

MOYVANE PARISH NEWSLETTER

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Vigil and Sunday Masses - Saturday 6th and Sunday 7th January

MOYVANE:	Sat	6 th	11.00am	FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY - HOLY DAY - Parishioners
BAPTISM OF THE LORD			7.30pm	VIGIL - Bridget Holly, daughter Emma & Emma's husband Jack O'Brien (Anni's) & John Holly & all the deceased of the Holly Family, The Village
KNOCKANURE:	Sat	6 th	10.00am	FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY - Special Intention
BAPTISM OF THE LORD	Sun	7 th	10.00am	Theresa & Michael Bambury, Gortaglanna (Anni)
MOYVANE:			11.00am	Donal Cunningham, Kilbaha (Anni), his sister Breda & her husband Andy Thomas

Church of the Assumption Moyvane: Monday 8th to Sunday 14th January

Mon	8 th	7.30pm	Patrick Marchbank, Colorado (Rec Dec)
Tues	9 th	7.30pm	Ned Moore, Glenalappa (Anni)
Wed	10 th	7.30pm	John Gregg, Aughrim (Anni) & Dec of the Gregg & Hanrahan Families
Fri	12 th	7.30pm	Mary O'Sullivan, Kilbaha (Anni)
Sat	13 th	7.30pm	Mary Ellen O'Dea, Cooraclare Village (Rec Dec)
Sun	14 th	11.00am	John Joe Behan, Aughrim (Anni)

Church of Corpus Christi Knockanure: Thursday 11th to Sunday 14th January

Thurs	11 th	7.30pm	Tom Barrett, London & I/o Knockdown Athea (Rec Dec) (brother to Joe Barrett, Carrueragh)
Sat	13 th	4.00pm	Sheila Nash, Knockanure (Months Mind)
Sun	14 th	10.00am	Michelle Foley, Kilmorna (Anni) & her grandfather Michael Keane

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PRIEST ON DUTY THIS SUNDAY: Yours truly ☎ 089/4044816.

FR. KEVIN'S FIRST FRIDAY CALLS: Knockanure on Thurs 11th Jan. Moyvane & Duagh on Fri 12th Jan.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: KNOCKANURE - Tues 10am to 6pm. MOYVANE: Wed 10am to 7pm.

LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTIONS: Offertory €2,243.60 (please note that this includes donations from parishioners who make lump sum donations once a year); Dues - you have been very generous with your dues offerings which this week amounted to €1,045; Shrines Moyvane €320 & Knockanure €55. Very many thanks for your great support and generosity.

SECOND COLLECTION: At all Masses this weekend in aid of the Holy Land.

PRAYERS & SYMATHY: To Jeremiah Kennelly & Family, Knockanure on the death of his aunt Mary Stack (née Kennelly), I/o Gortdromagowna, who died recently in England and whose funeral will place in England on Jan 16th. Mary was married to the late Pat Stack, Aughrim. Our prayerful support also to the Stack family. Mary rest in peace.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASS: For Knockanure children will be at 10am in Knockanure Church on Sunday 14th January and at 11am in Moyvane Church for the children of Murhur N.S. The theme of this Mass is 'We listen to God's Word'. It is important that all children, parents/guardians are at this Mass.

CRIBS: While most people are packing away Christmas this weekend, we will still have the Cribs and the Christmas decorations in place to welcome the Wise Men. Feel free to join them.

NOTICES:

KERRY BRANCH OF THE SAMARITANS: Wish to thank you for your continued support of their Christmas Eve & Christmas Day Church Collections. €1139.05 was collected in Moyvane, the amount collected in Knockanure to follow in due course.

A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU!

As I walked up to Mary in the Post Office, it was very pleasant to be greeted by a parishioner wishing me a Happy New Year. The start of a new calendar with its clean fresh pages is something we cannot ignore. It offers us a new beginning and it is good to wish one another peace and goodwill in the year ahead. Whether or not we propose to make any New Year's resolutions, the end of one year and the beginning of another is a time for taking stock.

**To look backwards with gratitude,
To look onwards with hope and
To look upwards with hope and faith.**

The late great Charlie Lamb put it this way....."every 1st of January that we arrive at is an imaginary milestone on the turnpike track of human life, at once a resting place for thought and meditation, and a starting point for fresh exertions in the performance of our journey". Wishing each and every one of you a happy and grace filled New Year.

LIGHT AND DARKNESS

We are told that the Magi (Wise Men) were led to Jesus by the light of a bright star. Often, however, it is not through an experience of light, but of darkness, that people discover Jesus. This should not really surprise us. The fact is we cannot see the stars in the bright light of the day, but only in the darkness of night the brighter they shine. Just as the stars continue to shine even when we cannot see them, so the Lord's light is always there, though it is sometimes hidden from us by clouds, clouds of confusion, distraction and unbelief. Everyone needs a star to follow, just as ships at sea need a lighthouse beacon to guide them to port. From now on we have a star that will not deceive us, we have a compass that will not lie to us. You, Lord, are the star that will guide us until the lights of the eternal port appear on the horizon.

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

This Sunday we celebrate the Baptism of Christ. A quick look at our Scripture Readings for this celebration reveals the following:

FIRST READING PROPHET ISAIAH: Here we are given a portrait of a true servant of God. He is gentle, humble of heart, and totally dedicated to His Messiah, which is to bring about true justice.

SECOND READING ACTS OF THE APOSTLES: We have a description of how the early Christians saw Baptism. The baptised person was said to have been 'anointed with the Holy Spirit and with power'.

GOSPEL FROM MATTHEW: Tells of the Baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan by His cousin John, how His true identity was revealed, and how He was given power for the Mission He was about to begin. Being Baptised carries a strong responsibility. This weekend we get an ideal opportunity to check out 'how am I living out my Baptism?'

UNDERGROUND CABLE PROJECT

Phase 1 installation of the underground electricity infrastructure between The Creamery to Ahavoher Bridge starts on Wednesday 17th 2018. This section of work will last for approximately 4-5 months. A dedicated Liaison Officer Alan Quinn will deal with any issues or queries people may have in relation to the work. His phone number is 086/4600223.

PRAYERS FOR POPE FRANCIS



The second anniversary of his election Pope Francis mused, "I have the sensation that my pontificate will be short four or five years. On March 13th 2018, five years will be up - yet he has no intention of resigning. Just before Christmas speaking with his top officials of the Curia and the Cardinals living and working in Rome, he spoke quite openly to them. He spoke of the existence within the Curia of "unbalanced and debased mind set of plots and small cliques of a real cancer leading to self-centredness" On top of that he emphasised the danger of traitors, persons chosen to support and implement reforms led by ambition and abusive power, this straight talking assessment stunned and shocked all those present. What will their response

be in 2018? It will be interesting if Pope Francis will continue challenging in this frame of mind? May the Lord bless him and protect him, he needs our continual prayers.