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# Kilronan Parish Newsletter

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When the great scorer comes to write against your name, he marks not that you won or lost, but how you played the game."  
Grantland Rice.



## The Third Sunday in Lent

Villagers in many parts of Africa walk six miles for their water. We can turn on the tap and - get as much water as we want to drink, shower, wash the clothes or even wash the car. Like the African villagers, the Samaritan woman would like to avoid the dusty trip to the well. It would also spare her the

knowing stares of self-righteous townspeople. What she doesn't know at the time is that Jesus is describing much more than the physical water we need for drinking and bathing. He means the sacramental water of baptism that wells up in us to forgiveness and eternal life. But the two are related.

Jesus' taking on the human condition and becoming present in simple things like water, bread, and wine has consequences for us as believers. Along with other well-known responsibilities, our baptismal commitment requires us to be good stewards of the resources of the earth that Jesus has sanctified with his presence.

### Anniversary Masses Ballyfarnon.

**Sun. 22nd** Agnes, Sonny & Sean Flynn

### Anniversary Masses Arigna

**Sun. 30th** Owen McManus & D.M.F.

Brian O'Loughlin

Patrick & Julie Earley

### Anniversary Masses Keadue.

**Sat. 22nd** John & Maureen Quinn & D.M.F.

**Sun. 23rd** Roisin Walsh—Months Mind

**Sun. 30th** Annie Bohan & D.M.F. Culkeel

**Week Day Mass:** 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.

**Baptism:** Enya Kathleen O'Dowd, daughter of John and Catherine, Keadue East, was welcomed into the Christian Community.

**Do This in Memory Programme** takes place on Sunday next 30th March during 12 noon Mass in Keadue.

**Arigna:** Minister of Holy Communion: Sun 30th Margaret McPadden, Reader: Sun 30th Linda Gallagher. Altar Society: Rose McGuckian, Eithne McGuire, Tess Flynn. Offertory Collection Sunday & St. Patrick's day €965.00.

**Keadue:** Ministers of Holy Communion: Sat 29th Joan Connolly, Sun. 30th. Rosaleen Boyle, Readers: Sat. 29th Bill/Joan Connolly, Sun. 30th. Mary/Colin McCabe. Collectors: Sat 29th. Margaret McNiff & Margaret Kelly, Sun. 30th. Colm O'Donnell. Altar Society: Kathleen Martin, Frances Gaffney, Mary Quinn, Carmel Benson, Phyllis Quinn. Church Grounds: Patrick McManus, Sean McDonagh. Offertory Collection Sunday & St. Patrick's Day; €1,050.00.

**Ballyfarnon:** Minister of Holy Communion: Sat 29th Tony McDonagh. Reader: Sat. 29th Stephen Flynn. 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 Sunday & St. Patrick's €500.00.

**Bonus Ball Bash:** Last week's winners of €45 each were Aimee Bruen & Lisa 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 2, 23, 26, 27. Consolation prizes were won by the following: €100: Dave Nolan, Geevagh. €50 each: Paul & Noah Martin, Keadue, Ray McGourty, Ballinagleragh, David McTiernan, Ballyfarnon, Gary Corcoran, Ballyfarnon. The jackpot this week will be €12,100 and the draw will be held in Shivnan's Bar, Ballyfarnon.

**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. Michael Rogan is running a **free bus service to the fundraiser**. Collection points are: Drumkeerin Square 8:30pm, Flynn's Bar, Arigna 8:50pm, Barrack Square, Drumshanbo 9:00pm. For further information contact Michael 087 2565667 or Tommy 086 0668996.

**Arigna Community Playschool** provides an essential preschool service to the local community. It is our aim to continue to provide this vital service. In order to continue this service we ask parents to confirm their child's place for September, before April 11th, please contact 087 7795880 or 086 8616286

**Neven Maguire Cookery Demonstration** in Kilronan Castle on Wed 2nd April. Tickets €20, starts 8.00 sharp. Great prizes on the night. Tickets on sale in Kilronan Castle.

**Jiving lessons** and social dancing commencing in the Lough Allen Hotel, Drumshanbo on Tuesday 1st April at 9pm. Fun and fitness guaranteed. All ages welcome. Further information on 0861685170.

**Lough Arrow Text Alert:** The Lough Arrow Text Alert scheme is being launched in Geevagh Community Resource Centre on this Thursday night 27th March at 9pm. This launch is open to everyone so please come along and learn how the scheme works and if not already a member you can join on the night. The following areas are included in the scheme: Geevagh, **Ballyfarnon**, Gleann, Lough Bó, Ballinafad, Castlebaldwin, Ballyrush, Ballindoon, Highwood and Kilmactranny. Local Gardai and a senior Garda Divisional Officer will attend.

**Training will commence** for U8/U10/U12 on Friday 28th March at 6.45pm in Ballyfarnon. Registration will take place during the session €15 for one child, €25 family membership. U12 training will be provided but due to numbers we cannot enter competitions.

**Walk for Pieta House**, suicide prevention centre. Frank Flynn will undertake a walk around County Roscommon in aid of Pieta House and will be walking a route close to Keadue & finishing for the day in Ballyfarnon on 2nd April around 5pm, we have been asked to gather support for him. People are welcome to join Frank for any stretch of the walk. For more detailed information check local press.

**Sacred Heart Messenger** Next weekend two representatives from the *Messenger*: Elizabeth Foley and Gaye Adams will be in the parish to promote postal subscriptions to the *Messenger*. It is a very readable magazine, informative, inspiring and well worth getting. A **special offer** of €15 for a year's postal subscription will be available together with a **free copy** for all attending Mass.