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Kilronan Parish Newsletter

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If you want to feel rich,
just count all of the things
that money can't buy.

First Sunday of Lent



After being baptized by John in the River Jordan, Jesus went off to the quiet and peace of the wilderness where he spent forty days discerning exactly what it means to be the Christ and what God was calling him to do as the Messiah. The forty days of Lent is a time for us to discern what God calls us to be so that we may recenter our lives with renewed hope in the fulfilment of the promise of the resurrection in our own lives.

Anniversary Masses, Arigna.

Sun. 14th Bridie Christie

Sun. 21st Lena Guihen

Paddy Reynolds

Paddy Earley

Phil Guihen & D.M.F., Crosshill.

Anniversary Masses, Keadue.

Sun. 14th Paddy & Babs O'Connor.

Sun. 21st Mary Guhen & Peggy Leydon

Anniversary Masses Ballyfarnon

Tommie Gaffney, Lurragan

Masses: Weekday Masses 10.M. Monday, Keadue, Tuesday & Wednesday, Arigna, Thursday & Friday, 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.

“Do this in Memory” Mass on Sunday next 21st at 12noon in Keadue



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.

Parish Pastoral Council meeting on Tuesday 23rd at 8.30pm. in Parochial House Keadue

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.

Ballyfarnon: Minister of Holy Communion: Sat 20th. Teresa Shivan. Reader: Sat 20th John O'Connor. Altar Society: Mary Shivan and Ann Healy. Collectors: Gerry Travers & Tony McDonagh. Church Grounds: Martin McNamara, Michael Kerrigan. Offertory Collections €250.00

Arigna: Minister of Holy Communion: Sun 21st. Sean Guihen, Maureen Guihen. Reader: Sun 21st Eithne McGuire, Altar Society: Beatrice Rynn, Maureen Guihen. Offertory Collections €540.00

Keadue: Ministers of Holy Communion: Sat 20th. Moira Doyle. Sun 21st Imelda McCabe. Readers: Sat. 20th. Declan/Ceara Noone, Sun. 21st. Elizabeth McCabe. Collectors: Sat 20th. Moira Doyle. Sun. 21st. Brendan Kelly. Altar Society: Moira Doyle, Fiona O'Neill, Kathleen Mattimoe, Lelia McDonagh, Mary Cox. Church Grounds: Noone Family. Offertory Collections €525.00

Music Workshop. In Drumshanbo Primary School Tuesday 16th February 7.30 - 9.15p.m. All welcome:

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

Bonus Ball Bash: Last week's winner of €45 were John Guihen & Tomás Keaveney. To win €45 get your €2 entry at The Harp & Shamrock or O'Donnell's.

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 and joining on line or by contacting your local Pioneer Centre Representative, Tess Flynn, Arigna.

A Monster Raffle Draw in aid of Strabraggan National School is to take place on Saturday the 20th of February 2016 at Roddy's, Keadue. Tickets still available to buy on the night. 80's disco by Johnny Beirne. Start 9.30pm.

Kilronan Community Playschool are holding an open evening on Monday, 22nd February from 6-8pm. Roscommon County Childcare will be present to discuss the new additional free preschool year with parents. For further information please contact Donal O'Connor, Playschool Leader on (086) 1263941. Every welcome!!

Keadue Branch CCE : Fleadh Ceoil Roscomain will be held in Elphin on Easter weekend - dance competitions on Sunday March 27th, all other competitions on bank holiday Monday 28th. Fleadh entries to be with the branch by Friday 26th February. Entries cannot be accepted after this date. Entry forms and categories can be downloaded from the comhaltas website, www.comhaltas.ie. Fleadh launch in the Bothar Rua, Elphin on Friday night February 19th with trad session. All Welcome.

Keadue Tidy Towns: A meeting will be held on Tuesday night 16th February at 9pm to make arrangements for the fundraising Table Quiz and also for the Tree planting ceremony to commemorate the 1916 rising.

The Department of the Environment, Community and Local Government, in cooperation with the Tree Council of Ireland, and the Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht has devised a tree planting scheme for 2016 to commemorate the centenary of the 1916 Easter Rising.

The scheme is for towns and villages which won the overall award in the Tidy Towns competitions since 1958. Keadue won the award in 1993 and 2003.

A total of seven oak trees are being donated to each town and village which won the award and the communities are asked to plant them in a prominent place within their locality, in a ceremonial occasion, for National Tree Week which begins on March 6th next. The seven oak trees are to commemorate the seven signatories of the Irish Proclamation, Thomas Clarke, Seán Mac Diarmada, Thomas McDonagh, P.H. Pearse, Éamonn Ceannt, James Connolly, and Joseph Plunkett. Work on the project will be carried out by Keadue Tidy Towns in cooperation with Roscommon County Council and Coillte.