



Clonmany Parish Newsletter

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ST MARY'S CHURCH, CLONMANY

Saturday— 6:30pm Vigil Mass (Rosary 6:10pm)
Sunday-11:30am Mass
Monday - Friday 9:30am Mass (Rosary 9:10am)

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

MONTH'S MIND MASS

11:30am Mass in St Mary's Church on Sunday 1st September will be offered for Mary Doherty, Glebe on her month's mind. May she rest in peace.

SAINTS OF THE WEEK

Tuesday: St Monica. Wednesday: St Augustine
Thursday: The Passion of John the Baptist
Friday: St Fiacre. Saturday: St Aidan

BAPTISM

We welcome into God's family through holy baptism
Bryce John Walter, Perth, Australia.

SYMPATHY

We offer sincere sympathy to the family and friends of Sheila McLaughlin, Urris & Merville, who died during the week. May she rest in peace.

COLLECTION

Parish collection last weekend amounted to €3,065
Thank you for your continued generosity.

VOCATIONS

We pray for those whom the Lord is calling to serve the parish communities of this diocese that, like Joshua in the first reading, they will choose to serve the Lord as priests, and encourage the people of God to do likewise and that, like St Peter in the Gospel, they will lead others to know Jesus as the One to follow, as the Holy One of God who offers us the message and the gift of everlasting life.

CLONMANY ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

As the new school year approaches if there is any family in need of financial support with books, uniforms, shoes etc. from primary school through to third level please contact 0862388789 or any member of St Vincent De Paul. All matters will be dealt with in the strictest confidence.

PARISH DRAW

Promoters are asked to make returns for the draw on Friday

NOWDOC

6pm Friday—8am Monday, please call NOWDOC 0818400 911

READERS, LAY MINISTERS & COLLECTORS

FOR SEPTEMBER:

Readers: Vigil Mass - Catherine Gill.
10am Liam Doherty.
11:30am - Louise Grant.

Lay Ministers:Vigil Mass - Breege Gill,
Breege McEleney & Mary McGeoghegan
10am Mass – Anne Doherty & John Friel.
11:30am Mass – Roisin Devlin & Louise Grant.

Collectors: Vigil Mass - Patsy Devlin & William Harkin.
10am - Hubert Diver, Roxtown.
11:30am - Pat Doherty & Breegeen Harkin.

SVP Collectors:Vigil Mass - Corney Doherty James Doherty.
10am Mass - Liam Doherty & Yvonne Walsh
11:30am - Joe Coyle & Mary McLaughlin



BLESSED CARLO ACUTIS

A relic of Blessed Carlo Acutis will be brought to St Mary's Church, Bellaghy, on Friday 30 August 2024, for veneration from 3-9pm. An exhibition on the devotions and writings of Blessed Carlo is currently on display in the Church. Blessed Carlo Acutis is due to be canonised next year. He will be the first Saint of the 21st century. His faith and goodness as a teenager of the early years of the present millennium, and as someone who used the internet and digital communication for the good of others and the spreading of devotion to the presence of Jesus in the Eucharist should be an inspiration to us all and especially to the young people of our own day.

MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT WEEKEND

Hosted by Catholic Marriage Encounter Ireland, 8 – 10 November, Focolare Centre, Prosperous, Co Kildare. Limited places. Booking is online only: www.marriageencounter.ie The programme involves a weekend experience aimed at transforming the way spouses communicate to deepen their love for each other. The weekend experience allows one to develop a higher and broader understanding of what it means to be married. Sacramentally married couples are most welcome! *Faithful to the Roman Catholic Church's definition that marriage is a covenant that exists between one man and one woman, any reference to "marriage" or "couple" made by Worldwide Marriage Encounter is in this context.* While faith is a powerful part of this process, the focus of the Marriage Encounter experience is on the ups and downs of married life.

COULD YOU 'HOST FOR HOSPICE'

October is officially Foyle Hospice 'Coffee Morning Month'. We are calling on supporters to help us raise vital funds by hosting a Coffee Morning. Whether it's at home, work or in your local community, get your friends together and get the kettle on, it's a piece of cake!! To request your FREE host pack or for more info, please call Ailbhe McDaid, Community Fund-raiser on 028 71359888 or email: ailbhe@foylehospice.com

CRAFT FAIR

Every Saturday from 11am - 2pm in Men's Shed Carndonagh starting 7th September. Everyone is very welcome. Refreshments served. If you would like to book a table please contact Deborah on 083 842 2088

TEMPORARY HOME

To look after a golden retriever for one week—ten days.
Please contact 087 217 9420.

TO HOPE AND ACT WITH CREATION

Future generations will never forgive us if we miss the opportunity to protect our common home. We have inherited a garden; we must not leave a desert for our children." *Joint statement from Pope Francis, Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew & Archbishop Justin Welby of Canterbury*
In the letter of Saint Paul to the Romans, we see the biblical image of the Earth groaning (Rom 8:22). Today we hear the cry of the Earth all around us. The times we live in show that we are not relating to the Earth as a gift from our Creator, but rather as a resource to be used. And yet, there is hope and the expectation for a better future. To hope in a biblical context does not mean to stand still and quiet, but rather actively striving for new life amidst the struggles. The Season of Creation has a special significance for the Catholic Church, particularly since Pope Francis established 1 September as an annual World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation. 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. This year's theme: "To Hope and Act with Creation".

URRIS GAA CLUB

Results: Senior Men Championship R2 Urris 1-09 Merville 0-10
Reserves Championship R2: Urris 2-10 Carndonagh 1-13
Fixtures Reserve men away to Muff Sun 25th at 3pm
Senior ladies away to Robert Emmets Sun 25th at 10.30am
Club Lotto 15th August: 2,5,8,18. There were no winners of the jackpot €20 winners: Adrian Doherty, Tirnasligo; Jimmy Donaghey, Dunaff; Brian Grant, Annaugh; Conor Friel, Dunaff; Myra Harkin, Glebe
Honk your Horn Bingo every Thursday in the chapel car park at 7.30pm
Congratulations to our U16 boys team who are through to the All County Div 2 on Sun 1st Sept at 7.30pm in St Mary's, Convoy. All support welcome
Keep up to date with underage fixtures and results on our social media.

CLONMANY SHAMROCKS CLUB

Lotto Numbers on 19/08/24 were 03,09,16,22. No winner Jackpot €2,475.
Our next draw will be on 26/08/24 and the Jackpot will be €2,500.
€20 Prizes went to: Jayden & Jessica Farrell, Co. Leitrim; George & Susan Harkin, Annaugh; Janet McEleney, Minaduff.
Tickets available for collection and return at: Centra, Clonmany P.O., Shop-4-Less, Mac's & Sinead's Creations.
https://www.klubfunder.com/Clubs/Clonmany_Shamrocks_FC/lotto

Results: Sunday 18th August: I.W.L. Cup Final:

Clonmany Shamrocks Ladies 5 Cockhill Celtic Ladies 0
Congratulations to Caoimhe and the girls on their win.

Fixtures: Sunday 25th August:

Clubman Shirts: Clonmany Shamrocks v Greencastle @ 2pm.

DRUMFRIES WALKING GROUP

Drumfries walking group (The Walkie Talkie's) will meet on Friday 30th August at Doagh Famine Village carpark at 10am— all welcome.
OM coaching is running a Beginners Meditation Class, in which you can learn powerful meditation techniques that you can use in everyday life. Starting on Tuesday 3rd September for 6 weeks from 7-8pm at a cost of €60. To book contact Orla directly on 00447867387693 or email admin@orlamariecoach.com.

CLONMANY TUG-O-WAR CLUB

Annual General Meeting In the club house on Friday 13th Sept at 8pm.

WHO IS YOUR GOD? ... (FROM LAST WEEK)

The bible is not one Book ... it is a library of 73 Books. Last week we said that the first FIVE books show (4) very different experiences of GOD, with each one described by a different letter — J or E or D or P, We looked last week at 'J', and, very briefly, the other three today. The fun (and life lesson) is when we find ourselves identifying strongly with one of the four.

THE ELOHISTIC EXPERIENCE

- This is the God who demands perfection.
- It is dated from about 750 BC.
- God is referred to as Elohim ('Great Other').

More than likely we are influenced by the 'E' school if ...

- We emphasise in our lives the words of Jesus: 'You must be perfect like your heavenly Father is perfect'.
- We are concerned about weaknesses, imperfections, and sinfulness, and if we devote ourselves to cleansing our soul.
- We get distressed over the weaknesses and sinfulness of others. 'Elohim' does not enter into human brokenness.
- We keep straightening pictures at home (or elsewhere).
- We believe that we will need purification in Purgatory.

DEUTERONOMY — the GOD OF LAW

- It is dated from about 620 BC.
- If you do what is right you will prosper.
- If you do what is wrong you will be punished.

More than likely we are influenced by the 'D' school if ...

- We are counting our sins and comparing them to our virtues — because it all balances out.
- We expect a particular judgement after death, based on pluses and minuses in the book of our life.
- We believe in the prosperity gospel, the health and wealth gospel, or the gospel of success.
- We believe there is a code to be followed, a 'how-to' for life, then our experience of GOD of Law.

THE PRIESTLY EXPERIENCE

- This is the God who needs to be appeased.
- It is dated from about 500 BC.

More than likely we are influenced by the 'P' school if ...

- We believe we need a priest to help us connect to GOD.
- We live with fear that GOD will withdraw his love if we do not please him enough.
- We believe God's love must be merited through prayer, good works and obedience to the rituals of the Church.
- We believe that reverently following the creed and faith tradition is what GOD desires, and if we do so throughout our life, GOD will bless us with entry into what we call heaven.

Fr Kevin