

## Parish of Killooney & Creagh

Sunday, MARCH 19<sup>th</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent - 2023

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**R.I.P.** Tony Foley, Maple Lodge, Cleaghmore; Philomena (Lily) Hynes, Sli na hAbhainn; Patrick Loughnane, Killoran & form 16 St Teresa's Park; Annie Greally, Shannonbridge(sister of Chris Price, Cuilleen)

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

**Mon:** Connaire Family, Killooney; Tommy Conlon, Deerpark & granddaughter Barbara McGrath

**Tues:** Dec mem Roche Family, Harbour Road.

**Wed:** Leo Croffy, Church Street, Creagh

**Thur:** Richard, Willie & Vincent Walsh, St Michael's Place.

**Fri:** Personal Intention.

**Sat:** People of the Parish

**SUNDAY, MARCH 26<sup>th</sup>: First Mass of; Sat 7p.m.**

John & Kathleen Keighery, St Brendan's Tce & Peter Keighery, Dun Esker; P.J (Joey) Naughton, Ashford; Tom Kenny, Killooney; Bryan Smyth, Kilgarve; Jim & Mary Burke, Cleaghmore.

**9a.m.** Geraldine Duignan, St. Joseph's Place.

**12noon:** Mary Earls, Derrymullen; Jerry, Margaret & Noel Ryan, Main Street; Kathleen O'Connell, Atticorra; Tommy Derrane, Ard Mhuire; Mary Harvey, Garbally Drive; Brendan Tully, Brackernagh.

### **OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH, CREAGH:**

**SUNDAY, MARCH 26<sup>th</sup>: 10.30a.m.** Matthew & Bridget Reynolds; Micheal & Anne Dolphin, Loughill; Mary & Michael McDonnell, Patricia Lynch & Marguerite Finnerty.

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

**Sacrament of Confession:** Saturdays 10.30-11.00am

**Parish Newsletter** may be viewed at [Ballinasloeparish.ie](http://Ballinasloeparish.ie)

**WORLD YOUTH DAY GATHERING WITH POPE FRANCIS 2023 in LISBON and FATIMA** from July 31<sup>st</sup> – August 8<sup>th</sup> 2023. Spiritual Director - Bishop Michael Duignan. OPEN TO ADULTS BETWEEN THE AGES OF 18 (by 31<sup>st</sup> July 2023) AND 35. Subsidised Fare €900. For further information and booking form contact Isabelle at the Clonfert Diocesan Office – Tel. 91 841560 Email. [office@clonfertdiocese.ie](mailto:office@clonfertdiocese.ie) or your local priest. Limited places available. Booking extended to **31<sup>st</sup> March 2023**. Be there when the world gathers for the unique festival of faith and friendship!

**The Knights of St Columbanus** in conjunction with our Diocesan Committee for the Preparation & Celebration of the Sacraments of Initiation have organised an

**Evening for Parents of Children Preparing for First Holy Communion** 8-9.30pm, Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March, in Gullane's Hotel. The presenter for the evening will be Dr Dan O Connell, Mary Immaculate College, Limerick. Booking email: [office@clonfertdiocese.ie](mailto:office@clonfertdiocese.ie)

**Workshop for Teachers of First Communion Children and their Principals** 3.15-5.15pm, Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March, Gullane's Hotel. The presenter for the evening will be Sr Anne Neylon DC, Diocesan Advisor for Religious Education, Archdiocese of Dublin and writer of the Grow in Love Religious Education Programme. Booking email: [office@clonfertdiocese.ie](mailto:office@clonfertdiocese.ie)

**Shekinah Blended Learning Courses 2022-2023** Certificate & Diploma Courses: Spirituality (Applied Youth Ministry) Accredited by St. Patrick's Pontifical University Diploma can be done over 1 or 2 years, Duration of courses: August 26, 2023– April 13, 2024. Closing date for applications: July 24, 2023 Diploma: 17 Days – 11 on Zoom & 6 in Maynooth Certificate: 10.5 Days –6.5 on Zoom & 4 in Maynooth Suitable for Parents, Teachers, School Chaplains and Youth Workers in parish ministry. Information and application form see [www.shekinah.ie](http://www.shekinah.ie)

**Western Alzheimers** are currently recruiting for Healthcare Assistants in the community throughout County Roscommon and the West. These positions are available on our Community Employment Project. If you would like to find out more, please call us on 090 662 7816 or email us at [roscommon@westernalzheimers.ie](mailto:roscommon@westernalzheimers.ie).

**Pioneer Meeting:** will be held on Wednesday March 22<sup>nd</sup> in Gullane's Hotel @ 7.30p.m. All members are most welcome.

**Accord** is currently recruiting volunteers to train as marriage preparation facilitators. Marriage facilitators are part of a team that prepare couples for the sacrament of marriage. Couples find our courses fun, engaging and very relevant, while facilitators gain valuable life skills. If interested, we would be delighted to hear from you. Contact: [marriagepreparation@accord.ie](mailto:marriagepreparation@accord.ie)

**B'sloe Cycling Club:** Looking for a new challenge why not give cycling a go. Our popular Couch to 5k programme which serves as a safe & fun introduction to cycling begins Sun March 24<sup>th</sup> @ 10a.m. at Creagh Enterprise Centre, Creagh Road. Bring bike & helmet!

**Thought for the day** How we respond to pressure can vary very much from person to person. In John's Gospel, there are two related stories of people being healed, one in chapter 5 and the other in chapter 9, today's reading. The man at the pool eventually betrays Jesus. The man born blind resists pressure and even grows on the strength of it. Part of his energy comes from his experience— no matter what others may say about Jesus, he himself once was blind and now he sees! His courageous attachment to what he knows from his personal encounter with Jesus leads eventually to a full act of faith. Prayer Faithful God, you call us to be faithful even in times of trial. Teach us to embrace the challenge of faith today, that we may have the courage to grow and give courage to others by our witness.

**POINTERS FOR PRAYER 1.** The blind man makes a journey of faith, rooted in an experience of healing from the hand of Jesus. This experience has potential to grow and deepen. What has been my experience of the healing presence of Jesus in my life? Prayer of thanksgiving.

**2.** Under pressure, the blind man and the community he stands for are obliged to reflect again and again on what they really believe. What has happened to my faith in times of pressure against believing? Prayer of faith. **3.** Amazing Grace has the words: I once was lost, and now I'm found. Jesus goes out of his way to find the blind man and bring him through the next stage of faith. What has my experience of finding my "self" been? When have I been touched by Jesus? Is he reaching out to me now? Prayer of conversion.

**PRAYER** God our Creator, show forth your mighty works in the midst of your people. Enlighten your church, that we may know your Son as the true light of the World and through our worship confess him as Christ and Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, holy and mighty God for ever and ever. Amen