



The Seventeenth Sunday of Ordinary Time (Year A)

The parables of the treasure in the field and of the merchant searching for fine pearls seem very similar, but they describe different ways the kingdom of heaven enters our lives. The person discovering the treasure was not looking for it. It was a surprise, and required alertness to recognize its value. The merchant knew what he was looking for to begin with. Both, however, sacrificed everything for what they found.

The kingdom breaks into our lives in large and small ways. It may be a life vocation, or it may be a need that briefly crosses our path, or a person who brightens our day. Whether the event becomes a share of the kingdom does not depend on the richness of the treasure or the size of the pearl, but the response of the heart.

Others may have discovered the treasure or the pearl before the people in Jesus' story, came along, but either they did not recognize their value or had been unwilling to sacrifice for them. The parables call us to be alert every day for the surprise of the kingdom of heaven and, when it appears, to pursue it with all our heart.

Anniversary Masses Ballyfarnon.

Sat. 26th Edel, Eleanor & Tommy Lavin

Sat. 2nd Ita O'Rourke,

Anniversary Masses Arigna

Sun. 27th Cemetery Sunday - Mass 2p.m.

Wed. 30th Martha Lavin Flynn

Anniversary Masses Keadue

Sat. 26th Michael & Kathleen Guihen (Keadue West)

Sun. 3rd Tommy Leydon

Weekday Masses, 10a.m. Monday, Keadue; Tuesday & Wednesday Arigna; Thursday & Friday, Ballyfarnon. **Vigil, Saturday:** Keadue 7p.m. & Ballyfarnon 8.30p.m. Sunday: Arigna 2.00p.m. (on 27th only) & Keadue 12 Noon. Confessions after the Vigil Masses.



Sacrament of Marriage: Congratulations and best wishes to Deirdre Flynn, Breandrum, Mohill and Cathal Liddy, Spencilhill, Co. Clare who were married on Thursday 24th July and also to Mary Winston, Broxbourne, England and Adam Oliver Broxbourne, who were married on Saturday 26th in Keadue Church

Cemetery Sunday in Arigna, Sunday 27th July. **Mass in Arigna church at 2p.m followed by prayers in the cemetery and the Blessing of graves.**

First Friday; (1st August) Communion calls as on the First Friday.

Annual Portiuncula Mission—Drumshanbo. Friday August 1st—Sunday August 3rd
Mass: Friday & Saturday 12 noon & 8 p.m. Sunday: 9 a.m. & 11.30 a.m.

Anointing of the sick: Friday during 12 noon Mass. Confessions from 1p.m. on Saturday

Ballyfarnon: Minister of Holy Communion: Sat 2nd Tony McDonagh. Readers: Sat. 2nd Stephen Flynn. 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 €355.00.

Arigna: Minister of Holy Communion: Sun 3rd Mary Guihen, Reader: Sun 27th Guihen Family. Altar Society: Beatrice Rynn, Maureen Guihen. Offertory Collection €650.00

Keadue: Ministers of Holy Communion: Sat 2nd Paul Kelly, Sun. 3rd. Margaret Kelly, Readers: Sat. 2nd Chloe McCabe, Sun. 27th. Eileen Barry. Collectors: Sat 2nd. Margaret McNiff & Margaret Kelly, Sun. 3rd. Colm O'Donnell. Altar Society: Catherine Noone Margaret Grimes, Josephine Leydon, Mollie Guihen. Church Grounds: Paul Kelly, Arthur Boyle. Offertory Collection €680.00

Bonus Ball Bash: Last week's winners of €45 each were Paddy O'Connor & Tomas Keaveney. To win €45 get your €2 entry at The Harp & Shamrock or O'Donnell's.

Charity Tax Forms: Anyone who has still to send in their 2013 Charity Tax form can still send it in by dropping it into the offertory Basket or by dropping it into Parochial House,

St. Ronan's Lotto: There was no winner of the lotto jackpot when the draw was held last weekend. The numbers drawn were 4, 8, 18, 29. Consolation prizes were won by the following: €70: Stephanie McCabe, Keadue. €30 Andy McPadden, Arigna, €15 each Ethel Heslin, Drumkeerin, Ethan McTiernan, Ballyfarnon, Kevin Morrison, Ballyfarnon. The jackpot this week will be €13,900 and the draw will be held in Shivnan's Bar,

Altar Society: Thanks to all the members of the Altar Societies who do a marvellous job in keeping all the churches in the parish clean and tidy. After a recent wedding in Keadue, a guest at the wedding said "that was the cleanest church I was ever in". Without the hard work of the Altar Society, it would not be possible to accommodate so many weddings. We are seeking volunteers to join the Altar societies in Keadue, Arigna and Ballyfarnon. A few more volunteers would make it easier for everyone.

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

Fun Run/Walk on Friday August 1st to raise funds for Keadue Tidy Towns and also to help send special needs children to Lourdes. Registration at 6.30pm in Keadue Hall.

The Cystic Fibrosis Collection in Ballyfarnon amounted to €106. A big thank you to all who contributed so generously

O'Carolan Summer School The Summer School in traditional Irish Music, Singing & Dancing starts on this Monday with registration at 9am. The festival restaurant will also be open. The O'Carolan Country Ceili Band will provide the music for the ceili on Tuesday night and on Thursday night there will be concert which will feature the tutors for the Summer school. A harp recital featuring the Keadue Harpers and Mossie Martin and friends will give a special performance in Kilronan Castle on Wednesday night next.

Official opening of Festival The committee are delighted to announce that Ms Lucinda Creighton T.D will perform the official opening of the Harp Festival on Sunday August 3rd at 3.30pm

A **Festival Committee** meeting will be held on Monday night next at 9.30pm