

MOYVANE PARISH NEWSLETTER

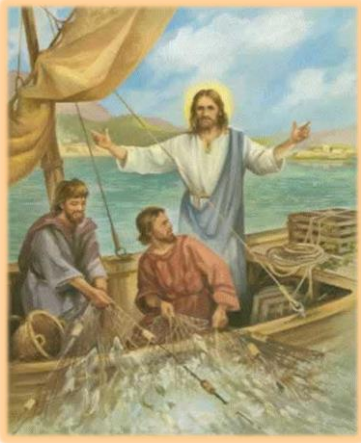
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KNOCKANURE:

MOYVANE:



Vigil and Sunday Masses: Sat April 9th and Sun April 10th

MOYVANE VIGIL: Mass for the intentions of all Pupils, Parents, Staff, Board of Management, Parents Council and all associated with Murhur N.S.

(At the request of Anne Prendiville who taught in the School for 33 years)

Sun 10th 10.00am Jimmy Cunningham, Kilbaha (Anni)

Sun 10th 11.00am Dan, Bridie, Danny & Veronica Keane, Coilagurteen (Anni)

Weekday Masses: Monday April 11th to Sunday April 17th

Church of the Assumption Moyvane:

Mon 11th 7.30pm Nora King (nee Mulvihill), Leitrim Middle & Chicago (Rec Dec) Funeral took place in Chicago.

Wed 13th 7.30pm Mai Quinn, Leitrim West (1st Anni)

Sat 16th 7.30pm Richard Stack. Clounbrane (Anni)

Sun 17th 11.00am John Shanahan, Kilbaha (Anni)
& Dec Members of the Egan & Shanahan Families

Church of Corpus Christi Knockanure:

Sun 17th 10.00am Parishioners

PARISH NOTICES:

PRIEST ON DUTY THIS SUNDAY: Fr. Noel Spring ☎ 087/2935969. Emergencies only.

ADORATION: KNOCKANURE: Tuesday 10am to 6pm. MOYVANE: Wednesday 10am to 7pm. All welcome.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION: last weekend amounted to €1,545.26 and to **TRÓCAIRE** €402.98. This brings the Trócaire collection total to date to €1,348.28. Very many thanks.

PETER'S PENCE - SECOND COLLECTION: This collection will be taken up at all Masses this weekend. This is the Pope's charity and this year he has asked all to be extra generous as the total amount from this collection (taken up in all Churches in Europe) goes to the Christian Churches in Ukraine, who have endured war and persecution continually over the last number of years. Please give generously.

SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN: Our Parish Representative for Safeguarding Children is Mary Kennelly, Moyvane ☎ 086/0791791. Please feel free to contact Mary if you or yours have any issues with regards to Safeguarding Children in either of our Churches or indeed in our Diocese.

THANK YOU: To the Confirmation Children & Parents who attended the Confirmation Retreat in Ardfert on April 2nd. It was great to receive such favorable comments from those in the Retreat Centre on how well behaved and how enthusiastically the children partook in the Retreat. They are a credit to their Families, their Schools and their Parish. Well done to all who attended.

GOOD RESPONSE: Many thanks to those who came forward in Knockanure willing to get involved in various Ministries. If there is anyone else willing to do so please contact myself ☎ 087/6099930 or the Parish Office ☎ 068/49308 before Thursday 14th April. I do really appreciate your encouragement and support.

HOUSE OF MERCY "CALL": Pope Francis has proposed that "a hospital, a home for the elderly, for abandoned children, a home for recovery of addicts or some similar structure be established in every Diocese as a living memory of the Year of Mercy". Now that's a nice challenge for our Diocese with many vacant buildings and prime land locations!



EARTH WEEK: is from April 17th to 23rd. We plan to mark the week with special celebrations - details next week. The theme is "Would you like to protect our Earth TODAY for our children's TOMORROW?"

20TH ANNIVERSARY: Easter 20 years ago a group of Parishioners helped Moyvane Development Association in providing a beautiful Nature Trail through the local Wood. It is a delightful amenity to have in our area and enhances our Parish in so many ways. The MDA have marked the occasion with a number of native trees which they planted on Easter Sunday weekend assisted by staff from SSE, Tarbert Power Station.

DO THIS IN MEMORY: We welcome Children in both Churches today as they prepare for Holy Communion.

BELIEVE!

While John's Mum had been suffering from chronic heart failure for some time, the family took it for granted that she would be around indefinitely. When John received the news that she had died, it was a strange sensation. Nothing mattered except the fact that she was dead. All the normal reference points disappeared, to be replaced by the central realization that what had been the most important referent - Mum - was now a memory without a physical or geographic location. It was an unexpected sense of being orphaned, of being cut loose from his moorings at the age of fifty-five, of having lost the one who had always been an absolute. John felt a profound grief from deep within, not just from behind the eyes as seen in the movies. Through all of this, John's experience of faith was different too. It went beyond feeling "sadder but wiser" to hit at the core of things for John, the question was: "Do I have any faith at all, or is what appears to be my beliefs simply the echo of Mum and Dad's faith? As long as my parents were alive, faith by proxy was possible. We could afford to jokingly indulge Mum's all-encompassing faith - she had enough for all of us", exclaimed John. But suddenly, John is on his own. There is a huge void with nothing to fill it but one's own faith. At the funeral Mass, in one of the readings - St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians - the three things that last are "Faith, Hope and Love and the greatest of these is Love!" Although the foundations of John's faith had been shaken, I knew in my heart that John will have the surety of his Mum's love, beckoning him to believe and to have faith like hers. I know John believes this too. Have you made a journey from doubt to faith in your own life? What makes it hard for you to have faith? Think of who or what helps you to strengthen your convictions. The disciples these Easter days are moving from doubt to faith, may we do the same!

STRANGER ON THE SHORE

Nobody likes to fail. The Apostles had failed, but the 'Stranger on the shore' got them to say, "We caught nothing - we failed". If we can say these words in the presence of someone we trust, then suddenly failure loses its power over us. It is sometimes easier to say them to a sympathetic stranger than to a friend or family member. Then the Stranger told them to let down the net once more. They did this and made a large catch of fish. This shows that even when Jesus is only a shadowy figure in the margins of our lives, we are still ok if we do what He asks of us. But once Peter recognized the Stranger he wanted to encounter Him, he wanted to be near Him. There is a world of difference between those who have encountered the Risen Jesus and those who obey a Stranger. The Risen Jesus nourishes those who encounter Him and He gives them a task to do. He says to them: "Feed my lambs, feed my sheep". Still in the beautiful Easter season may all of us be honest and faithful in putting Gospel values into practice. Let us encourage one another in this privileged task. May our weaknesses not hinder us in being Easter People.

COMMUNITY NOTICES:

SUPER 15: I am not talking about great football or hurling teams but rather about the fifteen Parishioners who responded generously to the call last Monday eve to join in the County wide clean-up appeal. Close on 45 bags of rubbish were collected and so many outside of this fifteen cleaned in front of their own Residence. Well done to one and all and especially to the Moyvane Development Association who are always to the forefront to ensure that our Parish looks its radiant best through all Seasons.

ICA CANCER COLLECTION: raised the large amount of €1,860 from their Daffodil selling & serving tea at Bingo in the Marian Hall. They wish to thank all who contributed so generously and all who helped.

ICA: Next meeting Tues 12th April @ 7.30pm. New members most welcome.

KERRY 2016 OFFICIAL CEREMONIES: To commemorate the Ring Brothers & Rosalie Rice, Valentia Island on Sunday 17th April, 2016 at 3pm; To commemorate Roger Casement, Banna Thursday 21st April arrival by 11.30am, full State Ceremony commences 12pm - no ticket required. Everyone welcome.

COFFEE MORNING: on the 15th April in Christy's Bar, Listowel from 10am - 1pm in aid of Cystic Fibrosis.

YOUTH 2000 RETREAT KILLARNEY: will be hosting a Catholic Youth Retreat in St. Brendan's College, Killarney from 15th - 17th April. Age group 16-35yrs are most welcome at this donation only event. The weekend will consist of a programme covering Youth Masses, talks, music, games etc. Residential - so please bring a sleeping bag! For more information ☎ 086/3066892 or check out www.youth2000.ie

PRESENTATION SECONDARY SCHOOL: are holding a Bingo Fundraiser on Sunday, 24th April 2016 in the School Hall at 3.00p.m. The Jackpot is €1,000. All welcome!

VOCATION SUNDAY: We ask your prayers this weekend for vocations to Priesthood and Religious Life.