

MOYVANE PARISH NEWSLETTER

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Parish Office times: Mon & Thurs 10am - 12noon; Tues & Fri 10am - 1pm; Closed Wednesday.
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Vigil and Sunday Masses - Saturday 16th and Sunday 17th February

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| MOYVANE: | Sat 16 th | 7.30pm | Martin & Mary Mulvihill, Leitrim East (Anni) |
| KNOCKANURE: | Sun 17 th | 10.00am | Patrick & Mary Kennelly, Gortdromagouna (Anni) |
| MOYVANE: | | 11.00am | Denis Murphy, Ballyfinane, Cork (1 st Anni) |

Church of the Assumption Moyvane: Monday 18th to Sunday 24th February

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| Mon 18 th | 10.00am | Mass celebrating Grandparents Day - Murhur N.S. (Mass in the Church) |
| | 7.30pm | Tom & Nellie O'Connor, Glin Road (Anni) & deceased of the O'Connor family |
| Tues 19 th | 10.00am | Nora & Joseph O'Connor & Pascal O'Rourke (Anni) |
| Fri 22 nd | 7.30pm | Bernadette O'Sullivan, Aughrim (Anni), Paddy, Bridget & John Joe Hanrahan & James & Betty O'Sullivan |
| Sat 23 rd | 7.30pm | James Fitzmaurice, Leitrim Middle & Sutton (Anni) |
| Sun 24 th | 11.00am | Bridie Stackpoole, Aughrim (Anni) & her husband Henry |

Church of Corpus Christi Knockanure: Sunday 24th February

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| Sun 24 th | 10.00am | Parishioners |
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PRIEST ON DUTY THIS SUNDAY: Fr. Mossie Brick ☎ 087/9473317. Emergencies only.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: KNOCKANURE: Tuesday 10am - 5pm; MOYVANE: Wednesday 10am - 7pm.

LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTIONS: Offertory €1,339.36; Second collection (Lourdes) €885. Very many thanks for your generosity.

PRAYER FOR SURVIVORS OF ABUSE: The annual day of prayer for survivors of abuse was opened in Killarney on Friday 15th February. The Bishop has encouraged us to pray in the coming weekends as the Episcopal Conference worldwide begins in Rome with Pope Francis to discuss safeguarding of minors in the Church. The Bishop also invites us to use a special Penitential Rite at all Masses this weekend. He also shares with us the following prayer of atonement:

PRAYER OF ATONEMENT:

Lord, forgive us our many sins.

We grieve and repent with all our hearts for having offended you, for our great failings and neglect of the young and vulnerable.

We place all of those who have been hurt by the Church in any way into your loving hands and under the protection of Our Blessed Mother.

Lord, bring peace to their broken lives and show us all the way out of darkness, into the light of your Word. May we as the people of God be more fully human, more fully Christ-like and more fully your people, that we may see the errors of the past and go forward with renewed hope and faith in Christ and in our Church. Amen.

PRAYING THE GOSPELS THROUGH LENT: You are warmly invited to a morning with Fr. Seamus O'Connell, Professor of Sacred Scripture, Maynooth, in St. Brendan's Pastoral Centre, Upper Rock Street, Tralee on **Saturday 23rd February** (10am -12.30). Registration at 10am, starting at 10.15am sharp. Please phone St. Brendan's 066- 7125932 to register. Suggested offering of €5. Everyone is welcome.

ARDFERT RETREAT CENTRE ☎ 066/7134276:

Christian Spiritual Development Course-The Beatitudes: Fr. Sean Sheehy, Wednesdays 7.00pm to 8.30pm.
Gathering for all Parish Eucharistic Ministers, Readers and Parish Personnel: Bishop (Emeritus) Bill Murphy, Thursday 21st February 7.30pm.

Life in the Spirit: Moss & Janice Carrig, Tuesdays 7.30pm to 9.00pm - starts February 19th.

Summer Retreat: Fr. Philip Baxter, OFM Cap., Friday 7th - Thursday 13th June.

'IT'S WHAT'S INSIDE THAT MATTERS'

Grandparents play a huge role in loving and shaping grandchildren. Our two National Schools put together meaningful and lovely Masses to give thanks for the great blessings that grandparents are. Thanks to all involved. I heard a delightful story from a Granny, which I'd like to pass on: "Recently we had our two grandsons to stay with us while their mother was resting after the birth of a new baby. By seven o'clock each night they were bathed and in their pyjamas. This is when they liked to sit beside me looking at old photo albums before being tucked up in bed. They found pictures of themselves as babies, of their mummy when she was a little girl and they were intrigued to find one of me on my wedding day". "Granny", said four-year-old James, scrutinising the lines on my face and my grey hair, "you're not as pretty as you used to be". John, who is older - and wiser - said, "That's not important, James. It's what granny's are like inside that matters - and she's lovely". "He gave me a big hug - bless his heart!" Grandchildren have great insight. Lord keep them safe and their families too.



KEEPING SUNDAY SPECIAL

A Sabbath well spent
Brings a week of content
And strength for the toils of tomorrow
But a Sabbath profaned
What so e'er may be gained
Is a certain forerunner of sorrow!



IT'S GOOD ADVICE

I went to confession during the week feeling a little down and very much tied up in self-pity. After I had made my confession the Priest smiled at me and counselled "Fr. Kevin, stop worrying about your own halo and start shining up your neighbours" That little sentence made me sit up and take notice. It woke me up. It struck me then as the best twelve-word formula for getting along with people that I had ever heard. I like it for its implication that everyone, in some area of life, has a halo that is worth watching out for and acknowledging. I love it for the picture it conjures up - everyone industriously polishing away at everybody else's little circle of Divine Light! I like the firm way it shifts the emphasis from self to interest and concern for others. That twelve-word formula that I got after confession during the week has already left a nice image in my heart and mind. I hope it will also leave a nice impression in my life. Please God it will.

THE HOLY LAND

I read somewhere that the Sea of Galilee and the Dead Sea are formed by the same water supply. The water flows down, clear and cool from Mount Hermon. The Sea of Galilee makes beauty of its water for the sea has an outlet. It gets to give. It gathers in its riches that it may pour them out again to fertilise the Jordan plain. The Dead Sea, on the other hand, with the same source of refreshing water, is desolate, for the Dead Sea has no outlet. It gets only to keep. Interestingly, unselfish and selfish people act much the same way. Unselfish people get to give and luxuriate in their generosity, while selfish people only get to keep and stagnate into desolation. October 23rd for 8 nights full details from Parish Office.

HOW YOU READ IT!

G-O-D-I-S-N-O-W-H-E-R-E; So how did you do? There are two ways of reading the above letters - GOD IS NOW HERE - and at once the day seems brighter; the spirit lifts; the sun shines. The second way of reading the letters - GOD IS NO WHERE - what a different outlook. We immediately feel depressed and down. Things seem grey. Hope disappears. Help us, Lord, to seek and find you in all our daily actions and in all that life brings. Help us to realise that a day hemmed in prayer is less likely to unravel.

NOTICES

MURHUR NATIONAL SCHOOL OPEN DAY: This will take place on Wednesday 20th February from 12.30 to 3pm for parents and pupils thinking about attending our school in the coming years. Mrs. O'Regan and Mrs. Quill will address the gathering. Forms will be available on the day and any questions you may have on the day will be answered. Please feel free to call during this time. We look forward to meeting you.

LISTOWEL FAMILY RESOURCE CENTRE: Names now taken for the annual mid-term break camp on February 21st and 22nd next. A wide variety of activities including arts/crafts, fun/games, computers and much more besides. The camp runs from 9.15am-1.15pm daily. Spaces limited. Contact 068/23584.