

ST MARY'S CHURCH, CLONMANY

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

PRAYER SERVICE

We will have a Prayer Service on Monday 23rd September at 9:30am in St Mary's Church for the opening of the school year where the children from our four schools will come together for the first time. It is an opportunity for our parish community to prayer together for the year ahead. All parishioners are welcome to this Prayer Service.



SAINTS OF THE WEEK

Monday: St Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio) & St Eunan
 Wednesday: St Finbarr. Thursday: Ss Cosmas and Damian
 Friday: St Vincent de Paul
 Saturday: St Wenceslaus & Ss Lawrence Ruiz & Companions

SYMPATHY

We offer sincere sympathy to the family and friends of Michael Toland, Annaugh, who died during the week. May he rest in peace.

COLLECTION

Parish collection last weekend amounted to €1,845
 Thank you for your continued generosity.

VOCATIONS

In this weekend's Gospel Jesus says, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." We pray for those called to serve the people of God as priests of the diocese of Derry, especially our five seminarians and the three men who have applied to begin their seminary studies this year.

TRÓCAIRE

Trócaire is looking for people to join our team of Christmas fundraisers to help respond to the urgent need of poor communities around the world, including the millions of children and families caught in conflict in Sudan and Gaza. You can take action and make a difference through a range of activities, including the promotion of our Gifts of Change – training and support will be provided. If you would like to find out more about what you can do to help now or over the Advent and Christmas period, then please email Mark McMahon at infony@trocaire.org or call 028 9080 8030.

NOWDOC

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

Clonmany Parish Newsletter

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CELEBRATING THE CREATION OF GOD

A Harvest Thanksgiving
6th October 11:30 Mass

To give thanks for

- ♦ *Those who work on the land on the farms, and on the seas.*
- ♦ *Our call to stewardship of the earth.*
- ♦ *The abundant fruits of the harvest*



RECOGNISING GOD'S GENEROUS LOVE IN CREATION.

DONEGAL HOSPICE ANNUAL REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

Sunday 29th September at 2.30pm in Church of the Irish Martyrs, Letterkenny. A warm welcome to all who have suffered the death of loved ones under the care of Donegal Hospice, at home, in Community Care, in the Hospital or in the Hospice.

CATHOLIC MOTHERS IRELAND RETREAT DAY

Join us for a day of Spiritual Restoration, Inspiring Talks, Holy Mass, Prayer and Confession on Loughderg Island, Pettigo, Co. Donegal on Saturday 5th October. This all day Retreat will run from 10am–5pm. Email catholicmothers@outlook.ie for more info or to book your place.

ORGAN DONATION WEEK—SEPTEMBER 23 - 29

Organ Donation Week is a time dedicated to remembering and giving thanks to people who have enabled the "Gift of Life" to others by donating organs to those in need of life-saving transplants. This week is also an opportunity to raise awareness of organ donation. You are invited to have a conversation with your family, share your decision, register your decision. You Could Be A Life Saver! www.organdonationni.info

INISHOWEN MEDICAL

Flu vaccine and COVID-19 booster on Wednesday 9th October: Clonmany Community Centre 9.30am-3.30pm. No appointment required. Wednesday 23rd October: Inishowen Medical, Ardaravan Sq., Bunrana. Appointment only - call 074 93 61800 to book.

All our community are welcome to attend these winter vaccination clinics. Individuals aged 60 years and older are entitled to a free flu and COVID-19 booster vaccine. Additionally younger people with a weak immune system are also eligible. Nasal flu vaccine is available to 2-17 year olds

PARISH DRAW

Our New Year starts on Friday 27th Sept
 We thank you all for your support in the past and hope you will continue.
 Total Monthly Prizes are €2,270.
 1st Prize 1,000, 2nd 3rd 4th 5th & 6th €150 each, 7th 8th 9th & 10th €80 each.
 Subscription—€10 monthly or €100 yearly
 If you are not already in the draw, now is a good time to join.
 Contact a promoter in your area or the parish office on 074 9376114 or email clonmanyparish1@outlook.com



For the Feast of **SAINT FRANCIS** (patron saint of animals)

Saturday 5th October, at 12 Noon
at Saint Mary's Parish Hall
 to say 'Thank You' to GOD for what our pets bring to our lives

CLOMANY SHAMROCKS CLUB

Lotto Numbers on 16/09/24 were 06,07,19,23. No winner of our Jackpot. Next draw—23/09/24—Jackpot will be €2,600. €20 prizes: Ray Doherty, Moville; Jake Harkin, Melbourne; Ronan Harkin, "Liscara", Gaddyduff. Tickets available for collection & return in local shops
https://www.klubfunder.com/Clubs/Clonmany_Shamrocks_FC/lotto
 Results: 15/09/24 Premier Div: Clonmany Shamrocks 4 Culdaff FC 1
 Div 2: Redcastle Res 3 Clonmany Res 4.
 Fixtures: 22/09/24 Div 2: Rashenny Res v Clonmany Res at 11am.
 FAI Junior Cup : Clonmany Shamrocks v Monaghan Utd. @1.30pm
 Clonmany Shamrocks Annual Dinner Dance—Friday 11th Oct in the Ballyliffin Lodge & Spa. Draws on the night and Prizes for Best Dressed Male & Female. Three Course meal will be served at 7pm. Tickets available—€40 and through our Facebook page.
<https://www.facebook.com/share/p/uABnVNdWoXXhnRm3/?mibextid=WC7FNe>
 Notice: Clonmany Shamrocks FC. A.G.M. will be held on Wednesday 25th September at 8pm upstairs in our Clubhouse.

SLIABH SNEACHT CENTRE NOTES

Drumfries walking group will meet Fri 27th Sept at Clonmany car park 10am
 Patchwork Quilting Course—Tues 1st Oct from 7-9pm (8 weeks). Beginners & experienced quilters welcome. Oil Painting Course—Thurs 26th Sept from 2-4pm (8 Weeks). To book contact the centre 0749361742.
 Music Box Singers, Age 6-14yrs—Tuesday October the 1st from 4-5pm
 Guitar Academy Beginners Age 7+ Tues Oct 1st from 5-6pm.
 Boogie Bugs 0-3yrs—Fri 4th Oct at 9:30am. For more information or to book contact the Music Box directly through private msg on Face Book or email Themusicboxireland@gmail.com.
 Job Vacancy - The Sliabh Sneacht Centre require a Building Maintenance/ Caretaker, 19.5 hours per week, CE conditions apply. Applicants must be able to supply 2 reference's and pass Garda vetting. For further details, please log onto www.jobsireland.ie or call to your local Intreo Centre.



IS POPE FRANCIS EVEN A CATHOLIC

... OR IS HE, IN FACT, A HERETIC?

This is the question a number of 'social media' Catholics have been asking over the last week, especially on their YouTube channels. They're upset at what they see as the latest blunder by Pope Francis in terms of him defending (or even knowing) our Catholic Faith. It happened during the Holy Father's visit to Singapore when he had a meeting with young people from different faith backgrounds (including Sikh, Muslim, Hindu and Christian).

During the meeting Pope Francis said: "All religions are paths to God", and added "But my God is more important than yours!" Is this true? There is only one God, and religions are like languages, paths to reach God."

Our YouTube commentators are upset because this, they believe, is a denial of the core belief of our Catholic Faith — that, as *The Catechism of the Catholic Church* (CCC) tells us, *There is no salvation apart from Christ and his One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church*, and how this is an infallible teaching, not up for debate among Catholics (at CCC 846).

However, the challenge for our YouTubers might be this: OK, they know this teaching about salvation, but they seem not to know (or disregard) what comes next in the Catechism. This next part speaks of "those, who, through no fault of their own, do not know the Gospel of Christ or his Church" (CCC 847). Our Church teaches that, if people in this situation live their lives with a sincere heart, and in a loving and good and kind way, they may (without understanding) be seeking the GOD of Catholic Faith. And, if so, those too may achieve eternal salvation. (CCC 847)

uh oh

But it does leave this question. What about those who *do know the Gospel of Christ* — those who are baptised, by their own choice? Perhaps salvation just happens automatically, or not? But it'd be worth knowing about anyway ... just in case someone actually does come 'to judge the living and the dead'!

Fr Kevin