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A person who feels appreciated will always do more than what is expected.

The Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus begins with the beatitudes - statements about the blessedness of our lives. Blessed can mean "fortunate" and is commonly translated as "happy." It's a state of being we all seek, but it doesn't come from the things of this world: power, beauty, riches, etc. It comes from being in right relationship with God.

To be "poor in spirit" doesn't mean that we seek poverty. In Jesus' world, no one should live in poverty. Justice calls on us to eliminate poverty!

The one who is poor in spirit realizes that "things mean nothing... God means everything." Happy are those who put God first in their lives. The Beatitudes call us to a radically new way of being. When we centre our lives on God, we find our true identity and lasting peace.

Anniversary Masses, Keadue.

Sat. 28th Christina, Patrick & Liam Conlon.

Sun. 4th Michael & Mary Healy & D.M.F.

Anniversary Masses Arigna

Sun. 29th Helen Earley.

Sun. 5th. Gerry Wynne. Months Mind.

Weekday Masses: No Mass in Keadue on Monday and no Mass in Arigna on Tuesday. Masses: Wednesday, Arigna; Thursday and Friday, Ballyfarnon all at 10a.m.

Saturday, Vigil Masses: Keadue 7pm & Ballyfarnon 8.30pm. **Sunday Masses:** Arigna at 10.30p.m. and Keadue 12noon. **Confessions** after Saturday evening Masses.

Lourdes: Ardagh & Clonmacnois Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2017, 27th May — 1st June 5 nights - Fully Inclusive Price €725. Places Available — Please contact :Joe Walsh Tours. Tel: (01) 2410812 (01) 2410811. Pilgrimage Director : Rt. Rev Mgr. Bernard Noonan, Moate Co Westmeath. Tel : 090 64 81180. Director Special Section for Sick/ Assisted Pilgrims: V. Rev Michael Scanlon, Cloghan, Co Offaly. Tel 090-64 57122.

Lourdes Assisted Pilgrimage Fund Collection: There is an envelope in your Envelope Collection Box for the Lourdes Assisted Pilgrimage Fund Collection on Sunday 12th February. As a result there will be no second Collection taken up in any of the churches for the Lourdes Assisted Pilgrimage Fund.

Friday next 3rd February is the First Friday. Communion calls as usual.

Choir Practice for Confirmation Thursday 9pm - 10pm. Please come, we need you if you can sing or play. New members welcome, especially young people in our parish.

A Day of Prayer for Healing with Eddie Stones, Saturday 4th February in Emmanuel House, Clonfert. Bus leaves from the Crescent, Boyle, at 8a.m. on Saturday 4th. Details Nuala, 086-8383725.



Rest in Peace †

Kathleen Guihen, Nee Gannon, Crosshill.

Removal to Arigna Sunday at 7p.m.

Funeral Mass Monday at 12noon in Arigna Church.

This week is Catholic schools week. The theme this year is Catholic Schools learning with Pope Francis to care for **Our Common Home**.

Keadue: Ministers of Holy Communion: Sat 4th. Sean Martin. Sun 5th. Imelda McCabe. Readers: Sat. 4th. Declan/Ceara Noone, Sun. 5th. Elizabeth McCabe. Collectors: Sat. 4th. Paul Kelly. Sun. 5th. Oliver McCabe. Altar Society Mary McCabe, Bríd McMorrow, Mai Fearon, Berna Gibbons, Viola Durka. Grounds: Paul Kelly, Arthur Boyle. Offertory Collection, €730.00

Arigna: Minister of Holy Communion: Sun 5th. Mary Guihen, Maureen Guihen, Reader: Sun 5th. Maureen Guihen. Altar Society: Beatrice Rynn, Maureen Guihen. Offertory Collection, €480.00

Ballyfarnon: Minister of Holy Communion: Sat 4th. Bridie McCawley. Reader: Sat 4th Margaret Killoran. Altar Society: Pauline Flynn, Nuala McNamara. Collectors: Gerry Travers & Tony McDonagh. Grounds: Michael Bruen, Ray Lynam. Offertory Collection, €200.00.

St Ronan's Lotto: There was no winner of the lotto jackpot when the draw was held last weekend. The numbers drawn were 1, 3, 16 and 21. Consolation prizes were won by the following €70 John Kilbride, Tully, €30 Conor Lavin, Creevagh, Ballyfarnon. €15 each John/Eithne Maguire, Arigna, Rosaleen Boyle, Keadue, Claire Lynch, Arigna. The jackpot this week will be €2,500 and the draw will be held in Saddler's

Weddings 2018: if you are planning to get married in 2018 in any of the Churches in the parish, you should book your wedding as soon as possible. There are at present 10 weddings booked for 2018.

Bonus Ball Bash: Last week's winner of €45 was Bríd McMorrow. Get your €2 entry at The Harp & Shamrock or O'Donnell's

Ballyfarnon, Keadue and Arigna Altar Societies are seeking volunteers. The Altar Society plays a very important role in ensuring that church and the sanctuary areas are in a suitable condition for the celebration of the Eucharist. A few more volunteers for each area, would lighten the load on the current members who do such marvellous work in the service of the community. A volunteer is required in Ballyfarnon for April

Thursdays at Galilee: Our scripture evenings resume on Thursday, February 2nd. A cuppa is served at 7.30pm. This is followed by a short input and a lively discussion on the readings for the 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time. People of all faiths and those who are not currently attending church are welcome.

Mindfulness Meditation: Our meditation sessions resume on Monday, February 6th from 7pm – 7:45. All welcome.

Cookery Demo with Neven Maguire, in Kilronan Castle on Wednesday 1st March 2017. Complimentary Wine & Canape Reception from 7pm with an opportunity to browse the local produce and craft stands. Demo starts at 8pm & a raffle with great prizes. Proceeds in aid of Ardcarne Community Childcare Services and Cootehall National School. Tickets €20 and on sale now from Kilronan Hotel Reception & local outlets!