

Parish of Killeeney & Creagh

Sunday, SEPTEMBER 19TH - 25TH Sunday in O.T. 2021

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PRIESTS: Frs. John Garvey, Colm Allman, Bernie Costello

R.I.P. Michel (Mick) Enright, Meadowbrook Close; Alan Hickey, Derrymullen & Galway (son of Mary Hickey); James Curran, Athlone & Deerpark); June Murphy, Greenshills View, The Pines; Tony Keogh, Upper Brackernagh); Liam Finnerty, Midleton, Cork (brother of Noreen Murray, River Street & Michael Finnerty, Ardcar);

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

Mon: Noel Leavy, 46, Curragh Park.

Tues: Michael & Susan Grealley.

Wed: Tony & Meta Bradley, Brackernagh; Rosa Lynch, London.

Thur: Sean, Eileen & dec mem Moloney Family; Tommy Howley, Hawthorn, Creagh.

Fri: Katie & Joe Fahy, Kilrickle

Sat: Sally Kelly, Duneeda (M.M.)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26th: First Mass of; Sat 7p.m.

Peter & Delia Donnelly, Ballygill; Louie, Ann & Stewart Bannerton, Beechlaw; Olga Barrett, Glentaun (M.M.)

9a.m. Bridie Fallon, Birchgrove.

12noon: Philomena & Patrick O'Gorman, St. Ml's Square; David Daly, Cleaghmore; Aisling Beegan Heneghan, Newtown; Delia & Pat Joe Dolan, Newtown.

St Michaels Church live-stream at www.churchservices.tv/ballinasloe

Congratulations: to the young people celebrating Holy Communion for the first time.

B'sloe Bethany Bereavement Support Group: Group members continue to be available @ confidential number (087) 2334438. Should anyone bereaved or suffering from grief feel they need support – feel free to call our number.

A talk on Frank Duff, Founder of the Legion of Mary by Dr. Evie Monaghan, member of the Historical Commission for the Process of Canonisation of Frank Duff. The talk will take place in the Family Centre in Ballinasloe on Sunday 26th September at 4:00pm. Contact Micheál Cregg on 086 261 8152 or Tony Naessens 086 083 5187"

St. Patrick's college, Maynooth: Places available in BATH Arts & Theology degree. Perfect gateway to a variety of careers i.e. teaching, business, finance, journalism etc. Details: (01) 7083600 or email: Theology.office@spcm.ie

International school feeding charity, Mary's Meals, have announced that they are now feeding more than 2 million children every school day, in 19 of the poorest countries around the world. To celebrate this wonderful achievement, Mary's Meals Ireland is hoping to raise enough funds to feed ALL of the children, for one day. It costs just 9c to provide a nourishing meal in school,

and so, a little goes a long way. To find out more, or to donate, please visit their website www.marysmeals.ie, or call Patricia Friel on 086 314 0814.

A Church in Conversation

In these days, the Catholic Church throughout the world and the Catholic Church in Ireland is beginning a series of conversations about what God wants of his people at this time. These conversations are often referred to as a Synodal Process. "Synodal" comes from a Greek word which means roughly "walking and talking together." Let us remember this important process in our prayers.

We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name.

With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts;

Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it.

We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder.

Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions.

Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right.

All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever. Amen.

The Season of Creation 1st September to the 4th of October 2021

The Season of Creation is marked throughout the Christian world from 1 September to 4 October (Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi) and celebrates the joy of creation as well as encouraging awareness-raising initiatives to protect the natural environment.

A Prayer for Our Earth

All-powerful God, you are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of your creatures. You embrace with your tenderness all that exists.

Pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty.

Fill us with peace, that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no one.

O God of the poor,

help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this earth, so precious in your eyes.

Bring healing to our lives, that we may protect the world and not prey on it, that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction.

Touch the hearts of those who look only for gain at the expense of the poor and the earth.

Teach us to discover the worth of each thing, to be filled with awe and contemplation, to recognize that we are profoundly united with every creature

as we journey towards your infinite light.

We thank you for being with us each day.

Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle for justice, love and peace. Amen.

Poem: Invitation (Mary Oliver) Oh do you have time to linger for just a little while out of your busy very important day- for the goldfinches that have gathered in a field of thistles for a musical battle,- to see who can sing the highest note, or the lowest, or the most expressive of mirth, or the most tender?- Their strong blunt beaks drink the air as they strive melodiously, not for your sake and not for mine, and not for the sake of winning, but for sheer delight and gratitude- believe us, they say, it is a serious thing just to be alive on this fresh morning In this broken world.- I beg of you, do not walk by without pausing to attend to this rather ridiculous performance. It could mean something. It could mean everything. Or it could be what we mean when we say:* We must change our life. See www.catholicbishops.ie Season of Creation