

Sunday in Ordinary Time 23 July 2017

First Reading Wisdom 12:13.16-19
 There is no god, other than you, who cares for everything, to whom you might have to prove that you never judged unjustly. Your justice has its source in strength, your sovereignty over all makes you lenient to all. You show your strength when your sovereign power is questioned and you expose the insolence of those who know it; but, disposing of such strength, you are mild in judgement, you govern us with great lenience, for you have only to will, and your power is there. By acting thus, you have taught a lesson to your people how the virtuous man must be kindly to his fellow men, and you have given your sons the good hope that after sin you will grant repentance.

Response: O Lord, you are good and forgiving.

Second Reading Romans 8:26-27
 The Spirit comes to help us in our weakness. For when we cannot choose words in order to pray properly, the Spirit himself expresses our plea in a way that could never be put into words, and God who knows everything in our hearts knows perfectly well what he means, and that the pleas of the saints expressed by the Spirit are according to the mind of God.

Alleluia, alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our mind, so that we can see what hope his call holds for us. **Alleluia!**

Gospel Matthew 13: 24-43
 Jesus put a parable before the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field. While everybody was asleep his enemy came, sowed darnel all among the wheat, and made off. When the new wheat sprouted and ripened, the darnel appeared as well. The owner's servants went to him and said, "Sir, was it not good seed that you sowed in your field? If so, where does the darnel come from?" "Some enemy has done this," he answered. And the servants said, "Do you want us to go and weed it out?" But he said, "No, because when you weed out the darnel you might pull up the wheat with it. Let them both grow till the harvest; and at harvest time I shall say to the reapers: First collect the darnel and tie it in bundles to be burnt, then gather the wheat into my barn."

Italian Pilgrimage Tour to Benevento, San Giovanni & Assisi on October 9 for 7 nights with Spiritual Director, Michael Harrison. Price of €899 includes 1-night full board – Benevento; 3 nights full board – San Giovanni; 3 nights Half Board – Assisi. For further details contact Fr. Michael Harrison, tel. 32176 or 087 8112163 or Joe Walsh Tours tel. 01 2410816

Mass in Belleek Wood at 3pm on Sunday July 23 with Fr. James Corcoran as celebrant.
Backs Parish Cemetery Masses: Sunday July 30 in Ballinahaglish Cemetery at 6pm and Sunday August 6 in Cloghans Cemetery at 6pm.

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**

St. Muredach's Cathedral – Daily Masses

Monday, 24 July
 8a.m. Intention..
 10a.m. ***Pdraig Murphy, Cloona; Pappy, Margaret & Myra Murphy.**
 ***Patrick & Mary Kennedy & Deceased Kennedy family, Healy Tce.**
 ***John & Nellie Walsh, Behymore; Tom & Mary Walsh, Knockleagha; Ann McFadden; Deceased Walsh & Carr families.**

Tuesday, 25 July
 8a.m. Intention.
 10a.m. ***Mary & James Kenny, Convent Hill Cres.; Teresa Hopkins, Eileen & Frank Moran; Eileen Kenny, Manchester.**
 ***Deceased McNulty family, Ballina.**

Wednesday, 26 July
 8a.m. Intention.
 10a.m. ***Bridget, Michael, Paddy & Brendan Devaney & deceased family, Creggs Rd.**
 ***Joe Rouse, Bury St.**

Thursday, 27 July
 8a.m. Intention
 10a.m. ***Phyllis Walsh nee McGowan, Amana Est.**
 (Month's Mind)

Friday, 28 July
 8a.m. **Thomas & Gerard Finnerty, Wicklow; Tom, Dora & Kathleen Kelly, Crossmolina.**
 10a.m. **Jack McGowan, Chelsea/Quignalecka**
 (Month's Mind)

Saturday, 29 July
 10a.m. **Mary Jo Munnely, Cloontakilla** (First Anniv.)

St. Patrick's Church – Daily Masses

Monday, 24 July
 7.30p.m. ***Mattie Jackson, Mary & Gerard Jackson, Culleens, Killala Rd.**
 ***Anthony Cawley, Rathball/Leixlip & Deceased Cawley family.**
 ***Dervin & Horan families, Roscommon & Laois**

Tuesday, 25 July
 9.30a.m. **Patrick Timoney, Carrowhubbock.**

Wednesday, 26 July
 9.30a.m. **Mai Doocey, Michael, Ellen, Brendan & Oliver Doocey Knoxbarrett.**

Thursday, 27 July
 9.30a.m. ***Mary & Eddie Murray, Corrimbla.**
 ***Paul Foy, Gurteens.**

Friday, 28 July
 9.30a.m. Mass for the Sick of the Parish.
Saturday, 29 July
 9.30a.m. **Moll Roche, Abbey St./Cabra, Rathlee**
 (Month's Mind)

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

Priest on Duty: 087-2586015

Baptisms: **Kitty McDonald nee Roache, Corrimbla/London.**
Patrick Gerard McDonagh, Oaklawns.
Deaths: **John O'Meara, Ardagh, Cloghans**
Catherine (Kitty) McDonald nee Roache,
London/Corrimbla

Please give generously to the Second Collection for Trocaire at masses this weekend: Irish Bishops have asked a second collection to be taken up for the Trocaire Emergency Famine Relief effort in East Africa this weekend.

We welcome the Orthodox sisters from Belarus who visit the parish this weekend. They will have a craft display at the weekend masses to raise funds to support their challenging and rewarding work with special needs children.

Cathedral Restoration Collection for the week-end of July 16 was € 2,520.81+ €205.00 (27 white envelopes) = €2,725.81. Thank you for your continuing generosity.

Please use the White Envelope stamped Cathedral Restoration Fund to make a contribution if you do not have a box of envelopes.

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.

Visitation of large statue of St. Michael the Archangel and veneration of a First-Class relic of St. Faustina at Mass in St. Anne's Church, Cranmore Road, Sligo on Wednesday July 26 at 7.30pm. Celebrant Fr. Peter Prusakiewicz CSMA General Animator of the Knighthood of St. Michael the Archangel, Warsaw, Poland.

'Finding God in all Things' Retreat Day in the Fr. Peyton Centre in Attymass on July 29. Cost: 15 euros includes light lunch. To book or for info: 087 6798839 or 087 9658370

Gortnor Abbey Class Re-union 1972-1977 in Great National Hotel Ballina on Saturday August 5. Contact Moira at 086 4073904 or Maura at 087 6178845 for further information.

Check it Fits service is quick, it's easy, it's free. Experts offer advise on how to fix any problem, demonstrate how to fit the restraint correctly and answer any queries participants might have. Our experts aim to put parent's, grandparent's and guardian's minds at ease that their child's car seat is safely and securely fitted in their car. Pat Kelly, Autopoint, Foxford Rd., Ballina Tues. 1 August.

Killala- Achonry Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes under the leadership of Bishop John Fleming, Bishop of Killala and Bishop Brendan Kelly, Bishop of Achonry with Spiritual Directors: Fr. Tom Doherty, Killala Diocese and Fr. John Maloney Achonry Diocese. From 23- 28 August. Departs Ireland West Airport Knock. 5 nights full board accommodation in Hotel Agena. Price €710- (single rooms available, supplement applies). To book tel. **Pilgrim Section:** Michael Walkin, JWT representative 086-6080763. **Assisted/Invalid Pilgrim Section:** Eileen O'Brien 086-4013897 **limited places available in all sections.**

Bookshop in the Pastoral Centre. Open 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday to Friday

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 others. 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

Ballina Down-to-Earth Environmental Group. Next walk is Saturday 29 July, commencing at 12 noon from Main Street, Ballycastle. A Look at the North-Mayo Landscape from an artist's perspective. Nuala Clarke, an artist associate of the Ballinglen Arts Centre, Ballycastle will lead the walk which will be followed by a viewing of her exhibition at the Centre. Depart from outside the Newman Ballina at 11.15am. To register, phone Ben at 0870245184 / The Newman 09672066. Donation gratefully accepted.

Stephenites Bingo on Sunday and Thursday nights at 8.30pm in the Stephenite Clubrooms.

Ballina Women's Heritage Shed meet on Wednesdays in the Over 55 Club, Cathedral Road at 7pm.

St Vincent de Paul Shop Ballina require crested pinafores and jumpers for all Secondary and primary schools as well as household items, furniture and bric-a brac. Collection can be arranged. Thanks to all our donors. Tel. 72905

Séisiún with Bofield Ceili Band continues in Fr. Peyton Centre, Attymass for the summer season every Thursday at 9pm.

Social Dancing to Carmel Mc Loughlin on Tuesday July 25 from 9.15pm-- 11.15 pm in the Great National Hotel with dancing classes for beginners from 8pm--9 pm .and Slow Waltz.

Sean Davis 4 Day Outdoor Summer Fun Soccer Academy at Ardagh Community Centre, Astroturf and Indoor Facilities for boys and girls aged 5 to 17 years. Cost €55 10am to 3p m daily. Tel. Sean Davis FAI, IFA, FA European A Licence Coach on 0044 2871263044 or Grace on 0873345299.

Found ladies glasses in St. Patrick's Church- Tel. 70555. Voucher found in Pearse St. -Tel. 087 7854891.

Ballina Gardaí present their official launch of Mizen2Malin Cycle in October in aid of the Anthony Golden Community Park by hosting a Car Treasure Hunt and BBQ afterwards from Stephenites GAA grounds on July 28 at 6pm (last car out 7.30pm) All support greatly appreciated, everybody welcome to the BBQ and Social night afterwards.

Connacht Rugby Annual 5-day Summer Camp for 6 to 12 year old boys and girls in Ballina Rugby Club from Monday 31July - Friday 4 August. All players welcome. Cost of €80 includes jersey, ball, rucksack & complimentary ticket to a selected Connacht match next season community.connachtrugby.ie

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Useful Numbers			
Women's Refuge Service 094 90 25409	Priest 087 2586015	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