

Parish of Killooney & Creagh

Ballinasloe Faith Community Area

Sunday, APRIL 14th – 3rd Sunday of Easter 2024

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R.I.P. Kitty Hourihane, Cork, mother of Breeda Maguire, Hawthorn Road, Sinead Carty, Kilconnell.

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK IN ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH: 10a.m.

Mon: Sean, Eileen & dec mem Moloney Family, Garbally Demesne.

Tues: Mark McComish, London.

Wed: Mary Walsh, Poolboy.

Thur: Mary Ward, 15 Dunlo Harbour; Tommy D'Arcy, St Michael's Place; Martin & Mary Madden Derrymullen.

Fri: Biddy & Dan Green, Dungloe.

Sat: Tony Carroll, Newtown. John Dowd, Hymany Park, (MM)

11a.m. First Holy Communion: Scoil an Chroi Naofa

SUNDAY, APRIL 21st: First Mass of; Sat 7p.m.

Helena Kenny, Kellysgrove; Peter & dec mem Dooley & Mee Families;

Liam & dec mem Goode & Kelly Families; Tony Carroll, Newtown;

9a.m. People of the Parish

12noon: May Dolan, Killooney; Deirdre Vaughan, Loughbown;

Pauline Treacy, Hymany Park; Jim & Mary Horan, Moher.

OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH, CREAGH:

SAT 12noon: Jimmy Hynes, Kilgarve, Creagh (M.M.)

SUNDAY, APRIL 21st: 10.30a.m. Maureen O'Hara, The Pines.

Adoration: Wed from 3-5p.m. Intercessory prayer for priests' vocations. Thur from 2-9p.m.

Sacrament of Confession: Saturdays 10.30-11.00am

Vigil of Prayer for Vocations to the Diocesan Priesthood in the Diocese of Clonfert to coincide with Vocations Sunday 2024 will take place directly after 8pm Mass until midnight on Saturday 20th April 2024 in the Cathedral of St Brendan, Loughrea. Please make a special effort to come and join us.

Vocations Workshop - Bishop Michael will lead a workshop for those who might be interested in Diocesan Priesthood in the Diocese of Clonfert or the Diocese of Galway, Kilmacduagh and Kilfenora on Sunday Afternoon the 28th of April 2024 from 2-6pm. Further Information available from Fr. Ian O' Neill, email - galwaypriesthood@gmail.com or telephone - 087 2048497

The Youth 2000 Connaught retreat will take place in Calasancius College, Oranmore, Co. Galway on the weekend of May 10th to 12th, consisting of workshops, talks, testimonies, music, prayer and time to relax & meet with others. Come along for the weekend or pop in & say hello! Donation only, 16-35yrs. To book a place or for more information, visit www.youth2000.ie or email connaught@youth2000.ie.

The 'Synodal Explored' conference will be held on 19 and 20 April, where Cardinal Mario

Grech, Secretary General of the Synod of Bishops will be the keynote speaker. The conference is open to the public and is free of charge. Further details are available on www.knockshrine.ie Tel: 094 93 88100 email: communications@knockshrine.ie

Mater Dei Education Spring Conference 2024 will be held on Sunday 28th April at De La Salle Retreat Centre in Castletown, Co. Laois with Bishop Paul Connell and Fr. Conor McDonough O.P. Registration is online at <https://materdeieducation.ie/>

Worldwide Marriage Encounter – All married couples deserve a WWME weekend. Friday 26th – 28th April 2024 in Focolare Centre Prosperous Co Kildare. Register online www.marriageencounter.ie – Good Marriages can always be made better!

Cycle Against Suicide In a drive to promote Peer-Support as a vital link in mental health awareness and suicide prevention, **Cycle Against Suicide** offers its training in Mental Health Peer-Support Programme free of charge to any community volunteer. Online via Zoom from 7-10pm on 4 evenings over 2 weeks To register: www.cycleagainstsuiticide.com/register-to-become-community-buddy/or email: training@cycleagainstsuiticide.com

Ballinasloe Bowls Club AGM Thurs, 18th April at 7.00pm in Emerald Ballroom. Please attend.

Congratulations: to the children of Scoil Mhuire, Newtown celebrating the Sacrament of Holy Communion for the first time this weekend. Congratulations to their families and teachers

Prayer for Vocations in the Diocese of Clonfert

Lord of the Harvest, bless young people in the Diocese of Clonfert

with the gift of courage to respond to your call of service.

Open their hearts to great ideals and wonderful things.

Inspire all of your disciples to mutual love and giving;

for vocations blossom in the rich soil of faithful people.

Inspire priests and religious, all our parishioners and families with the confidence and grace

to invite our young people to consider the exciting and noble path of life

dedicated and consecrated to You.

Unite us to Jesus through prayer and sacrament, so that we may cooperate with you

in building your kingdom of Mercy and truth, of justice and peace. Amen.

If you are considering such a vocation, speak to your local priest or our Diocesan Vocations Director, Fr Aidan Costello to find out more, email: office@clonfertdiocese.ie or phone 091-841212. *****

Mindless repetition of any practice, with no clear goal or clarity of intention, can in fact keep us quite unconscious—unless the practices keep breaking us into new insight, desire, compassion, and an ever-larger notion of God and ourselves. Automatic repetition of anything is a recipe for unconsciousness, the opposite of any genuine consciousness, intentionality, or spiritual maturity. *If spirituality does not support real growth in both inner and outer freedom, it is not authentic spirituality.* It is such basic *unfreedom* that makes so many people dislike and mistrust religious people.

Any fear-based “rattling of beads” reflects the “magical” consciousness that dominated much of the world until it began to widely erode in the 1960s. Yet each of these practices can also be understood in a very mature way.

It's a paradox that God's gifts are totally free and unearned, and yet God does not give them except to people who really want them, choose them, and say “yes” to them. This is the *fully symbiotic nature of grace*. Divine Loving is so pure that it never manipulates, shames, or forces itself on anyone. Love waits to be invited and desired, and only then rushes in. Fr Richard Rohr.