue:** The Ballymore Eustace Players will present the award winning comedy "It's the Real McCoy", by Tommy Marren in Keadue Hall on Saturday next January 16th at 8.30 p.m.. The play features Cait Cusack, formerly Cait Regan, Derrynargon, Keadue as "Madge" a leading character in the production. Your support will be appreciated.

**Drumshanbo Enterprise Centre: Spring 2016 Classes.** Classes will commence in Drumshanbo Enterprise Centre on the week starting Monday the 18th of January. There are limited places still available for a QQI (Fetac) level 4 award in Information and Communication Technology Skills and a QQI (Fetac) level 3 award in General Learning. Courses are funded by Sligo Mayo Leitrim ETB. For more information or to book a place contact Michael on 0719641577, 087 6177071 or mbruen@drumshanboenterprise.ie

**Viatores Christi (VC)** Do you want to learn more about the possibility of overseas volunteering and/or training in Overseas Development & Mission? Viatores Christi (VC) will hold an Information & Recruitment Session on Saturday 16th Jan 2016 at 12 noon at VC HQ, 8 New Cabra Road, Phibsboro, Dublin 7. info@viatoreschristi.com Tel. 01 8689986 www.viatoreschristi.com

**Pilates in Keadue Hall** on Thursday nights starting on 14th January at 9.00pm.