



**ST MARY'S CHURCH, CLONMANY**

Saturday— 6:30pm Vigil Mass (Rosary 6:10pm)  
Sunday-11:30am Mass

**ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH, URRIS**

Sunday—10am Mass  
Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament—Friday 3-6pm  
(Rosary at 5.40pm)

**ORATORY OF THE ASSUMPTION, BALLYLIFFIN**

Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament-Tuesday 7.30—8.30pm

**ORATORY, ST COLUMBILLE VILLAGE, CLEAGH**

Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament—Wednesday 3pm-4pm

**FIRST ANNIVERSARY MASS**

11:30am Mass in St Mary's Church on Thursday August 15th will be offered for Danny McGeoghan, Coolcross & Preston, on the first anniversary of his death. May he rest in peace.

**BLESSING OF GRAVES**

The blessing of graves will take place next Sunday, 18th, in Urris (at 10 am. Mass), and Clonmany (at 11:30 Mass), We will remember our loved ones in a special way — petitioning for them the Victory of Jesus Christ.

The Mass will conclude with the Prayer of Blessing after which families are invited to go the grave of their loved one, and mark this Victory with the sprinkling of holy water ... the waters of eternal life offered at baptism.

# Clonmany Parish Newsletter

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PRAYER FOR THE ASSUMPTION of the BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Almighty and everlasting God, You have taken up body and soul into the heavenly glory the Immaculate Virgin Mary, Mother of Your Son:

Grant, we beseech You, that, ever intent upon heavenly things, we may be worthy to be partakers of her glory.

Through Jesus Christ Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,

One GOD, forever and ever. Amen.

**THURSDAY 15 AUGUST—The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**  
7pm Vigil Mass in St Mary's Church, Clonmany on Wednesday  
11:30am Mass in St Mary's Church, Clonmany on Thursday  
10am Mass in St Michael's Church, Urris on Thursday

The Feast of the Assumption is a day of joy. God has won. Love has won. It has won life. Love has shown that it is stronger than death, that God possesses the true strength in goodness and love. Mary was taken up body and soul into heaven. We have a Mother in heaven, the Mother of God, the Mother of the Son of God, is our Mother. He himself has said so. He made her our Mother when he said to the disciples and to all of us: 'Behold, your Mother!' We have a Mother in heaven. Heaven is open, heaven has a heart. Mary spoke with God's words, she thought with God's words, her thoughts were God's thoughts, her words, God's words. She was penetrated by divine light and this is why she was so resplendent, so good, so radiant with love and goodness. Being in God and with God, she is close to each one of us, knows our hearts, can hear our prayers, can help us with her motherly kindness and has been given to us, as the Lord said, precisely as a 'mother' to whom we can turn at any moment. She always listens to us, she is always close to us, and being Mother of the Son, participates in the power of the Son and in his goodness. We can always entrust the whole of our lives to this Mother, who is not far from any one of us.



Playing it *fast & loose* with **Eternal Life**

The papers had a story recently about an unlucky punter who threw away a lotto ticket, only to find out later that it was worth €25,000. He began desperately searching everywhere he had been. Finally, remembering he last had it in a pub, he raced there – where staff told him they had thrown it in the bin two days earlier. So he "dived into the bins", only to be told the rubbish had already been collected and was on the way to landfill. Yet even then he still has hope, because he has reported it to the police in case it is handed in.

It seems too late did our punter realise the value of what he had, but discarded. And, perhaps like us looking for the priceless pearl Jesus speaks of, the lotto ticket was his 'pearl of great price'. It was his driving passion.

**Jesus said that our life is like searching for fine pearls. If we find the one that is truly priceless, we sell everything to have it ... everything! (Matthew 13:45-46)**

Of course, there is, literally, an eternity of difference between the punters ticket and the pearl Jesus talks about. This pearl is so valuable that we give away everything we are, we surrender our lives to it — not as a burden, but because we know now its value ... the numbers for eternal life.



Jesus of course is talking about the pearl that He is. **He is talking about the Life He alone gives.**

And either what He says is completely true ... or it is complete nonsense. We see that many who have been offered the pearl of eternal life in baptism have decided it *is* complete nonsense, and have (in effect) discarded it.

They are brave souls, and fortunate, because they have found 'real' life. Or, they are like the punter who had the lotto ticket, and too late realised its value!

Playing fast and loose with the offer of eternal life. That's what we call 'high-stakes' ... a real gamble!

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[www.clonmanyparish.ie](http://www.clonmanyparish.ie) has arrived, and is now live ... but right now it's just the basics



Here's (some) of what we need to build it up.

- A Gallery**  
Photos of Parish events (subject to required permission). E.g.
  - ◆ Parish Corpus Christi procession
  - ◆ Parish blessing of animals
  - ◆ Parish—Ukraine outreach
  - ◆ Parish weddings
  - ◆ Parish baptisms
  - ◆ Parish 'life'.

*Photo 'contributions' might help.*
- A prayer intention page**  
There will be a link to the *Sacred Space* page. This offers:
  - ◆ A Prayer Request page
  - ◆ Daily Prayer of Reflection
  - ◆ A Novenas prayer page
  - ◆ The Ignatian daily Examen
- Faith Formation**  
Adult Faith — the thirst for Living Water  
*Jesus tells us: "If you only knew what GOD is offering ... you would have been the one to ask, and he would have given you living water."* So, for example:
  - ◆ Online Alpha courses have proved very fruitful in many parishes (Google it).
  - ◆ Online Bible exploration.
  - ◆ *Word on Fire* (Bishop Robert Barron) Online sharing on many faith questions.
  - ◆ Online distance learning (*Priory Institute*)
- Parish History**
- Links to the four Schools of our parish.**
- 'Visitors Book' for our diaspora, and all.**

Our webpage is the first welcome to our Parish, so let's make it the best 'welcome' possible. It's exciting we've arrived, but we're only getting started. Please take a look and see what's there ... and, more especially, what's not there!



... To all who give of their time & talents to help us give witness to the Faith of Victory in our parish of Clonmany. You help make present the Spirit of Joy and Life.

There is always more room!

"You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses"

(Acts 1:8)