

# MOYVANE PARISH NEWSLETTER

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## OUR PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

In Our Parish people are nourished and inspired by the Word of God. It is a Parish Community where love is tangible and practical. It is a place where people pray together. Our Parish Community is centered on Jesus Christ, on knowing and loving Him. It is incarnated in the love, care, and respect we show to one another.

### Vigil and Sunday Masses: Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> August

MOYVANE VIGIL:	Sat	6 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Dora Ahern (1 <sup>st</sup> Anni) & her loving husband Maurice, Kilbaha
KNOCKANURE:	Sun	7 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Parishioners
MOYVANE:	Sun	7 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	For the French People, Fr. Jaques Hamel & all who died as a result of Terrorist attacks this year

### Weekday Masses: Monday 8<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> August

#### Church of the Assumption Moyvane:

Mon	8 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Jer Mulvihill, Glenalappa (Anni) & Deceased members of the Mulvihill & Connolly Families
Tues	9 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	James O'Brien, Glin (Rec Dec)
Wed	10 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Mick & Mary Moloney, Clarr (Anni)
Fri	12 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Mary & Ned O'Flaherty, Tubbertoureen (Anni)
Sat	13 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Seán Neligan, Kilbaha (Anni)
Sun	14 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	Brendan Finucane, Tarbert (Rec Dec)

#### Church of Corpus Christi Knockanure:

Thurs	11 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Ellen & Laurence Collins, Lisaniskea, Kilmorna (Anni)
Sun	14 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Mass of Thanksgiving for Dr. Áine Birmingham, Listowel

## Information

**PRIEST ON DUTY THIS SUNDAY:** Fr. Canon Declan O'Connor ☎ 087/0908949. Emergencies only.

**LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTIONS:** You very generously contributed €1,450.23 to the Offertory Collection (White Envelopes). Dues- P.P's Collection €90.00 (Green Envelopes). Thank you so very much.

**SECOND COLLECTION:** Will be taken up after Communion at all Masses next weekend 13<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup> in aid of the Pastoral & Retreat Centres in our Diocese.

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST:** KNOCKANURE: Tues 10.00am to 12noon.

MOYVANE: Wed 9.00am to 11.00am. Feel free to visit the Churches outside these times to pray, reflect, and meditate before the tabernacle which has the presence of the Blessed Sacrament reserved. Churches remain open until 8pm.

**CEMETERY MASS:** Our final Mass was on Monday evening 1<sup>st</sup>. Very many thanks to all who braved the elements to attend. I have given up completely in trying to please all the people. Many delighted that it was in the Cemetery, while others wanted it in the Church. I blessed Holy Water with the instructions that all present were to take the water with a prayer on to one's grave. "Some said "Oh the Priest never blessed the graves". I blessed the graves through my prayers and got all present to bless them with Holy Water. Team Ministry! Very many thanks to all who positively helped- the Committee, The Parish Liturgy Group, Choir, Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, Servers, Stewards and the land owners who gave the facility of their fields for parking and all who helped in any way in making the Mass special. Thank You.

**FEED BACK PLEASE:** Within the next few weeks we hope to have the Cemetery dates published for next year. This will give plenty of notice to those home and away time to make arrangements if they wish to attend. So let us know - should they be all in the one week? or spaced out like they were this year? And also should they be on a Friday evening to accommodate those working away from the Parish? You can write in your comments or phone them to Jacqueline in the Office before Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> August. Thank you.

**COMMUNITY GAMES:** The parish are proud to announce that our community games U13's girls indoor soccer team have qualified to represent Moyvane /Knockanure in National finals in Athlone. Kearney's Bar Moyvane have kindly organised a traditional Irish night this Sat the 6th with all proceeds going to the community games. Please support.



### FR. JACQUES R.I.P

What awful sadness that poor Fr. Jacques Hamel encountered preparing for morning Mass in his quiet Normandy town of Saint-Etienne-du-Rouvray. Equally for his dedicated Parishioners. That this 85 year old curate was chosen by **ISIS** simply because he was old and vulnerable is frightening. As Catholics we have a particular sensitivity for those who suffer innocent death. That Fr. Jaques would have died defenceless within sight of the crucifix makes his murder all the more poignant and painful to contemplate. He paid the highest price that his vocation demands. Yet the thought of having to say Mass behind locked doors is repugnant. Most Priests will prefer to face the risk. The call for more dialogue is always made at times like this. Yet the one thing that is sure about these so-called soldiers of so-called Islamic State is that they are not interested in, nor capable of any kind of dialogue. Nevertheless dialogue including building relationships across cultural boundaries has a substantial role to play. A young Muslim, ignorant of his own faith and prey to radicalisation, may come to believe that Catholics are his sworn enemy. They may know nothing of current Catholic teaching urging all of us Catholics to respect members of other faiths, and to work together on shared projects for the common good. Dialogue is about replacing false perceptions with true ones, and emphasising what is held in common. Let our daily prayers anytime that a meaningful dialogue can and will take place. In fact dialogue is so important for all of us who claim to be brothers and sisters in Jesus Christ.

### THE EVER READY CHRISTIAN

We all know we are going to die. I'm not sure if knowing it has much of an influence on the way we live. We are quite right not to let it dominate or depress us, but we're quite foolish if our reluctance to face up to it leaves us entirely unprepared. Because death is inevitable, because it often takes us by surprise, because it brings us face to face with our maker, because it presents us with the prospect of eternal happiness, Jesus is warning us in this weekend's Gospel always to be prepared. He put this warning in different ways: **"Be like people waiting for their master to return from the wedding feast, ready to open the door as soon as he comes"** We ought to be like the battery - ever ready Christians - always alert, always prepared. How do we prepare? Well, I think our basic preparation has to be in terms of attitude. We make a conscious effort to accept our death in faith. Human death, your death, my death, is not an animal death. It's the death of a person, of one who is free. So death should be a human act. The plants and animals perish-only humans die. Death is not just something that happens to us from outside. It's something for which we consciously prepare our minds, our hearts and our lives. Death is inevitable. We must learn to accept that. Death as a "must" must become death as a "want". We all must learn to look at all reality including death, in the face. The person best placed to help us with this is Jesus Himself. He didn't look forward to death any more than we do. He cried, "Father, if it be possible let this cup pass me by". Yet His dying, when we think about it was full of faith. It was the human act - par excellence? He gathered Himself in an act of supreme trust - "Father, into your hands I commit my Spirit". This weekend Jesus is telling us to prepare for death in life's everyday situations. He is inviting us to make the most of the present. So we prepare for death by responding to present situations, and by developing a pattern of life that leaves us ready for anything. Jesus comes into our lives in the sick, the poor, the people with whom we live, the challenge of the Commandments, the choice we have between good and evil. "God", to quote Patrick Kavanagh, "is in the bits and pieces of everyday". So we are reminded that a good faithful Christian life in this world is the best preparation for next". How is your preparation going?

### A DREAM....

A wise man was known to be writing a book, but the years went by and he was still a long way from reaching the last page. One day, when he was very old, a young man asked him if he was not impatient and sad to see it uncompleted. The old man smiled, "All my life it has been my ambition to finish writing my book but an ambition realised is like a snowflake in a warm hand. Take away my dream and what would I have left?" When he died, his pen was still in his hand, the unfinished manuscript in front of him. It is said he was smiling happily. The story had a moral, it is this: Don't take away people's hopes and dreams. Often they are the most precious and best-loved things in their lives.



Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> August, 2016.

# Boro Extras



**FIVE DAY RETREAT:** This retreat will take place in Emmaus Centre, Swords, Co. Dublin from 28<sup>th</sup> August to 2<sup>nd</sup> September. It will be directed by Fr. Brendan Keane C.S.S.R. on "The Beatitudes". Sign in at 6pm on August 28<sup>th</sup> and it will conclude on Fri 2<sup>nd</sup> September at 2pm. Residential full board and all meals €450. Non-residential with meals only €300. Deposit of €100 is to be made when booking. Full details email [Emmauscentre@emmauscentre.ie](mailto:Emmauscentre@emmauscentre.ie) or phone 01/8700050.

**BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS:** Dedicated Parishioners celebrated special Birthdays and Anniversaries with their family and friends during the past week. Tom Flavin, Trien, Kilmorna and Nell Ahern, Leitrim Middle and Mick O'Brien, Church Road, celebrated special birthdays. Also Mick and his wife Kathleen celebrated their 60<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary some weeks ago. All have enriched their families immensely and also our Parish over the years. We wish them continued good health and blessings.

**SIGN LANGUAGE CLASSES:** John Patrick Doherty Chaplain for Deaf People is running 8 week, Irish Sign Language Classes in our Diocese. For more information contact: [johnpatrick@ncdp.ie](mailto:johnpatrick@ncdp.ie) or text: 087/9062947 or visit [dioceseofkerry.ie](http://dioceseofkerry.ie).

**ADULT LITERACY:** The Adult Literacy and Basic Education Service in Listowel are looking for volunteers to help people with reading and writing. Training will be provided. Contact in confidence Mary Swaine on 068/23866.

**P.T.A.A:** The Pioneer Total Abstinence Association has called on the Irish Bishops to reintroduce the Pledge in Confirmation Masses as "a first step" in tackling Ireland's destructive relationship with alcohol. As of yet no Bishop has responded to this request.

**"IT'S THE WAY YOU TELL 'EM!"** Popular Parishioner and Seanchaí, Tom Moore, Glenalappa won the top prize for the most entertaining act in the Seán McCarthy Festival, Finuge last week. A trophy and cash for the man who is never short of a word and brings smiles and good humour to all of us. Well done Tom, richly deserved.

**COMMUNITY GAMES ALL-IRELAND SOCCER FINAL:** The build up to the U13 girl's indoor soccer final is building up nicely. As you can see from our Newsletter fundraising is taking place to help all involved with the finals. We wish them every blessings and success in their preparations.

**COMMUNITY ALERT:** Didn't the Community Alert System work wonderfully in Waterville by helping the Gardaí in catching those who robbed the Post Office. If anyone is interested in joining Moyvane Community Alert which is working very well, please contact Neilus on 087/6773345.

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT:** Can we continue to urge all, especially during holiday time to keep our Village tidy. A bin has been provided near the School and the Playground. We encourage people to dispose of their rubbish in the bin not near it. It is important that we all make an effort to keep our Village clean. These are the days when they judges from the tidy towns will be visiting our area so it is important that our rubbish is disposed of in the proper way.

## **ARE YOU SOMEBODY?**

An Irish journalist recently recounted an experience of being approached by a fellow shopper who asked her "You are somebody aren't you?" To be fully known, accepted and understood by others is one of the deepest hungers in life. It is a rear and cherished experience between spouses, children and parents of all ages and even between friends. While self-belief is important, if we were to be honest, most of us are curious of what others think of us. Opinion polls, market surveys, questionnaires and random interviews have all become very much part of our modern world today. Jesus too was interested in public opinion, not out of curiosity or desire to capitalize upon them, His way led not only to a throne but to a rejection of a cross. Jesus reminds his disciples and all of us not to base our lives upon speculation or hearsay: we are to make our own decisions. He asked the disciples on many occasions "Who do you say I am?" If you were asked that same question now what would your answer be? We are all brothers and sisters of Jesus and if we recognize that we will have greater courteous, love and respect for each other and our world. Yes we are somebody we are brothers and sisters of Jesus.

