

# Sunday Bulletin



## PARISH OF KILMOREMOY

9th June, 2024 • Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time • Year B

Parish Priests: Fr Anthony Gillespie • Fr Kieran Holmes • Fr Aidan O'Boyle • Priest on Duty: 087-2586015



*“All sin can be forgiven except . . .”*



IN today's Gospel Jesus summons his Twelve Apostles and performs his first exorcism that is told within the context of conflict with his family.

A crowd so large has gathered that Jesus and his disciples are not even able to eat their bread. His family comes to take him away because they think he is beside himself. And the scribes think he is possessed. Jesus points out to them the absurdity of their thinking that he uses the devil to cast out demons. In fact, it is Jesus who ties up the strong man, Beelzebub, and overcomes him.

He concludes with a brief saying about the forgiveness of sins. All sin can be forgiven except for blasphemy against the Holy Spirit. It's not known exactly what he means by this. It could be that the only sin that can't be forgiven is the one that cuts you off from the source of forgiveness, the Holy Spirit.

Mark then brings Jesus' family back into the picture. They are not presented in a critical light but are just trying to see him. This gives Jesus the opportunity to point out that family for him is not based on blood.



*Everyone is ordinary*

FOR different reasons people conspire to make distinctions between us. Some, it seems, have to be more important than others. Yet fundamentally we are one family on the same shared pilgrimage. Ordinary people struggling with the same difficulties, coping with the same problems, facing the same questions. Position, status and money may open doors or make shopping easier but they are no help at all in living a fully human life. All of us are the same. Ordinary people.

Remember them? *The gifts of the Spirit*

- Wisdom
- Understanding
- Right judgement
- Courage
- Knowledge
- Reverence
- Wonder and awe in God's presence

Everyone who has been baptised and confirmed has received the gifts of the Holy Spirit (left). They are wisdom, understanding, right judgement, courage, knowledge, reverence and wonder and awe in God's presence. They are a legacy we get to give us a start in life and we can draw on them to give us the patience, the gentleness, the self control we need to cope with the trials we meet in life. What they mean is that God's Spirit is with us, that we are not on our own.

*Hidden treasure*

*'A parable leaves you with sufficient doubt about its meaning to tease the mind into active thought.'*

HIDDEN or buried treasure sounds like an adventure story. This is intended by Jesus. Finding the kingdom of God is like an adventure in which there is a treasure that we did not expect to find, that fills us with wonder and tension and drama. Not everyone finds this treasure, which is what makes the story exciting. Jesus could have said that the man dug up the treasure and took what he wanted and left the rest out in the field for others to find easily, but he doesn't. The man hides the treasure again.

We who find the treasure of the kingdom of God will come to understand (whether immediately or over time), that it is more valuable than all that we have – all that our lives consist of. The treasure of the kingdom of God does not fit nicely or easily into the lives that we have already constructed for ourselves. Treasure stories are all about disrupted lives. One cannot discover hidden treasure and remain the same or continue, in an undisrupted way, to live the life one has always lived. In a sense, the measure of the disruption of our former lives is also a measure of the meaning of the treasure we have found. Some of us, perhaps, have not yet discovered the treasure that is worth exchanging our lives for.

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9th June 2024  
Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**FIRST READING**

A reading from the Book of Genesis 3:9.15  
The Lord God called to the man after he had eaten of the tree. 'Where are you?' he asked. 'I heard the sound of you in the garden,' he replied 'I was afraid because I was naked, so I hid.' 'Who told you that you were naked?' he asked. 'Have you been eating of the tree I forbade you to eat?' The man replied, 'It was the woman you put with me; she gave me the fruit, and I ate it.' Then the Lord God asked the woman, 'What is this you have done?' The woman replied, 'The serpent tempted me and I ate.' Then the Lord God said to the serpent, 'Because you have done this, 'Be accursed beyond all cattle, all wild beasts. You shall crawl on your belly and eat dust every day of your life. I will make you enemies of each other: you and the woman, your offspring and her offspring. It will crush your head and you will strike its heel.' The Word of the Lord.

**R. With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.**

**SECOND READING**

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 4:13 – 5:1  
The Word of the Lord.

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him. Alleluia!**

**GOSPEL** 3:20 - 35

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark  
Jesus went home with his disciples, and such a crowd collected that they could not even have a meal. When his relatives heard of this, they set out to take charge of him, convinced he was out of his mind. The scribes who had come down from Jerusalem were saying, 'Beelzebul is in him, and, 'It is through the prince of devils that he casts devils out.' So he called them to him and spoke to them in parables, 'How can Satan cast out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot last. And if a household is divided against itself, that household can never stand. Now if Satan has rebelled against himself and is divided, he cannot stand either – it is the end of him. But no one can make his way into a strong man's house and burgle his property unless he has tied up the strong man first. Only then can he burgle his house.

'I tell you solemnly, all men's sins will be forgiven, and all their blasphemies; but let anyone blaspheme against the Holy Spirit and he will never have forgiveness: he is guilty of an eternal sin.' This was because they were saying, 'An unclean spirit is in him.'

His mother and brothers now arrived and, standing outside, sent in a message asking for him. A crowd was sitting round him at the time the message was passed to him, 'Your mother and brothers and sisters are outside asking for you. 'He replied, 'Who are my mother and my brothers?' And looking round at those sitting in a circle about him, he said, 'Here are my mother and my brothers. Anyone who does the will of God, that person is my brother and sister and mother.' The Gospel of the Lord.

St. Muredach's Cathedral – Daily Masses

**Monday, 10<sup>th</sup> June**

8 a.m. Organ Donor's and their family members.  
10am \*Eamon Hughes, Corcoran Tce. & deceased family  
\*Paddy & Margaret (Gretta) Connor, Garden St.  
\*Sean O'Hora, Knockatinole, Killala Road  
and deceased family members.

**Tuesday, 11<sup>th</sup> June**

8 a.m. Celebrant's Intention.  
10 am Gerry Brennan, Foxford Road.

**Wednesday, 12<sup>th</sup> June**

8 a.m. Celebrant's Intention.  
10a.m. Rita Corcoran, Market Square/Reading, England  
(First Anniversary)

**Thursday, 13<sup>th</sup> June**

8 a.m. Celebrant's Intention.  
10 am \*Deceased Holmes family, Ferran Terrace  
and Deceased McCooney family, Coventry.  
\*Martin and Maureen Syron, Teeling Street,  
Tom and Peggy McLoughlin, Westport.  
\*John and David Cahill, Childers Heights.

**Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> June**

8 a.m. Kathleen Gorman, Lord Edward Street.  
10 am Michael, Mary, Paddy, Mikie, Sean, Noel, Sean,  
and Jane McLoughlin, Paddy and Nan Carr,  
Dave & Kathleen Jones, John & Bridie O'Brien  
Jerry, Daisie and Raymond O'Mahony,

**Saturday, 15<sup>th</sup> June**

10 a.m. Kevin Sheehan, Wesley Court / Chicago.  
(First Anniversary)  
7.30pm Jean Hunt, Connolly Street (Month's Mind)

**Sunday, 16<sup>th</sup> June**

8.30am Celebrant's Intention.  
11 a.m. Mark Cowley, London (First Anniversary)  
12.30pm J.J. Murphy, Greenhills Estate  
Deceased Murphy and Coleman families.

St. Patrick's Church – Daily Masses

**Monday, 10<sup>th</sup> June**

7.30pm \*Margo and Peter O'Malley, Barnadearg  
Deceased O'Malley and Guthrie families.  
\*Frank McDonagh & family, Convent Hill Cres.  
\*Mick McDonnell, Tyrrowley Terrace,  
Deceased McDonnell & Reddington families,  
and Annie and Michael Casey.

**Tuesday, 11<sup>th</sup> June**

9.30am Brendan (Barney) Lindsay,  
Roches Tce. / Lifford, Co. Donegal (First Anniv.)

**Wednesday, 12<sup>th</sup> June**

9.30am \*Ann O'Keefe (nee Mitchell), Mt. Assumpta/Dublin  
\*Tony Keane, Stokane, Enniscrone.

**Thursday, 13<sup>th</sup> June**

9.30am Anthony & Bridget & Deceased Murphy family,  
Currower, Margaret Gallagher,  
Anthony Murphy Junior, Galway / Currower  
P.J. Murphy, Leeds / Currower

**Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> June**

9.30 a.m. Mass of the Sick.

**Saturday, 15<sup>th</sup> June**

9.30 a.m. Bernadette McKenzie, Farranmorgan  
(Month's Mind)  
7.30 p.m. \*Margaret Murray, Childers Heights.  
\*Joe Ruane, Carrentrila & Dec'd Ruane family.  
\*Frank Moran, Sligo Road.

**Sunday, 16<sup>th</sup> June**

10 a.m. Philomena & William, Mary & Tommy Martin,  
Healy Terrace.  
12 Noon Brid Moran, Moy Heights.

**We welcome into God's family:**

James Gerard Moran, Riverslade  
Charlie Harry Dolan, Childers Heights  
Ada Grace Molloy, Rathball, Knockanillaun  
Francie Anthony McDonagh, Abbey Court.

**May God grant them Eternal Rest:**

James (Jim) Friel, Shanaghy / Rinbooy, Co. Donegal  
Gemma O'Malley, Sligo Road / Castlebar  
Sadie (Sarah) Mullen, "St. Bernadette's",  
Church Road / Carrowcushlaun.  
John Walkin, Bohernasup / Market Square.

**ANNUAL MASS IN LEIGUE CEMETERY** for all those interred in Leigue Cemetery & the Blessing of the Graves will take place in Leigue Cemetery on **Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June @ 3 pm**. Please let your family & friends know. A collection to be taken up on the day will go towards the upkeep of the cemetery.

**SUMMER OUTDOOR MASSES**

Over the coming weeks, the priests of the parish will **celebrate Mass on Tuesday evenings at five green spaces throughout the town.**

**June 11<sup>th</sup> Blackrock Court /The Moorings,**

**June 18<sup>th</sup> Childers Heights,**

**June 25<sup>th</sup> Marian Crescent,**

**July 2<sup>nd</sup> Greenhills Estate,**

**July 9<sup>th</sup> Convent of Mercy cemetery.**

This is a chance for neighbours & friends to meet up, enjoy some time together and pray God's blessings upon our homes, families, and friends. **Mass will begin @ 7.30 pm**. Please let your family & friends know. All welcome! **(Kilmoremoy Parish Council)**

**A dedicated Sunday Children's mass at 10 a.m. in St. Patrick's Church.**

**As of 1<sup>st</sup> September 2024 Vigil Masses: 6.30 p.m. Cathedral and 7.30 p.m. St. Patrick's Church. To be reviewed after one year.**

**Monthly Mass for Peace** in the Pastoral Centre on Tues. 11<sup>th</sup> June at 8 p.m.

**'INVITING THE GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT'**

An Ignatian Retreat in Fr Peyton Centre, Attymass on Sat June 22<sup>nd</sup> 10.30 am - 5.00 pm Cost: €25 (including lunch) To book or for info: 087-679 8839 or email [ignatianretreats@gmail.com](mailto:ignatianretreats@gmail.com)

**Congratulations to Fr. Joseph Loftus,**

Lord Edward St. & the Vincentians, Dublin, who celebrates his Ruby Jubilee of Ordination to the Priesthood. On behalf of the Parish we wish Fr. Joseph every good wish, prayers & good health in his ministry.

**Fr. Anthony Gillespie and the Parish Team.**

**Holy Communion for Celiacs**

The priest at Mass has **low gluten hosts** for people who are celiac or have gluten intolerances.

Confessions in St. Muredach's Cathedral: Friday 5 – 6 p.m. Saturday 10.30 – 11.30 a.m.

**PRIEST ON DUTY: 087 2586015**

**Keeping Children Safe**

The diocese of Killala is fully committed to keeping children safe. Information is available on the diocesan child safeguarding website [www.killaladiocese.org](http://www.killaladiocese.org) / safeguarding. Anyone who has issues or concerns around the safety of children, please contact the diocesan confidential helpline 087-100 3554. Concerns and complaints may also be passed on directly to TUSLA (Child and Family Agency) and / or An Garda Síochána.

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**

The Adoration Chapel at Saint Muredach's Cathedral will be open Mon- Sat., 2- 8 pm & Sun. 2- 6 pm If you would like to commit yourself to a dedicated Hour in Adoration please text or phone Mary on 087-680 8400. If you cannot attend your hour please arrange for someone to replace you. All welcome.

**The Parish Office and Gift Shop is open** Monday to Friday 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. (Parish Office telephone: 70555). A large selection of First Communion & Confirmation cards & gifts are available to purchase in the Pastoral Centre Gift Shop.

**The Killala Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes** led by Bishop John Fleming, Bishop Emeritus of Killala, will take place from 18<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> July, 2024. Cost €929. Enquiries and Booking tel. 01-2410800. A limited number of places available in the Assisted Section, Contact Eileen on 086-4013897.

**Prayer for our Students**

Many second-level students have begun state examinations, we wish all the students from our parish & your families the very best over the coming weeks. May you have all have the strength, energy, patience & courage to sustain yourselves during the month of June. You will be remembered in our Masses over the coming weeks.

**Prayer to St. Joseph of Cupertino**

**A great St. Joseph of Cupertino, who by your prayers, obtained from God that you should be asked at your examination the only proposition you knew. Obtain for me that I may succeed like you in the examination for which I am preparing, I promise in return, to make you known and cause you to be invoked.**

**COMMUNITY NOTICES**

**Spiritual Day of Gratitude** in the Great National Hotel on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> June: 10.30 am, Registration, 11 a.m., Sept 1 – Meeting, 12 pm Steps 2 & 3, 1 p.m. Break, 1.45 p.m. Open Meeting with AA & Al-Anon participants, 3 p.m. Step 4 – Meeting, 4 p.m., Steps 10 & 11 Design for living, 5 p.m. Step 12 Carrying the message. Meditation Room.

**Tipperary Sports Partnership** in conjunction with Swim Ireland 5 week Midlife Aquatic Programme for Women at the Ballina Riverside Pool on Wed. June 12<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm. benefitting mental health & general wellbeing. Sessions will be coached via swim Ireland accredited coaches. This programme costs €45 plus booking fee. Information @ [www.tipperarysports.ie](http://www.tipperarysports.ie)