

Twentieth Sunday - August 20, 2017

First Reading ... Isaiah 56:1.6-7

Thus says the Lord: Have a care for justice, act with integrity, for soon my salvation will come and my integrity be manifest. Foreigners who have attached themselves to the Lord to serve him and to love his name and be his servants – all who observe the Sabbath, not profaning it, and cling to my covenant – these I will bring to my holy mountain. I will make them joyful in my house of prayer. Their holocausts and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar, for my house will be called a house of prayer for all the peoples.

Response to Psalm: Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

Second Reading Romans 11:13-15.29-32

Let me tell you pagans this: I have been sent to the pagans as their apostle, and I am proud of being sent, but the purpose of it is to make my own people envious of you, and in this way save some of them. Since their rejection meant the reconciliation of the world, do you know what their admission will mean? Nothing less than a resurrection from the dead! God never takes back his gifts or revokes his choice. Just as you changed from being disobedient to God, and now enjoy mercy because of their disobedience, so those who are disobedient now – and only because of the mercy shown to you – will also enjoy mercy eventually, God has imprisoned all men in their own disobedience only to show mercy to all mankind.

Alleluia, alleluia! The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice, says the Lord, I know them and they follow me. **Alleluia!**

Gospel Matthew 15: 21-28

Jesus left Gennesaret and withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. Then out came a Canaanite woman from that district and started shouting, 'Sir, Son of David, take pity on me. My daughter is tormented by a devil.' But he answered her not a word. And his disciples went and pleaded with him, 'Give her what she wants,' they said 'because she is shouting after us.' He said in reply, 'It was sent only to the lost sheep of the House of Israel.' But the woman had come up and was kneeling at his feet. 'Lord', she said 'help me.' He replied, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the house-dogs.' She retorted, 'Ah yes, sir: but even house-dogs can eat the scraps that fall from their master's table.' Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, you have great faith. Let your wish be granted.' And from that moment her daughter was well again.

Keeping Children Safe: The diocese of Killala is fully committed to keeping children safe. If you have any concerns around their safety in any circumstance, please telephone the Diocesan Liaison Person, **Mr. John Cummins, Diocesan Liaison Person, Child Safeguarding Office, The Newman Institute, Ballina 096-72066 or the Diocesan Helpline: 087-1003554**

Priest on Duty: 087-2586015

St. Muredach's Cathedral – Daily Masses

Monday, 21 August

8am **Margaret & Frank Melvin, The Quay**
10am ***Jack, Annie & Nano Hopkins, Knockleagha. Des & Bridie Hopkins, Birmingham; Mary & Ron Budgon; Janette Vogel, Kent; Deceased Cuffe family, Kilfian.**
***Brendan Brogan, The Woodlands; Sean & Mai Connor, Garden St.**

Tuesday, 22 August

8am **Tony & Lily Keane, Marian Crescent.**
10am ***Tom Fahey, Rathmeel Lawns.**
***Thomas & Mary Delaney; Deceased Delaney family, 54 Healy Tce.**
***Keith Melvin, The Woodlands.**

Wednesday, 23 August

8am Intention.
10am ***Martin & Kathleen McAndrew, Dillon Tce.**
***Mark & Bridget Lynch, Foxford; Sr. Rita McNulty.**

Thursday, 24 August

8am **David Gilmartin, 39 Knocknalyre.**
10am **John & Bridget Barrett, Eamonn, David, Mary Ellen & Tom Ruane, Behybeg.**

11am Funeral Mass for Michael Lynott, Behy/U.S.A. on Thursday August 24 in the Cathedral

Friday, 25 August

8am Intention.
10am **Catherine (Kitty) McDonald nee Roche, U.K. & Corrimbla. (Month's Mind)**

Saturday, 26 August

10am **Joe Devaney, St. Mary's Villas (First Anniversary)**

St. Patrick's Church – Daily Masses

Monday, 21 August

7.30pm ***Tom & Bridget Traynor; Martin & Joan O'Malley; Deceased Traynor & O'Malley families.**

Tuesday, 22 August

9.30am ***Tommy & Beanie Murphy; Deceased Murphy & Corcoran families, Lord Ed. Street.**
***John Allen, Mount Assumpta.**

Wednesday, 23 August

9.30am **Patrick & Ita Hoban, Lord Ed. Street.**

Thursday, 24 August

9.30am **Bridget McNulty, Bachelors Walk/Tyrawley Tce. (First Anniv.)**

Friday, 25 August

9.30am Mass for the Sick of the Parish.

Saturday, 26 August

9.30am **Eamon Browne, Church View (First Anniv)**

Weekend Mass & Confession Times

St. Muredach's Cathedral

Vigil Mass Sat 7.30 pm; Sun. 8.30am, 11am & 12.30 pm
Confessions: Sat. 12noon -1pm & 6.30pm – 7.15pm

St. Patrick's Church

Vigil Mass: Saturday 8 pm; Sunday: 10 am Children's Mass & 12 Noon
Confessions: Saturday 7.30 pm to 7.50pm

Baptisms: James Daniel Kilgannon, Knocknalyre
Abigail May Foley, Belleek Lodge
Patrick John Casey, Millview Crescent.
Molly Erin Philbin, Behybeg.
Mattieu Georges Albert Tossou Ado Reilly, Chatillon.
Death: P.J. Mulherin, Healy Tce.
Sarah Sharkey, Falcarragh,, Donegal
Mary Kilgallon, Mullauns, Breaffy



Killala Diocesan Launch of One Year Programme of preparation for the World Meeting of families in the **Newman Institute on Sunday September 3 at 1.30pm** after the 12.30pm mass in the Cathedral. Please bring your families along to this child-friendly launch. Support our efforts to celebrate Christian families and reflect on the challenges they face as they try to grow together in faith.

Cathedral Restoration Collection for the week-end of August 13 was € 2,602.27 +€ 260 (35 White envelopes) = total €2,862.27. Thank you for your great generosity.

Cathedral Eucharistic Ministers rota available in Sacristy. Please collect.

The next DOWN-to-EARTH walk is on Saturday September 2 at 11am. The walk will explore the flora and fauna of an unspoiled section of the River Moy approx 30 mins drive from Ballina. Meet at Newman for car-sharing at 11am. All welcome. Information from Ben at 087 9245184 or 094 9256235.

Junior Praesidium of the Legion of Mary meets every Saturday at the new time of 2pm in the Pastoral Centre. Come and join us for the rosary, a video on a Saint's life and refreshments.

St. Muredach's College re-opening dates

Friday August 25: 1st years 10am–1pm; 1st Year Mass at 10am. Parents/Guardians and family members are invited to attend; **Tuesday August 29** 2nd & 3rd Year students return; **Wednesday August 30** 4th & 5th Year students return. **Friday September 2** Transition Year students and repeat Leaving Cert Students return.

Moynes College re-opens for students as follows:

1st. Year Students ONLY on Monday August 28 at 8.50am;
1st Year & 5th Year Students: Tuesday August 29 at 8.50am; **All Students** attend on Wednesday August 30 at 8.50am. Limited places available on QQ1 Level 5 PLC Courses – Apply now

St. Tiernan's College, Crossmolina will re-open on Tuesday August 29 for 1st year students only. Wednesday August 30 all students return.

Best Wishes Fr. Kieran

We wish Fr. Kieran well as he takes up his appointment as Parish Priest of Easkey Parish next weekend August 26-27. We thank him for his priestly ministry in this parish, for the very successful Confined Draw which he organised which raised much needed funds for the Cathedral Restoration and for his many and varied contributions to Parish life. Every blessing on him in his ministry in Easkey.

Bonnifingalas Cemetery Mass will take place on Sunday September 24 at 11 am. If the weather is inclement the Mass will be celebrated in the Parish Church

TOMMY FLEMING - A CONCERT OF THANKS & REMEMBRANCE FOR CHARITY in St. Muredach's Cathedral on Wednesday December 20 All proceeds will go to charities in Ballina including St. Vincent de Paul, The Cathedral Restoration Fund, The Lions Club and other groups. Tickets are €30 & €35 (front seats) available from Ballina Tourist Office, Pearse Street--- Ballina Parish Office, Cathedral grounds--St Vincent De Paul Shop, Teeling Street - online from - www.tommyfleming.com

Friends of St. Joseph's Hospital Ballina thank all who helped with bag packing recently in aid of the Hospital. Your help was greatly appreciated.

Ballina Branch of St. Joseph's Young Priests Society wish to thank most sincerely the collectors and all who contributed to their annual collection. The total raised was €4,445.

Ballina Farmers Market; Every Saturday at the Market Square - Trading from 8am-2pm. Please support local products, freshest vegetables, breads, cakes, flowers etc

Ballina Town ICA Committee Meeting in the Community Centre on Tuesday August 22 at 3pm. All members please attend.

Ballina Badminton Club: .The Juvenile Section of the Club will resume on Saturday September 2 at 10am for National School pupils and at 11.30am for Secondary School pupils in the Sports Centre. Racquets, shuttles and coaching provided. New members are very welcome.

Centenary of the Pioneer Total Abstinence Association: St. Muredach's PTAA Ballina is celebrating its centenary on Friday October 6 in the Twin Trees Hotel.

Ballina Active Retirement Whist on Wednesday at 2.15pm in the Pastoral Centre.

The Sisters of Jesus and Mary celebrating 200 years of its Foundation invite you to a Mass of Thanksgiving in Knock Basilica on October 6th at 12noon. Join us in experiencing "How Good God is" (St. Claudine Thevenet)

CROAGH PATRICK - MEN'S CLIMB OF ATONEMENT - Saturday 26th August. "For what we have done and what we have failed to do". A great day of camaraderie, prayer, challenges and laughs. A day of atonement for the times we have failed to speak up in defence of the unborn and for the courage to proclaim the Gospel of Life. Men only. Holy Rosary at 10:30 am. Climb begins 11am, Mass at summit at approx 1:30 pm. Following descent of the mountain, hot food and refreshments at the base. Organised by Human Life International (Ireland) Knock 094-9375993

Emergency Numbers	Gardai 999	Fire Brigade 999	Meals-on-Wheels: 21572
Women's Refuge Service 0949025409	Priest 0872586015	Gardai 096 20560	Westdoc 1850 365 000
Organ Donation 1890 543639	Cura 094 24866	Childline 1800 666 666	Accord 21478
Rape Crisis Centre 1800 234 900	Samaritans 1850 60 90 90	St. Vincent de Paul 72905	MABS 076-1072660
Citizens Information Centre 0761075990	Aids Helpline 091 566266	Ballina Hospital 21166	Grow 094 9026417