

Twenty-Fifth Sunday-- September 24, 2017

First Reading **Isaiah 55:6-9**
Seek the Lord while he is still to be found, call to him while he is still near. Let the wicked man abandon his way, the evil man his thoughts. Let him turn back to the Lord who will take pity on him, to our God who is rich in forgiving; for my thoughts are not your thoughts, my ways not your ways – it is the Lord who speaks. Yes, the heavens are as high above earth as my ways are above your ways, my thoughts above your thoughts.

Response: The Lord is close to all who call him.

Second Reading **Philippians 1:20-24.27**
Christ will be glorified in my body, whether by my life or by my death. Life to me, of course, is Christ, but then death would bring me something more; but then again, if living in this body means doing work which is having good results- I do not know what I should choose. I am caught in this dilemma: I want to be gone and be with Christ, which would be very much the better, but for me to stay alive in this body is a more urgent need for your sake. Avoid anything in your everyday lives that would be unworthy of the gospel of Christ

Alleluia, alleluia!
Open our heart, O Lord, to accept the words of your Son. **Alleluia!**

Gospel **Matthew 20:1-16**
Now the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner going out at daybreak to hire workers for his vineyard. He made an agreement with the workers for one denarius a day, and sent them to his vineyard. Going out at about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the market place and said to them, "You go to my vineyard too and I will give you a fair wage". So they went. At about the sixth hour and again at about the ninth hour, he went out and did the same. Then at about the eleventh hour he went out and found more men standing round, and he said to them, "Why have you been standing here idle all day?" "Because no one has hired us" they answered. He said to them, "You go into my vineyard too". In the evening, the owner of the vineyard said to his bailiff, "Call the workers and pay them their wages, starting with the last arrivals and ending with the first". So those who were hired at about the eleventh hour came forward and received one denarius each. When the first came, they expected to get more, but they too received one denarius each. They took it, but grumbled at the landowner. "The men who came last" they said "have done only one hour, and you have treated them the same as us, though we have done a heavy day's work in all the heat." He answered one of them and said, "My friend, I am not being unjust to you; did we not agree on one denarius? Take your earnings and go. I choose to pay the last comer as much as I pay you. Have I no right to do what I like with my own? Why be envious because I am generous?" Thus, the last will be first, and the first, last.'

The Annual Killala Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock is on Sunday October 1. Ceremonies begin with Anointing of the Sick at 2.30pm followed by Mass at 3pm.

Priest on Duty: 087-2586015

St. Muredach's Cathedral – Daily Masses

Monday, 25 September
8am ***Prendergast & Walsh families; Mary Agnes McHale.**
***Mark K. & James Walsh, Quignalegan.**
10am **Sr. Annunciata Browne, Convent of Mercy (First Anniversary)**

Tuesday, 26 September
8am Intention.
10am **Phil Doherty, Cloonishlaun (First Anniversary)**

Wednesday, 27 September
8am **Mary & Bill Foster & deceased family, Moy Heights.**
10am ***Mary Melvin & deceased Lacken family, Carrentreila.**
***John Murray; Deceased Murray family, 38 Greenhills.**

Thursday, 28 September
8am **Jane & George Irwin & deceased families.**
10am ***Claire, Paddy & Marie O'Gorman, Abbey St.**
***Michael & Catherine Hughes, Rathnaconeen.**

Friday, 29 September
8am Intention.
10am ***Henry Forde, Healy Tce.; James & Margaret Noone, Westport/Ballina; Margo, Kitty & Billy, Westport/ London; Cissie Hogan, Mullingar.**
***Valerie McGeough Heffernan, Deceased Heffernan family, Bury St.; Brenda & Patricia McGeough.**

Saturday, 30 September
10am **Mary Kilgallon nee Judge, Mullauns, Breaffy (Month's Mind)**

St. Patrick's Church – Daily Masses

Monday, 25 September
8pm **St. Anthony's Novena.**
Tuesday, 26 September
9.30am Intention
8p.m. St. Anthony's Novena.
Wednesday, 27 September
9.30am Intention
8pm: St. Anthony's Novena.
Thursday, 28 September
9.30am **Alessio Schiavo, 46 Cluain na Ri.**
8pm St. Anthony's Novena
Friday, 29 September
9.30am Mass for the Sick of the Parish
8pm St Anthony's Novena
Saturday, 30 September
9.30am **Celia Smyth, Tyrawley Tce./Garracloon (First Anniversary)**

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: **John Joe Lawrence, Abbeycourt**
Finn Paul Judge, Moy Heights
Ella Marie Bonner, Castlefield Manor
Rosina Marie Collins, Moy Lane
Marriage: **Stephen Bourke, Carrowcushlaun & Natasha Fuery, Sligo Rd.**
Deaths: **Ann Clarke nee O'Hora, London/Rathnaconeen**
Bill McGowan, Boston/Enniscrone
Seamus Hoban, Ballinteer Dublin/Ballycastle

Annual Solemn Novena to St. Anthony of Padua starts on Monday evening at 8pm in St. Patrick's Church and continues each night at the same time up until Tuesday October 3.

Cathedral Restoration Collection for week-end of September 17 was €2,174.83+€283 (36 White envelopes) = total €2,457.83. Thank for your generous support.

Holy Hill will celebrate the feast of St. Therese of Lisieux on our next Visiting Sunday, October 1. Everyone is welcome to Mass at noon, followed by tea and tour.

Counselling for Couples/Individuals experiencing difficulties in their marriage/relationships. Tel. Accord 21478.

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

Spiritual Journey on Wednesday at 10.30am in the Newman Institute.

Newman Institute Foundation in Counselling Course commences on Thursday October 5 from 7pm to 10pm for one year part-time.

Eucharistic Adorers sought to cover the following hours: Monday 3-4pm; Saturday 3 – 4pm. Tel. Mary 087 6808 400 (Night prayer from 10.30pm- 11pm for Vocations to the Priesthood.

Thank you to all who bought lines in our recent draw for 2 ALL IRELAND tickets. The winner was Fidelma Gaughan, Bonniconlon. Total amount raised for the Cathedral Restoration Fund was €2024.

Bingo on Monday 25th September, 2017 at 8.30pm in Knockmore Community Hall. €2750 paid out in prize money. Your support appreciated.

North West SPCA require furniture, bric-a-brac & donations for its shop in Pearse St. Collection can be arranged. Please telephone 76649.

South West Mayo Development Co. Ltd seeks volunteers to assist a small number of Syrian families recently resettled in Ballina. You will be required to assist families with getting to know their new home/town and take part in the local community. Time commitment is 2 hours approx a week for 1 year. Positive attitude and a willingness to spend time with people with limited English required. Volunteers will be screened and training will be provided. For full volunteer description and an expression of interest form contact Mayo Volunteer Centre on 096 71444.

Free - Computer Training: "Skills for Work West" are currently organising a number of Computer Courses in the Ballina area including an introductory IT course covering basic skills, Internet- Email and introduction to Excel Spreadsheets as well as training for Farmers in online applications including use of the "Agfood Website" for Animal Registrations and Movements. All enquiries to :Geraldine -telephone 087 6251494

Bookshop in the Pastoral Centre is open from 9am to 6 pm between Monday and Friday

"Stay at home retreat for Busy People" organised by the Ignatian Prayer Team in St. Patrick's Church, Ballina--
Theme: **'Come away and rest awhile'**
Sunday October 8 - Friday October 13
For information or to book a place: 0879740730 or 0876798839

The Irish Cancer Society 5k colour dash at Belleek Greenaway, Ballina on October 8 at 2pm. Sponsor cards from Michael Rice @ Shoe Hospital, Bridge St. Ballina.

Mayo Cancer Support are providing a Drop in Listening Service from 10am - 12 noon each Tuesday in Ballina Family Resource Centre. Contact: 0872804164

Stephenites Bingo on Sunday and Thursday nights at 8.30pm. Please support.

Ballina Women's Heritage Shed meet on Wednesdays from 7pm-9pm in the Over 55 Club, Cathedral Road. All welcome. On Wednesday Oct 4th Colette Tuohy of Mental Health Engagement is coming to talk with the group on who to improve outcomes in the care of people with mental health issues.

Counselling and Psychotherapy in the Newman Institute at low cost. Telephone. Sharon 0852545515.

Found sum of money outside bus station tel. 087 2894046.

Set Dancing & Social Dancing in Brennan's Lane every Wednesday from 8pm to 11pm. New members welcome. Enquiries to 087 6778910 i

Barracuda Swim School with Swim Ireland certified Coach. Mondays from 3.30pm to 4pm learn to swim; Fridays from 6pm to 7pm, Sundays from 1pm to 2pm and from 2pm to 3pm learn technique and fitness at Levels 4 and 5. All classes at Ballina Swimming Pool. Contact Bridie Patten (Coach) Tel 083 1481603.

Ballina Family Resource Centre. The Parent & Toddler group meets every Thursday from 10.30am to 12.00 noon in the centre. Parents, grandparents and childminders are welcome to come along with their child/children and meet new people over a cuppa and a chat. Various activities take place and new members are always welcome. Ring 096 75573 for more info telephone 75573.

Parenting Course: Common Sense Parenting course for aged 5years + starting in Ballina Family Resource Centre, Abbey Street, Ardnaree. The course will run every Tuesday evening from 7 – 9 pm for 6 weeks, starting Tues 7th November – 12th December. The cost of the course in € 20 per person. For further information contact Rione on 087 213 4978 / 096 75573

Ballina Moy Speakers Club have an open night on Thursday September 28 in the Great National Hotel Ballina at 8pm. All are welcome

Moy ICA Guild weekly meetings every Wednesday in the Community Centre Ballina at 8pm. New members welcome.

Social Dancing to Olivia Douglas on Tuesday September 26 from 9.15pm-- 11.15pm in the Great National Hotel Ballina with, dancing classes for beginners from 8--9 pm

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**