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Church of the Assumption Moyvane – Saturday 10th to Sunday 18th July

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| Sat 10 th | 7.30pm | Parishioners |
| Sun 11 th | 11.00am | Patrick Shanahan, Kilbaha (Anni) |
| Wed 14 th | 7.30pm | Ciss Dore, Woodgrove (Anni) |
| Thurs 15 th | 7.30pm | Billy McElligott, Coolaclarig, Listowel (Rec Dec) |
| Sat 17 th | 7.30pm | Bridie Reilly (née Fitzmaurice), Leitrim Middle & Glasgow (Anni) & deceased members of the Fitzmaurice family. |

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| Sun 18 th | 11.00am | Anne Prendiville, Carrueragh (Birthday Remembrance) |
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Church of Corpus Christi Knockanure – Sunday 11th July to Sunday 18th July

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| Sun 11 th | 9.30am | Timothy & Mary Murphy, Lisaniskea (Anni) |
| Sun 18 th | 9.30am | Jerry & Ellen Enright, Lisaniskea (Anni) |

PRIEST ON DUTY THIS SUNDAY: Fr. Michael Hussey ☎ 087/2386084. Emergencies only.

OFFERTORY & DUES & SHRINES: Offertory €1,265; Dues €270; Shrines Moyvane €185; Shrines Knockanure €35.30. Very many thanks for your continual generous support.

PRAYERS & SYMPATHY: To Irene O'Connor & family, Six Crosses, Listowel on the death of her husband Mike whose funeral took place in Listowel last week. Mike was originally from Keylod and we extend our sympathy to Mike's brother Tom & family and his sister Mary. To Mary Quinn & family, Leitrim Middle on the death of her sister Peggy O'Brien, Co. Wicklow whose funeral took place last week. May Mike & Peggy rest in peace. Please keep all who mourn their loss in your prayers at this time.

RADIO MARIA: Radio Maria is an Irish Catholic Radio station that broadcasts Mass, Rosary, Divine Mercy Hour etc daily. Tune in via the television, Saorview channel 210, (if you go forward one channel from RTE1 you get RTE2, if you go back one from RTE1 you get Radio Maria). All details are on their website, www.radiomaria.ie.

WE'VE MISSED EACH OTHER



The Church does not close only the building. Because we are the Church the living body of Christ and we are everywhere. When we enter our Churches, which in Irish tradition are called 'teach an phobail' the place where the community gathers. People have come



to Churches with burdens of heart that could find healing nowhere else in the world. They have come for shelter when storms have unravelled every stitch of meaning from their lives. They have come too to give thanks for blessings and gifts received.

'adopted from Fr. John O'Donoghue, RIP'

Wherever you are reading this Newsletter today either online or hardcopy be assured that in both our Churches we carry you in prayer. May the warm embrace of Jesus bless and calm us at this anxious time.

SMILE AT THE ONE YOU LOVE

Mother Teresa often gave people unexpected advice. When a group of Americans, many in the teaching profession, visited her in Calcutta, they asked her for some advice to take home to their families.

"Smile at your wives", she told them. "Smile at your husbands". Thinking that perhaps her advice was simplistic coming from an unmarried person, one of them asked "Are you married?". "Yes", she replied, to their surprise, "and I find it hard sometimes to smile at Jesus, He can be very demanding". I think we all need smiles now more than ever.

WHAT IS THE SPECIFIC MISSION JESUS HAS CALLED YOU TO DO?

In these very anxious and strange times, we can become like the dog in a large crate on the platform of a railway station. He was the saddest dog he could imagine. A lady enquired about him. "You would be sad too", she was told "if you were in his plight, he chewed the tag off his crate, and he doesn't know where he is going".

Jesus has a mission and a blessing for each and everyone of us – are we carrying out His work? Or like the dog have we chewed the tag?

We must be detached to give ourselves completely to Jesus.



APOLOGIES ARE NECESSARY - EXCUSES ARE NOT HELPFUL !

We are forever trying to make excuses for things we need not make excuses for and forever trying to excuse the inexcusable. Neither is necessary or helpful. We can learn a lesson from how Jesus dealt with those who betrayed Him. A wonderful example is the Apostle Peter, specially chosen and named the very rock of the Apostolic Community. Peter was an honest man with a childlike sincerity, a deep faith and he, more than most others, grasped the deeper meaning of who Jesus was and what His teaching meant. Indeed, it was Peter who in response to Jesus' question - "WHO DO YOU SAY I AM?" replied quickly: YOU ARE THE CHRIST, THE SON OF THE LIVING GOD".

FALSE CONCEPTION

Yet minutes after that confession Jesus had to correct Peter's false conception of what that meant and then rebuke him for trying to deflect Him from His very mission. More seriously it was Peter who within hours of an arrogant boast that though all other would betray Jesus, he alone would remain faithful. Yet Peter betrayed Jesus three times and this in Jesus' most needy hour. Later we are privy to the conversation Jesus has with Peter regarding those betrayals. What's significant is that He doesn't ask Peter to explain himself, He doesn't excuse Peter and He doesn't say things like: "You weren't really yourself! I can understand how anyone might be very frightened in that situation! I can empathise, I know what fear can do to you". None of these sentiments came from Jesus. The excusable doesn't need to be excused and the inexcusable cannot be excused. In Peter's betrayal as in our own betrayals, there's invariably some of both, the excusable in the inexcusable. So, what does Jesus do with Peter? He doesn't ask for an explanation, doesn't ask for an apology. He doesn't tell Peter that it is OK, doesn't offer excuses for Peter and doesn't even tell Peter that He loves him. Instead, He asks Peter: "DO YOU LOVE ME?" Peter answers yes - and everything moves forward from there.

A CONFESSION OF LOVE

Everything can move forward following a confession of love, not least an honest confession of love in the wake of a betrayal. Apologies are necessary (because that's taking ownership of the fault and the weakness so as to lift it completely off the soul of the one who was betrayed) but excuses are not helpful. If the action was not a betrayal, no excuse is necessary: if it was, no excuse absolves it. An excuse or an attempt at one serves two purposes, neither of them good. First, it serves to rationalise and justify, none of which is helpful to the betrayed or the betrayer. Second, it weakens the apology and makes it less than clear and full, this not lifting the betrayal completely off the soul of the one who has been betrayed. What love asks of you and me when we are weak is an honest, nonrationalized admission of our weakness along with a statement from the heart: "I love you!" Things can move forward from there. Like Peter when asked three times by Jesus: "DO YOU LOVE ME?" from our hearts we need to say: "YOU KNOW EVERYTHING YOU KNOW THAT I LOVE YOU."

COVID 19 UPDATE FROM OUR DIOCESE

BAPTISMS: The advice from Government is that Baptisms should not take place. Our recommendation is that Baptisms which have already been booked may proceed but that no new bookings for Baptisms should be accepted pending further advice from the Government. Numbers confined to a maximum of 10 people.

WEDDINGS: already planned will be permitted to proceed on the basis of the expected changes, with 50 guests permitted to attend wedding receptions with protective measures.

FUNERALS: The numbers of mourners permitted at funerals continues to be limited to 50. Attendance at wakes in private homes and at funeral homes is for family only. Related family gatherings should strictly adhere to prevailing public health advice on household mixing, including visitors to your home and indoor and outdoor dining.

BURIAL GROUND/GRAVEYARD MASSES Kerry County Council has issued clarification in relation to the holding of burial ground masses during the Summer of 2021. The clarification is as follows: - Kerry County Council believes that it would be unwise at this particular juncture to permit the holding of burial ground masses which would result in the creation of gatherings of people, in accordance with the current public health guidelines, but will reconsider this request when the Government next review the reopening of society and the economy later this Summer (subject to the public health situation at the time).

TEN SECOND SERMONS

- None are so old as those who have outlived enthusiasm.
- He/She who keeps their tongue, keeps their friends.
- A smile is happiness you will find right under your nose.