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Do not waste time
crossing bridges
you have not reached.



Simeon & Anna

The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord.

In many ways it is a lovely, simple scene — the child Jesus and his devout parents, the wise old pair Simeon and Anna. Simeon and Anna capture the imagination. What a privilege, to witness the moment the son of God is presented back to God in the Temple. And what wisdom, to recognise the greatness of the moment. 'My eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared for all the nations to see,' says Simeon, ready at last to die fulfilled. Meanwhile Anna, at 84 years of age, readies herself to spread the word about this child she has encountered.

Today, just 40 days after Christmas, we celebrate the day Jesus was presented in the Temple. While Jesus is still a child, there are warnings about the fate that is to befall him. He is destined to be rejected, and Mary is also warned 'A sword will pierce your own soul too'. A shadow hangs over this joyous occasion.

Anniversary Masses Arigna

Sun. 2nd Josie Leydon, Months Mind.

Sun. 9th Mary McPartlan

Peter & Gertrude Guihen

Anniversary Masses Keadue.

Sat. 1st Missa Pro Populo (Mass for the People of the Parish)

Sat. 8th Michael & Mary Healy & D.M.F.

Week Day Mass Keadue, Monday; 7p.m. Arigna, Tuesday & Wednesday @ 10a.m; Ballyfarnon, Thursday and Friday @ 10a.m . **Vigil, Saturday:** Keadue 7p.m. & Ballyfarnon 8.30p.m. **Sunday:** Arigna 10.30p.m. & Keadue 12 Noon. **Confessions** after the Vigil Masses.

St. Brigid's Crosses will be Blessed on this evening, Saturday in Keadue and Ballyfarnon.

On Sunday the Blessing of Candles will take place during Mass in Arigna and Keadue.

Monday is the Feast of St. Blaise; the blessing of throats will take place after the 7p.m. Mass in Keadue.

First Friday: The sick and housebound will be visited as usual on Friday 7th February.

Arigna: Minister of Holy Communion: Sun 9th Mary Guihen, Reader: Sun 9th. Emma Earley. Altar Society: Beatrice Rynn, Maureen Guihen. Offertory Collection €585.00

Keadue: Ministers of Holy Communion: Sat 8th Sean Martin, Sun. 9th. Margaret Kelly, Readers: Sat. 8th Declan/Ceara Noone, Sun. 9th. Elizabeth McCabe. Collectors: Sat 8th. Kathleen Mattimoe, Sun. 9th. Oliver McCabe, Altar Society: Moira Doyle, Fiona O'Neill Kathleen Mattimoe, Lelia McDonagh, Mary Cox. Church Grounds: Noone Family, Sean McDonagh. Offertory Collection; €615.00.

Ballyfarnon: Minister of Holy Communion: Sat 8th. Bridie McCawley. Reader: Sat. 8th Stephen Flynn. Altar Society: Bridie McCawley, Mary Keaveney. Collectors: Gerry Travers, Tony McDonagh. Counters: Elaine McDonagh, Carmel Costello. Church Grounds: Micheál McCawley, Eamon Keaveney. Collection €350.00

St. Ronan's Lotto: There was no winner of the lotto jackpot when the draw was held last weekend. The numbers drawn were 2, 8 12, 14. Consolation prizes were won by the following: €70: Ray McCaffrey, Bawnboy. €30: M. Gilbane, Jamestown €15each Catherine Holland, Keadue, Tommy Earley, Arigna, Jim Joe Mulhern, Ballyfarnon. The jackpot this week will be €11,400 and the draw will be held in McRann's Bar, Mount Allen.

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

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes Annual Collection for assisted pilgrims fund will be held in Kilronan Parish this weekend 1st/2nd February 2014. The collection will be taken up immediately after Holy Communion in Keadue, Arigna and Ballyfarnon Churches. Your support of this worthy cause will be greatly appreciated .

Trócaire's door-to-door fundraisers will be in your area for a couple of days during February 2014. The fundraisers are clearly identifiable as they will be wearing a blue branded Trócaire jacket. Also, each fundraiser will be carrying photo ID. The purpose of their visit to your area is to raise awareness of the work Trócaire does and to ask people if they would like to support Trócaire with a monthly direct debit. Trócaire works with the poorest families and communities in Africa , Asia and Latin America helping to build better futures. Please support this campaign if you can.

Evening Classes: Classes in cake decorating, cooking, pilates, Spanish and others starting soon in Drumshanbo VS. Phone 071 9640440 for more details.

A Fundraising Night for Rachel, Rebecca and Katelyn Tymon daughters of the late Sheila Tymon (nee Daly) R.I.P. will be held in The Bush Hotel, Carrick-on-Shannon on 11th April at 8p.m. Lots of raffle prizes, Auction, Music and Refreshments on the night. Tickets €10 each presently on sale locally. Contact Bernadette McLoughlin 087 9091289

Youth Alpha Retreat: If you are aged 13-18, you are invited to join us for our annual Youth Alpha Retreat in Avoca, Co. Wicklow. From Sunday the 16th to Tuesday the 18th Feb, we will be participating in outdoor activities such as rock climbing, abseiling, low wires, Archery plus much more. Come along with 70 other young people to hear Scott Evans speak and join in different games and groups. It's a weekend of fun, faith and friendship. Take the leap of faith and allow the Holy Spirit guide your Bow.. Looking forward to hearing from you. If you are interested or would like more information please contact Sinead Flynn on (087) 1735870, Orla Guihen (085)2240320 or Fr Cathal. (086-2691806) The cost will be subsidised by the Parish.

Drumshanbo Vocational School: Enrolment / Open Evening for First Years in 2014/15 will take place on Friday, February 7th from 3:15pm to 6:30pm.

St. Asicus Centre would like to thank most sincerely St. Ronan's GAA for their kind donation of €700.00. This was raised through a sponsored climb of Croagh Patrick in August, 2013, whereby the club donated 25% of the proceeds to a local charity. Thank you to everyone who supported this event. Please note we are running Arts & Crafts classes with Ursula Connolly starting Monday 3rd Feb for 4 weeks. All welcome to attend and join in with our Active Age Group and enjoy a 3 course meal for just €5.00.

Boards of Management: Keadue Board of Management meeting on Tuesday 4th. Strabraggan N.S Board of Management also on Tuesday 4th.

The Financial Accounts for the Parish have been forwarded to the auditor following a review of the finances by the Parish Finance Council on Tuesday night. The Statement of accounts were approved by the Parish Pastoral Council meeting on Wednesday night. The statement of accounts for 2013 are now available in all the churches.