



"Lord, help me..."

## The twentieth Sunday of Ordinary Time (Year A)

How are we to respond when God feels distant and seems to ignore our prayers? Perhaps the Canaanite woman in today's gospel should be our model. What compelled her to keep coming back to Jesus, even when it seemed futile? What qualities did she possess that finally persuaded Jesus to answer her request?

The woman was filled with love for her daughter, a love that reflects God's love for his children. She made her daughter's suffering her own. That love gave her the courage to approach Jesus and the stamina to endure his initial rejection. Her faith grew over the course of their encounter. She possessed persistence fueled by passionate hope for a cure, the urgent sense of need, and a refusal to be intimidated. She also possessed a certain gift of cheerfulness. What appears to be a rather harsh exchange might actually be the verbal sparring between two individuals who recognize the spirit and smile in one another's presence. If we approach God with love, faith, persistence and joy— we can be certain God does respond to our prayers.

### Anniversary Masses Keadue

**Sun. 17th** Eugene Tansey.

Michael Gallagher

**Sat. 23rd** Kathleen Prior & D.M.F

### Anniversary Masses Ballyfarnon.

**Sat. 16th** John & Mary Flynn

**Sat. 23rd** Thomas McManus & D.M.

of the McManus & Bruen Families

### Anniversary Masses Arigna.

**Sun. 17th** Margaret Flynn (Lower Rover)

Mickie Joe Daly

**Sun. 24th** Vincent & Rose Gilraine

Patsy & Gerry Christie

### Rest in Peace +

Kevin Hopkins, (London & Arigna.),  
brother of Charlie Hopkins

**Masses:** No weekday Masses **Vigil, Saturday:** Keadue 7p.m. & Ballyfarnon 8.30p.m.

**Sunday:** Arigna 10.30a.m. & Keadue 12 Noon. Confessions after the Vigil Masses.

**Keadue:** Ministers of Holy Communion: Sat 23rd Sean Martin, Sun. 24th. Florence Flynn, Readers: Sat. 23rd Bill/Joan Connolly, Sun. 24th. Mary/Colin McCabe. Collectors: Sat 23rd. Moira Doyle, Sun. 24th. Brendan Kelly. Altar Society: Catherine Noone Margaret Grimes, Josephine Leydon, Mollie Guihen. Church Grounds: Patrick McManus. Sean McDonagh. Offertory Collection €732.00

**Arigna:** Minister of Holy Communion: Sun 24th Tommy Earley, Reader: Sun 24th Eithne McGuire. Altar Society: Beatrice Rynn, Maureen Guihen. Offertory Collection €595.00

**Ballyfarnon:** Minister of Holy Communion: Sat 23rd Teresa Shivanan. Readers: Sat. 23rd Aine Cooney. Altar Society: Maureen & Aine Cooney, Collectors: Peter Kerrigan & P.J. Healy Counters: Carmel O'Connor, John O'Connor. Church Grounds: Patsy McTiernan, Bobby Lowe, Collection €415.00.

**Cemetery Sunday Kilronan:** Mass at St Laser's Well on Sunday 31st at 12noon, followed by prayers in Kilronan Cemetery and the blessing of the Graves.

**The Stained Glass Windows.** Two stained glass windows were reinstalled in Keadue Church last week following conservation work. Two thirds of the work is now complete.

**Ardagh and Clonmacnois** Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock led by Bishop Francis Duffy takes place on Sunday 7th September 2014. Ceremonies at 2.30p.m.

**Arigna Mining Experience Roses Visit:** The Management and staff of the Arigna Mining Experience would like to thank everyone from the local community and surrounding areas, who turned out in such large numbers to welcome the Rose of Tralee International Roses during the week. The Roses and the Festival Committee were overwhelmed with the warm welcome they received during their visit. Arigna Mining Experience would like to thank everyone who helped out, to ensure that the visit was a wonderful success.

### Knock Novena: Afternoon 3.00p.m. and Evenings 8.30p.m.

**Sunday 17th** Most Rev. Kevin Doran, DD, Bishop of Elphin 'My Hope for the Church'

**Monday 18th** : Fr. Padraig Devine, SMA – 'Reconciliation as a Sign of Hope'

**Tuesday 19th** Tom Kendzia – 'Eucharist- A Source of Joy'

**Wednesday 20th** Elma Walsh, mother of the late Dónal Walsh R.I.P 'Living Life to the Full'

**Thursday 21st** Fr. Richard Gibbons, P.P., Rector, Knock Shrine 'A Vision for Knock'

**Friday 22nd** Grace Mulqueen, Curator, Knock Museum 'The Knock Witnesses – ordinary people, an extraordinary event'

**Seminars/workshops Daily at 12 Noon and 6p.m.** (1 hour duration)

**Bonus Ball Bash:** Last week's winners of €45 each were Aimee Bruen & Aisling Flynn. To win €45 get your €2 entry at The Harp & Shamrock or O'Donnell's.

**Congratulations and best wishes** to all the young people who received their Leaving Certificate results during the week. We wish you every success and happiness in this new stage of your life and may God be with you.

**Community Concern:** There is deep concern among the community in Keadue following a number of incidents which happened in and around the Village recently. The first involved major damage to one of the newly erected biodiversity information panels on the Knockranny wood loop / nature trail.

In the village a number of shrubs were uprooted along with flower boxes overturned and a bicycle damaged.

On Wednesday last during daylight hours two wooden flower tubs at the entrance to the sportsfield were stolen. Investigations are continuing into the matter

**Keadue Tidy Towns and IHPCT** wish to thank everybody that supported our recent fundraising walk

**Keadue Tidy Towns.** Could the person who left two green bags of household rubbish at The Heritage Park please remove them. It is an offence to dispose of rubbish in this fashion. Barna Waste refuse bags should only be left out on bin collection day

**O'Carolan Harp Festival** The Festival and Summer School which attracted visitors and competitors from around the world, and locals, proved a great success. The committee wish to thank all who supported the festival, the sponsors, stewards and everybody who helped to make this year's event the most successful for many years.