

MOYVANE PARISH NEWSLETTER

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OUR PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

In our Parish people are nourished and inspired by the Word of God. It is a Parish Community where love is tangible and practical. It is a place where people pray together. Our Parish Community is centred on Jesus Christ, on knowing and loving Him. It is incarnated in the love, care, and respect we show to one another.

Vigil and Sunday Masses - Saturday 19th and Sunday 20th January

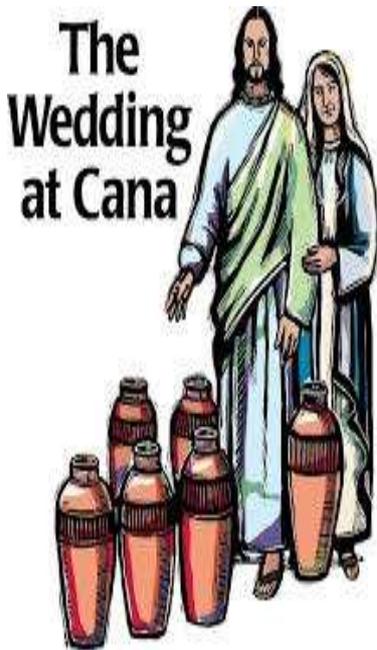
MOYVANE:	Sat	19 th	7.30pm	Hanna Stack, Clounbrane (1 st Anni) & her husband Richard
KNOCKANURE:	Sun	20 th	10.00am	Irene O'Keeffe, Kilmeaney, Kilmorna (Anni)
MOYVANE:			11.00am	Matthew Thompson, Woodgrove (Months Mind)

Church of the Assumption Moyvane: Monday 21st to Sunday 27th January

Mon	21 st	7.30pm	John Gregg, Aughrim (Anni) & dec of the Gregg & Hanrahan families
Tues	22 nd	7.30pm	First Holy Communion preparation talk -Aileen Murphy (For parents/guardians of children in Moyvane & Knockanure making their First Holy Communion in May - Please note children are not to attend)
Wed	23 rd	7.30pm	Mary Nolan, Glenalappa (Anni)
Thurs	24 th	7.30pm	Eileen Dalton, Glin (Rec Dec)
Fri	25 th	7.30pm	Larry McCaffery, Co. Fermanagh (Rec Dec)
Sat	26 th	7.30pm	Bill Horan, Aughrim (Anni) & dec of the Horan family
Sun	27 th	11.00am	Eily Mai O'Flaherty, The Village (Anni)

Church of Corpus Christi Knockanure: Sunday 27th January

Sun	27 th	10.00am	Ollie Leahy, UK (Anni) & his grandson Jason Plested
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PRIEST ON DUTY THIS SUNDAY: Fr. Brendan Walsh ☎ 087/7913271. Emergencies only.

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

LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTIONS: Offertory €1,345.60; Diocesan Collection (Holy Land) €462.08; Crib offerings Moyvane €305 and Knockanure €75.55. Dues €205. Very many thanks for your generosity.

PRAYERS & SYMPATHY: To Mary Lynch & family, Leitrim Middle on the death of her brother-in-law John Carolan, Co. Meath whose funeral took place last Friday. May John Rest In Peace.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL: Wish to acknowledge with gratitude the grant received from Kerry County Council for works at Knockanure Church. Very many thanks indeed.

PRESENTATION OF THE LORD - CANDLEMAS DAY - 2ND FEBRUARY

A reminder that Saturday February 2nd, is the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord and Candlemas Day. It is customary for homes to have blessed candles. Blessed candles are available currently from the Parish Office. Pack of 6 or individual candles are €1 each. They will also be available after weekend Masses. The blessing of throats will take place at the Vigil on February 2nd and at both Masses on Sunday 3rd. It is hoped that other Priests will join me to impart this blessing.

SMILING FACE OR.....

I must admit I have never read "PIG-PEN-PETE" written by Elbert Hubbard, the American editor, lecturer and essayist born in 1859, but I am rather taken by this quotation from it. "Make two grins grow where there was only a grouch before". Now wouldn't that make a good New Year's resolution? By the way, have you noticed how a spontaneous friendly smile is often returned by a previously unsmiling face? Try it as you leave Mass this weekend!

TAKE OUT YOU PENCILS



One very special day Jesus gathered His Apostles around Him and taught them saying, "Blessed are the poor in spirit theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness. Blessed are the merciful, the poor of heart. Blessed are the peacemakers. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven". Then Peter said, "Do we have to write this down?". James said, "Will we get a test on this?". Philip said, "I don't have any paper". Bartholomew said, "Do we have to turn it in?". John said, "The other disciples don't have to learn this". Matthew said, "I have to go to the bathroom". Judas said, "What does this have to do with real life?". One of the Pharisees present asked to see Jesus' lesson plans and enquired of Jesus, "What is your terminal objective? Have you completed a task analysis? What about a diagnostic survey?". Jesus cried and cried. In our modern day Catholic Church have we too much talking, questioning, and not enough action?

IN OUR GETHSEMANE MOMENTS - CAN JESUS INSPIRE US?

We all struggle not to give into coldness and hatred. This was even a struggle for Jesus, like all of us. He had to struggle, mightily at times to remain warm and loving. It's interesting to trace this out in the Gospel of Luke. This is the Gospel of prayer. Luke shows Jesus praying more than all the other Gospels combined. The disciples were utterly intrigued by His prayer. They sensed something extraordinary about Jesus not because He could walk on water and do miracles but because unlike the rest of us, He could turn the cheek. Jesus was strong enough not to give into coldness in the face of hatred so strong that it threatened His very life in every situation. No matter how bitter, He could be understanding and forgiving and never doubt that love and grace are what's most real. His disciples saw first-hand that Jesus drew strength from a hidden source, a deep well of sustenance which he called His Father and which He accessed through prayer. Sometimes things seem easy for Jesus, He meets love and understanding and His ministry is joyous and easy. But when things begin to collapse and the forces of hatred begin to encircle Him, when the majority of His followers abandon and betray Him and when His own death becomes immanent, then like the rest of us, fear, stress and awful sadness overwhelms Him. This is the pain of Gethsemane. It is a pain that can make or break us. Deep in hurt and pain, we can often make the wrong decision. We see the choice Jesus made in Gethsemane, we see Him prostrate, humanly devastated on the ground, struggling mightily to cling to a cord of sustenance that has always sustained Him in trust, love and forgiveness. Thus, keeping hatred and despair at bay. Jesus' choice in Gethsemane gives me many blessings heading into another New Year. I hope it can do the same for you. The real struggle for Jesus as He sweated blood in Gethsemane was not whether He would allow Himself to die or call His Father and escape. The question was only about how He was going to die - in bitterness or in love? in hatred or forgiveness? That is also our ultimate moral struggle one which won't just confront us at the moment of death but one which confronts us daily, hour by hour. In every situation of our lives small or large, whether we are unfairly ignored, slighted, insulted, hated or victimised in any way we face a choice of how to respond: BITTERNESS OR UNDERSTANDING? HATRED OR LOVE? VENGEANCE OR FORGIVENESS? At our Gethsemane moments we will have to struggle to cling onto something beyond our natural instincts, beyond common sense, beyond our cultural dictates, doing what comes naturally will not serve us well. Jesus' way is best!



NOTICES

KNOCKANURE COMMUNITY CENTRE: wish to acknowledge receipt of funding from The Bon Secours Hospital under the 'Bon Secours Hospital Tralee Community Initiatives Fund'.

STUDY PROGRAMME OF THE CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH: Thursday 24th January from 7.30pm - 9pm. Kerry Life and Family Centre, Park Lane Mews, Denny Street, Tralee. Introduction by Máirín Ní Shúilleabháin. This is an information Night only with no obligation to join the study group. ☎ 0876590551 Email: kerrylifeandfamily@gmail.com.

LISTOWEL FAMILY RESOURCE CENTRE: Certified Paediatric First Aid Course on Tuesday 19th & 26th February 10.30am to 12.30pm. €15. Limited spaces ☎ 23584. Song chant: Develop confidence in your singing and speaking voice and learn ways of singing to relieve stress and anxiety by connecting voice, body and mind. Starting 28th January for six weeks 10.30am to 12.30pm. Singing Tutor Audrey O'Carroll. €30. ☎ 23584.