

# MOYVANE PARISH NEWSLETTER

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## Vigil and Sunday Masses: Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> February:

MOYVANE:	Sat	25 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Jack & Mary Guiney, Moyvane South & their loving sons William, Jim & John
KNOCKANURE:	Sun	26 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Mary Carmody, Knockanure (Anni)
MOYVANE:			11.00am	Funeral Mass for Bridie Stackpoole l/o Aughrim

## Masses: Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February to Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> March

### Church of the Assumption Moyvane

Mon	27 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Marie O'Callaghan, The Village (Anni) & Deceased Members of the O'Callaghan Family
Wed	1 <sup>st</sup>	7.30am	<b>ASH WEDNESDAY - A day of fast &amp; abstinence</b> Special Intention (sick)
		7.30pm	Ella Ahern, Athea (Mass of the Angels) & for her loving parents & family
Fri	3 <sup>rd</sup>	7.30pm	Mary Nolan, Glenalappa (Months Mind)
Sat	4 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	James Beaton, Ahalahana (Anni)
Sun	5 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	John Holly, The Village (Anni), his wife Bridget, their daughter Emma & her husband Jack

### Church of Corpus Christi Knockanure

Tues	28 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Fr. Mil Whelan, M.S.C. (Rec Dec)
Wed	1 <sup>st</sup>	10.00am	Special Intention (sick)
Sun	5 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Bridie Flavin, Trien, Kilmorna (Anni)

**PRIEST ON DUTY THIS SUNDAY:** Fr. Martin Hegarty ☎ 087/2589682. Emergencies only.

**EUCHARISTIC ADORATION:** KNOCKANURE: Tuesday 10am to 6pm. MOYVANE: Wednesday 10am to 7pm.

**LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTION:** Offertory €1,348.68. Many thanks for your generous contributions.

**PRAYERS & SYMPATHY:** To the Stackpoole Family on the death of their loving mother Bridie, l/o Aughrim & Woodgrove. May Bridie sing with the Angels and the heavenly choir including her late husband Henry.

## SIGNED LIKE A WORK OF ART

Ash Wednesday is March 1<sup>st</sup> and for many it is an extra ordinary day. People go to Church in the middle of the day, in the middle of the week. For one day the boundaries of routine are broken. It is a ritual we have practised since we were children a moment of remembering who we really are. And as the ashes are pressed on top of our foreheads, there to mingle with the sweat of our brows, we are signed. I mean signed like a work of art, like Van Gogh's haunting 'Vincent' hastily added at the edge of a canvas. On our foreheads is a signature, a smudgy cross, a sign that we are God's. Lent begins a time when the astounding drama of salvation is replayed all over the earth. When believers repeat the stories that have gained meaning, which have existed for over 2,000 years. Next Wednesday we begin to retell or better yet, re-line the narrative of God's amazing and loving presence with us in Jesus. How do we participate more fully in all that will begin to unfold before us starting this coming Wednesday? Well for starters let us try to "take something on" for Lent. So often the emphasis is on giving up something. Why not start by gazing in a mirror at the ashes of Wednesday on our foreheads so that we can start to see ourselves as part of the story where Jesus will soon walk, suffer, die and be reborn. Journey with Jesus this Lent. If you do so in an honest and prayerful way, your life will change for the better. May we all have a grace filled and reflective Lent.

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS DURING LENT

Each Monday during Lent we will have Stations of the Cross at 7pm in Moyvane Church and each Thursday evening they will take place at 7pm in Knockanure Church. As Lent progresses there will also be an opportunity to celebrate children's Stations of the Cross. Confessions available on request.



## DISCOVERING OUR VALUES

Shame's a powerful weapon! I'm thinking of a school girl from the Parish who was at a big concert and at the stage door asked the singer for his autograph. "Sorry not now", he replied impatiently "my hands are tired". Instead of taking offence the school girl replied, "My hands are tired too with clapping!" She got the autograph and the two parted good friends. During Lent especially we focus more closely on our pilgrim brother Jesus and how He journeyed during the very first Lent. God rest the late, great Cardinal Basil Hume, who back in the Lent of 1999 spoke of the ten guidelines for a society looking to make a difference during the 40 days of Lent. This is what he said eighteen years ago: We need a society that -

- ✚ Protects and promotes marriage and family
- ✚ Ceases to be obsessed with sex, curbs pornography and put sexual intimacy back into its proper place in marriage
- ✚ Respects human life from conception to its natural end and thus abolish abortion
- ✚ Combats racism and welcomes within due limitations the stranger and asylum seekers
- ✚ Bans irresponsible arms sales
- ✚ Tackles poverty at home and abroad and relieves the burden of unpayable debt
- ✚ Respects the environment as God's gift for our use
- ✚ Is led by men and women of integrity worthy of respect
- ✚ Sees the media re-discovering its responsibility for shaping society's values
- ✚ Looks beyond the here and now to re-discover spiritual values



Our best way to celebrate Lent 2017 is to ensure that the values and ethos that Jesus brought when He walked this earth are central to our human living.

Cardinal Hume put forward the above values for action and reflection 18 years ago. They are as much needed in our world of 2017 as they were back in 1999. Are the above values central in our daily living?

## SHOULD MOYVANE CHURCH BE PAINTED?



Don't panic we are not holding a referendum! At the start of the New Year in my enthusiastic way I muted the idea of getting Moyvane Church painted. It is such a beautiful Church and I think if it were painted it would be even more special and beautiful to all of us. I realise now how naive I was to suggest the idea of getting a calf from every farmyard in the Parish. A few knowledgeable and good farming friends of mine pointed out to me how difficult and impractical this idea would be. I agreed wholeheartedly and I wish to thank them for responding. Anne-Marie and the Bingo Committee have generously offered us a night at the bingo and that's great. But apart from the above two suggestions there has been practically no response to the

above idea of having Moyvane Church painted. So before our Finance Council and I approach the Diocesan Building Trust, who deal with such items as painting, with our suggestion and our ideas for fund raising a question for all of us has to be - **Should Moyvane Church be painted?**

## HEATING IN BOTH CHURCHES

An old priest friend of my, God rest him, Fr. Willie Clarkson, gave me lots of advice while I was studying for the priesthood. One that stayed in my mind goes as follows: "Kevin, no one will feel happy, comfortable or receptive to what you are saying in Church if it's an ice box!" Well in our two Churches, our heating system has been malfunctioning in recent times. Over the last few weeks I have been looking for ways to remedy the situation. I've also got some quotations as to what a new system would cost. Huge money involved if one was to opt for a new system in Moyvane with quotes from €102,000 to €210,000 and for Knockanure €80,000 to €100,000. This focused me to look around and to see if the existing systems be repaired rather than being thrown out. This is what has been done at a cost of approximately €5,000. Please God it will keep us warm for our celebrations during the cold weather. Lights outside Knockanure Church are being upgraded this coming week. Very many thanks for your patience and generous support.

**BORO EXTRAS:** Available on [www.dioceseofkerry.ie](http://www.dioceseofkerry.ie) or [www.moyvane.com](http://www.moyvane.com) for Community and Church Notices.



# Boro Extras

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> February, 2017



**ICA:** Meeting Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm in Marian Hall.

**KNOCKANURE COMMUNITY CENTRE:** Rambling House on Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup> March at 9pm. Come along to enjoy a great night of music, song and dance. Refreshments will be served. All welcome. ☎ Ann Flavin 086/3090948.

**Active Retirement Day** on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March. Music by Stevie Donegan. €10. If attending please ☎ 49799.

**LENTEN JUSTICE TALK:** When Compassion Leads to Change on Monday, March 13<sup>th</sup> in St. John's Church, Castle St., Tralee, Richard Moore from Children in Crossfire will speak on his experience of healing, forgiveness and the transforming power of compassion. This event, starting at 7.30pm, is being hosted by St. John's parish and the Diocese of Kerry's Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation committee. Entrance is free and all are welcome. For more details please visit [www.dioceseofkerry.ie](http://www.dioceseofkerry.ie)

**ARDFERT RETREAT CENTRE** ☎ 066/7134276

**Naomh Breanainn Pastoral Area Lenten Talk:** Wholeness in Christ - Relaxing the Mind, Renewing the Heart'. Speaker: Martina Lehane Sheehan, psychotherapist and director of Ennismore Retreat Centre, Cork, Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup> March 8pm-9.30pm. One-Day Parental Grief Retreat: A spiritual retreat for parents who have experienced the death of a child of any age, by any means, no matter how long ago. Facilitated by Caroline Dunne, Sat 4<sup>th</sup> March, 10am - 5 pm. ☎ 066/7125129 or [www.emfgp.org](http://www.emfgp.org) to register.

**Parish Lenten Day Retreat:** Sneem, Killorglin & Tarbert: Sun. 5<sup>th</sup> March, 10am-5pm.

**Parish Lenten Evening Retreat:** Moyvane, Knockanure, Knockmoyle & Fossa, Tues. 7<sup>th</sup> March, 7pm-10pm.

**The Faith Prayed:** Fr. Sean Sheehy, Wed. 8<sup>th</sup> Mar 7pm to 8.30pm.

## MISPRINTS AND MISTAKES

Please be sensitive and kind to us in the Parish Office if misprints or mistakes occur in the Newsletter. Be assured it is not done deliberately. It reminds me of the man who had the perfect lawn but was annoyed that so much moss was appearing. He wrote to the Department of Agriculture and asked for advice. He got a short letter back and it simply read "We suggest you learn to love the moss". Our sincere thanks to the staff in Holly's Gala, Mary in the Post Office, Noel and John at Stack's Butchers, Gerry, Anne and Marguerite at Flynn's Bar all who allow us to distribute the newsletters in advance of the Saturday and Sunday Masses. Please note the Boro Extras are on display at the above mentioned places.

## GOD LOVES US NOT BECAUSE WE ARE GOOD BUT BECAUSE HE IS GOOD

At times we allow our problems to get us down. We fear, fret and worry about so many things and lose sight of the one thing necessary, which is to live life pleasing to our heavenly Father. Christ urges us to avoid useless fretting and worrying about material things and to place our lives in the hands of our heavenly Father, who whom we are important and precious. Our lives are a gift from a loving God. The meaning of our lives is that we are on a journey to our Father's kingdom. That is the only thing we have to worry about. That is the only thing that really matters. We are children of our heavenly Father and we have a splendid destiny. Sure of His love and of our own dignity and destiny why should we worry? It has been said that the whole of Christianity can be summed up in the concept of God as our Father, a Father who, like any father is worthy of the name, rejoices in his children.

## NO ONE CAN SERVE TWO MASTERS

The story goes of a little boy whose mother had died. His father was trying hard to be both Mom and Dad under difficult circumstances. The father had arranged a picnic for the two of them. The little boy had never been on a picnic. He was excited - so excited that he couldn't sleep. Soon there was the patter of little feet down the hall to where his Dad was sleeping. He shook his Dad who would have responded gruffly except he saw the expression of his little son's face. "What's the matter son?" he asked. The little boy said "Oh Daddy, tomorrow's going to be so wonderful. I just can't sleep. I'm so excited". The father laughed and said, "Son it won't be wonderful if we don't get some sleep. Now you go back to your bedroom and try to sleep". A while later the ritual was repeated. The father was already sleeping soundly when the boy placed an excited hand on his shoulder. "What do you want now?" his Dad asked. "Daddy", said the boy, "I just want to thank you for tomorrow!" Do you trust in God our Father in heaven to take care of you 'for tomorrow?' Do you thank God in advance for doing so?