

MOYVANE PARISH NEWSLETTER

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Vigil and Sunday Masses: Saturday 2nd and Sunday 3rd July

MOYVANE VIGIL:	Sat	2 nd	7.30pm	Tess Mulvihill (Anni)
KNOCKANURE:	Sun	3 rd	10.00am	Parishioners
MOYVANE:	Sun	3 rd	11.00am	Tom O Flaherty, The Village (Anni)

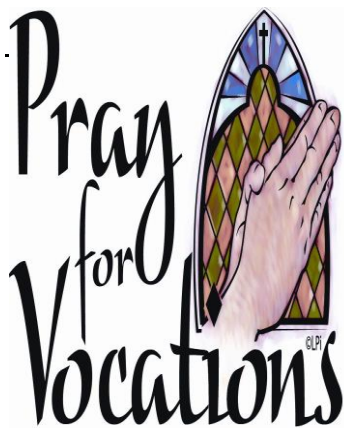
Weekday Masses: Tuesday 5th to Sunday 10th July

Church of the Assumption Moyvane:

Tues	5 th	7.30pm	Martin Whelan, l/o Ballyduff (Rec Dec)
Wed	6 th	7.30pm	Fr. James Kissane (Anni) & Deceased Members of the Kissane Family, Ahalahana
Fri	8 th	7.30pm	Kay Gregan, Dublin (Rec Dec)
Sat	9 th	7.30pm	Denis Nolan, his mother Bridie & Deceased Family Members, Kilmorna.
Sun	10 th	11.00am	Michael Murphy l/o Marian Place, Cahersiveen (Rec Dec)

Church of Corpus Christi Knockanure:

Thurs	7 th	7.30pm	Special Intention
Sun	10 th	10.00am	Timothy & Mary Murphy (Anni), Lisaniskea



NOTICES:

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

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

LAST WEEKS COLLECTIONS: Offertory amounted to €1,570.62. Dues €140.00. Shrines Knockanure €69.73. Your very generous support is deeply appreciated. Thank you so much.

SECOND COLLECTION: all Masses this weekend for Sick and Retired Priests in our Diocese.

PRAYERS & SYMPATHY: To Mary Nolan & Family, Glenalappa & Ballyduff on the death of her brother Martin Whelan, l/o Ballyduff whose Funeral took place last Saturday. To Mary & Joe Sweeney & Family, Lissaniska on the death of Mary's Dad Michael Murphy l/o Marian Place, Cahersiveen. Michael's Funeral Mass will be at 11am on Monday in Cahersiveen. On Tuesday 5th there will be Mass for Martin and on Sunday 10th Mass for Michael. May Martin & Michael Rest In Peace.

KNOCKANURE COMMUNITY CENTRE: Rambling House on Thurs 7th at 9 pm. All welcome. Refreshments served. Info Ann Flavin at 086/3090948. Active Retirement Day Mon 11th July. Music by Stevie Donegan. €10. All Welcome. If attending ☎ 068/49799. New members especially welcome.

NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR THE BLIND: will hold their annual Church gate collection next weekend 9th/10th.

FAMILY RESOURCE CENTRE: Mobile app development summer camp from 11th - 15th July (10am - 12pm). Bring your own laptop or Android tablet. Contact Sinéad on 086-8307698. €50 Euros per child.

GIFT YOURSELF A DAY AWAY: Tues 5th or Wed 6th July at The Annual Ladies Retreat at Glenstal Abbey. Relax, reflect, pray. Rev Henry O'Shea will lead the day. ☎ 061/621005 or email events@glenstal.com

PARISH FINANCIAL STATEMENT: Having spoken with our Accountants, with regards the telephone bill, they have clarified that postage, printing, stationery, magazines & booklets were included in this figure.

THE OLD CHURCH IN MOYVANE: All that is left of the old Church in Moyvane is the back wall which is directly behind the Presbytery. The stone work is beautiful in it and I am in the process of restoring it once all the ivy has disappeared. The original piers (next to the gate below the Post Office) will get new gates resembling the original ones. I hope to have an outdoor prayer garden with an Altar and Stations of the Cross and also it is planned to erect the original bell at this site. More information as the work progresses.

MURHUR CEMETERY MASS: A huge thank you to all who made Murhur Mass so special last Monday evening. Thank God weren't we richly blessed with beautiful weather. A reminder that the next Cemetery Mass is in Knockanure on Monday 18th July at 8pm and the concluding Mass in Ahavoher on Monday 1st August at 8pm.

DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION: Your help and support would be deeply appreciated in joining the Development Association in their weekly clean up on Monday evenings, meeting at Noel's at 7.30pm.

The Diocesan appointments were announced on Friday. You can view them on the Diocesan website www.dioceseofkerry.ie. Or

in the Boro Extras. Parishioner Sean Jones, Aughrim, recently ordained Deacon in Maynooth, has been appointed to our Pastoral Area – known as the Listowel Pastoral Area. Rev Sean will reside in the Presbytery in Listowel and he will have special duties to do in Duagh Parish but will also be helping in the Pastoral Area. Our Listowel Pastoral Area comprises of the following:

St. Brigid's Church, Duagh and Sacred Heart Church, Lyreacrompane. St Mary's Church, Listowel. St. Michael's Church, Lixnaw. Our Lady of the Assumption Church, Rathea. Our Lady of Fatima and St. Senan's Church, Irremore. The Church of the Assumption, Moyvane and Corpus Christi Knockanure.

These eight Churches have three full time Priests - Fr. Declan Canon O'Connor, P.P. V.F., Fr. Mossie Brick, P.P. and myself. All of the above were called to a meeting with Fr. Gearoid Godley from the Diocesan Administration in Listowel last week. We were informed that Fr. Pat Moore, P.P of Duagh had tendered his resignation as P.P. in Duagh due to his ongoing illness. We were also told that there was no Priest available to replace him. As a result Fr. Declan Canon O'Connor, Fr. Mossie Brick and I will have to share responsibilities in looking after the Pastoral needs of Duagh. Fr. Declan Canon O'Connor has been appointed as Moderator. The meeting then discussed the fallout from having no full time Priest in Duagh and what it would mean to the surrounding Parishes. I was asked to bring back the following proposal to our Parish Pastoral Council for discussion.

"Moyvane Parish would have two rather than three weekend Masses – Vigil in Moyvane at 7.30pm and one Sunday morning Mass at 10.30am in Moyvane. Knockanure would have a Friday evening Mass at 7.30pm each week; however, that Friday evening Mass would not fulfil Sunday obligation. The thinking behind this is that I would be available to say another Mass in the Pastoral Area on Sunday morning"

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING:

A Pastoral Council meeting was convened last Sunday evening in the Parish Office, where the above issues were discussed at length. The following was decided:

We as a Parish Pastoral Council in Moyvane are well aware of the difficulty our priests are in with declining numbers and with the huge loss of Fr. Pat Moore as P.P. in Duagh. However, weekends Masses in our parish are very special times 'of gathering'. Rural Ireland is getting many hits at this time, but here in Moyvane our two Churches are building great faith and a community spirit at our Eucharistic celebrations. Many workers, students and people from neighbouring parishes come in good numbers to these Masses. The bulk of these Masses are special remembrance Masses (Anniversaries, Months Minds) which bring many family members from outside the parish together at weekends. To change and break this cycle at this time would cause awful and unnecessary hurt, unrest and division in our parish.

We are aware this may have to happen in the future, but right now is not the time to do it. Many of our elderly would not be in a position to travel to Masses outside the parish. It is our belief that our faith community, young and old, would in no way be helped or enriched in their faith if Knockanure were to have no Sunday Mass. In fact in having the Church closed on a Sunday could result in many people giving up their Catholic faith. As a Parish Pastoral Council we unanimously oppose the loss of a Sunday Mass in Knockanure. Our suggestion is that Fr. Kevin would be on the Pastoral Area rota from Monday to Saturday to do Funerals, Weddings, Masses, Baptisms and any other priestly work he is called on to do. As a Pastoral Council we will encourage and guide parishioners to be aware that weekday Masses and celebrations in the parish may have to change from time to time to accommodate Duagh.

Extracts from Bishop Ray's letter regarding the appointments can be viewed in the Boro Extras.



Sunday 3rd July, 2016.

Boro Extras



AN EXTRACT FROM BISHOP RAY'S LETTER ISSUED ON JULY 1ST

In the past nine months five priests of our diocese have died, may they Rest in Peace. All were retired and of a good age and had given long years of great faith-filled service. Last year three priests of our diocese retired having passed the age of 75. This year one priest retires on this ground. At the moment three of our priests are coping with long-term serious ill-health.

Within the next year, God willing, Sean Jones will be ordained a priest for the diocese. It will be exactly ten years since our last priestly ordination. Just one priest of our diocese is under forty.....

.....Balloonagh Convent closed after 160 years. Our support, sympathy and gratitude to all the Mercy communities throughout the diocese.....

..... I have tried to keep the number of new appointments to a minimum this year, mindful that there were a large number last year. Each movement has a significant effect on priests and people throughout the whole local Pastoral Area.

The appointments involve two more parishes without a resident priest. I realise that this in particular will cause upset and be unsettling for both priests and people. The total number of parishes without a resident priest is now five. The challenge is that these parishes and all our parishes have the fullness of Church life in a time of less and less priests. If in a Pastoral Area there are four parishes and just three priests, then no priest is full-time in his own parish. A quarter of each priest's time is dedicated to the fourth parish that is without a resident priest.

The fullness of parish life in each parish is only possible because of the faith, generosity and commitment to their parish of so many individuals and families. Thank God for the voluntary service people of all ages give to their own parishes.....

.....Many volunteers in our parishes are resourced for their work by participation in Pastoral Ministries Courses, Youth Ministry Courses or other programmes provided by the team at the Diocesan Pastoral Centre. I express my appreciation and gratitude for all who have contributed to the life of all our parishes over the past year.

"May your love be upon us O Lord, as we place all our hope in you." Ps32:22

Bishop Ray Browne. 1 July 2016

Appointments:

Mgs. Sean Hanafin PP St. John's Tralee on Sabbatical until July 2017.

Fr. Tom Leane PP Ballyheigue to be PP Dromtariffe.

Fr. Liam Comer PP Dromtariffe to be PP Ardfert.

Fr. Tadhg Fitzgerald PP Ardfert to be PP St John's Tralee.

Fr. George Hayes Vice-Rector Irish College Rome to be PP Glenflesk.

Fr. Pat Moore to retire as PP of Duagh due to health reasons.

Rev. Sean Jones newly ordained Deacon to his Pastoral Placement in the Listowel Pastoral area.

Following the transfer of Fr. Tom Leane PP, the parish of Ballyheigue of will be served by the priests of the Naomh Bhréanainn Pastoral Area, with Fr. Liam Comer as Moderator.

Following Fr. Pat Moore retiring as PP of Duagh, the parish of Duagh will be served by the priests of the Listowel Pastoral Area with Fr Declan O' Connor as Moderator.