

**Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time  
8 September, 2019**

**FIRST READING** **Wisdom 9:13-18**  
‘What man indeed can know the intentions of God? Who can divine the will of the Lord? The reasonings of mortals are unsure and our intentions unstable; for a perishable body presses down the soul, and this tent of clay weighs down the teeming mind. It is hard enough for us to work out what is on earth, laborious to know what lies within our reach; who, then, can discover what is in the heavens? As for your intention, who could have learnt it, had you not granted Wisdom and sent your holy spirit from above? Thus, have the paths of those on earth been straightened and men been taught what pleases you, and saved, by Wisdom.’

**The Word of the Lord**

**Response to the Psalm:** O Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to the next.

**SECOND READING** **Philemon 1:9-10. 12-17**  
This is Paul writing, an old man now and, what is more, still a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for a child of mine, whose father I became while wearing these chains: I mean Onesimus. He was of no use to you before, but he will be useful to you now, as he has been to me. I am sending him back to you, and with him – I could say – a part of my own self. I should have liked to keep him with me; he could have been a substitute for you, to help me while I am in the chains that the Good News has brought me. However, I did not want to do anything without your consent; it would have been forcing your act of kindness, which should be spontaneous. I know you have been deprived of Onesimus for a time, but it was only so that you could have him back for ever, not as a slave any more, but something much better than a slave, a dear brother; especially dear to me, but how much more to you, as a blood-brother as well as a brother in the Lord. So, if all that we have in common means anything to you, welcome him as you would me.

**The Word of the Lord**

**Alleluia, alleluia!** I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. **Alleluia!**

**GOSPEL** **Luke 14:25-33**  
Great crowds accompanied Jesus on his way and he turned and spoke to them. If any man comes to me without hating his father, mother, wife, children, brothers, sisters, yes and his own life too, he cannot be my disciple. Anyone who does not carry his cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. ‘And indeed, which of you here, intending to build a tower, would not first sit down and work out the cost to see if he had enough to complete it? Otherwise, if he laid the foundation and then found himself unable to finish the work, the onlookers would all start making fun of him and saying, “Here is a man who started to build and was unable to finish”. Or again, what king marching to war against another king would not first sit down and consider whether with ten thousand men he could stand up to the other who advanced against him with twenty thousand? If not, then while the other king was still a long way off, he would send envoys to sue for peace. So, in the same way, none of you can be my disciple unless he gives up all his possessions.’

**The Gospel of the Lord**

**Priest on Duty: 087-2586015**

**St. Muredach’s Cathedral – Daily Masses**

**Monday, 9 September**  
8am **Frank & Mae Moran, 55 Lord Ed. St.**  
10am **\*Martin Maughan, 41 Cluain na Ri; Deceased Maughan family.**  
**\*Kathleen Campbell nee Bradley, 15 Healy Tce.**  
**\*Kate & Paddy Haire, Crannagh, Cloghans; Deceased Higgins family, Cloonishlaun.**

**Tuesday, 10 September**  
8am Special Intention.  
10 am **Angela Doyle, Shanaghy; Ita Slattery, New Jersey; Betty Newman, Dublin.**

**Wednesday, 11 September**  
8am **Ita, John Joe, Tom, Paddy & Kathleen Lyons, Church Rd.**  
10am **\*Mary Nolan, Primrose Hill.**  
**\*Kathleen Rush, The Quay.**  
**\*John Higgins, Aughamore.**

**Thursday, 12 September**  
8am Intention.  
10am **Noreen, Paddy & Joseph Byron, Ballina; Margaret Byron, Coolcran; Michael Byron, Leeds; Mary Kiely, Sligo; Deceased Hendry & Byron families.**

**Friday, 13 September**  
8am **Walter, Una & Joe Rouse, Pearse St./Bury St.**  
10am **Ada & Martin Leonard, Teeling St./The Glebe.**

**Saturday, 14 September**  
10am **Maureen Connolly, Bohernasup (First Anniv.)**  
7.30pm **Margaret Hawker nee Mullen, Shanaghy (Month’s Mind)**

**Sunday, 15 September**  
8.30am **Fred & Sally O’Hara, Connolly St.**

**St. Patrick’s Church – Daily Masses**

**Monday, 9 September**  
7.30pm **\* Nina & Dermot Murphy; Deceased Roche Family, Ardnaree.**  
**\*Doris Devers, Kilglass/St. Patrick’s Est.**  
**\*Tom Donoghue, Childers Hgts.**

**Tuesday, 10 September**  
9.30am **Michael Egan, Hospital Lodge (Month’s Mind)**

**Wednesday, 11 September**  
9.30am **\*Rita O’Connor, 62 Childers Hgts.**  
**\*Shane Henry, Corrimbla**

**\*Jim & Rose Boyce & Deceased family, Letterkenny**

**Thursday, 12 September**  
9.30am **Ted, Ellen, Terry, Paddy, Frank & Winnie Maughan, 41 Lord Ed. St.**

**Friday, 13 September**  
9.30am Mass for the Sick of the Parish.

**Saturday, 14 September**  
9.30am **Willie O’Boyle, Faranoo; John & Mary Merrick.**  
8pm **Kathleen Slack, Corrimbla South.**

**Sunday, 15 September**  
12noon **P.J. Reynolds, 14 Humbert St.; Deceased Reynolds & Cawley families; Deceased Cosgrove & Gibson families.**

**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, Child Safeguarding Office, The Newman Institute, Ballina 096-72066** or the **Diocesan Helpline: 087-1003554**

**We welcome into God’s family**

**Cathal Thomas Gorman, Quignalecka**

**We congratulate on recent marriage**  
**Liam Costello, Gort & Kathrina O’Donnell, Achill**

**May God grant Eternal Happiness to**  
**Emilio Fusciardi, Rathmeel Lawns, Ballina**  
**Jim Coleman, Carracastle**

**Cathedral Restoration** for the weekend of September 1 was €2,100.20 + €281.34 (32 White Envelopes) =€2,381.54  
Thank you for your continuing support.

**Ballina Active Retirement Table Quiz** on Wednesday in the Pastoral Centre at 2.15 p.m..

**The Christina Noble OBE Children Foundation 30 years celebration Concert** “Bridge across her sorrows” is on Tuesday September 17 in Westport Town Hall Theatre. Doors open 7 p.m. Show at 8 p.m. sharp. Tickets on sale €20 Booking Office 098 28459 or online [www.westporttheatre.com](http://www.westporttheatre.com)

**Foundation in Counselling Course** in the Newman Institute is to commence on October 10. This is a one-year part time course over 26 Thursday nights from 7-10pm and 2 Saturdays from 10am-5pm. The cost of the course is €1,200 and can be paid in instalments. A deposit of €100 is required to secure a place on the course. This year there are 2 new lecturers Mr. Michael Burke and Dr. Seamus Ryan who are both Senior Clinical Psychologists. For enquires place tel. 096 72066 or email [reception@newman.ie](mailto:reception@newman.ie)

**Moyné College/Newman Institute** Places still available on Healthcare Support/ Nursing Studies ( QQI Level 5) and Childcare (QQI Level 5/6). Mature students particularly catered for. Contact 09621472 or 0860451474 or email [sineadcaffreyblaine@msleib.ie](mailto:sineadcaffreyblaine@msleib.ie)

**Moy Valley Dyslexia workshop** begins on September 10. Spaces still left for a few students from 3rd class -3rd year. who would benefit from additional tuition for dyslexia. Tel. Beryl Slevin 086 8598281.

**Monthly Mass for Peace** in the Pastoral Centre on Tuesday at 8pm.

**Healing/Anointing Catholic Ministry Service**, led by Seamus Byrne from Co. Kilkenny on Sunday September 15 from 1.15pm to 5.15pm in the Holy Rosary Church, Castlebar with Praise and Worship, Healing Prayers, Talks and Eucharistic Adoration after 12 noon Mass. All are welcome.

**Volunteering** at Ballina Credit Union. Have you ever considered volunteering as a Committee Member or Board of Director of the Credit Union ? You could gain invaluable experience of the Financial Sector and have access to Educational Programmes. Contact [info@ballinacu.ie](mailto:info@ballinacu.ie) or phone 096 71066 if interested.

**Arthritis Mayo Branch Seated Exercise Class** starting Sept. 17 at 7pm in Newman Institute. The 6-week course costs €30. Contact Vincent 085 2276914 for information.

**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**

**Ballina Parish Bookshop is open Monday to Friday from 9am to 6pm daily.** A large selection of gift items including mass cards now in stock.

**Women’s Shed** meet on Tuesdays at 7.30pm in the Community Centre.

**Barracuda Swim School** (Swim Ireland Certified coach), (Give your child the lifelong skill of swimming) Children’s learn to swim classes at Ballina Swimming Pool pm Mondays 3.30pm to 4pm & Sundays from 2pm to 3pm. Children must be 4 years and over. Contact Bridie Patten on 083 1481603.

**Social Dancing** in Great National Hotel Ballina on Tuesday at 9.15 pm.

**Introduction to Mindfulness** in the Newman Institute on the following Thursday evenings Sept. 12, 19 & 26 from 7pm – 9pm. Facilitator Ms. Derval Dunford Cost €60. Limited places available. Booking essential tel. 72066 or email [reception@newman.ie](mailto:reception@newman.ie)

**Moffatt School of Dancing** re-commences in Ballina Stephenites on Tuesday at 5pm.

**Danceworld** has resumed for all our students on Tuesdays in the Ballina Arts Centre. For more information visit our Facebook page Danceworld Anotherlevel or contact 0872035460.

**Bereavement Support Group.** Life after a bereavement can feel empty and lonely. A **Bereavement Support Group** meets at the Family Centre, Knock every Wednesday morning at 11am. Anyone is welcome to drop in any week. Further information available from Monica Morley at the Centre on 094-9375320.

**The Sylvan Kelly School of Irish Dance** is introducing a new and innovative Irish Dance Development Program for girls and boys age 3+ called ‘Little Jiggers’. Currently enrolling for this new programme with starting date Tuesday September 10. Contact Sylvan 0876440627.

**Ballina Stephenites Bingo** in the clubhouse every Thursday and Sunday night at 8.30pm. All support appreciated. Please note that Thursday night start time has changed to 8.30pm.

**Dara Calleary** is hosting a Coffee morning on Saturday September 14 from 10.30am – 12.30pm in aid of Mayo Roscommon Hospice in the Jackie Clarke Library, Pearse St, Ballina. All welcome.

**Ballina Toastmasters Meeting** on Thursday September 12 at 8pm in the Great National Hotel, Foxford Road, Ballina.

**Ballina Moy ICA** have resumed in Ballina Community Centre, Teeling Street, meet every Wednesday at 8.00pm. We welcome new members to join us, this is a way of making new friends and learning new crafts, for enquiries please contact Noreen 087-7501315, Ann 087-2581117.

**Pacers basketball training sessions** resume for U10 and U12 girls in Scoil Padraig this Monday Sept. 9<sup>th</sup> for U.10’s – 5.30pm to 6.30pm & for U.12’s – 6.30pm to 8 pm. Tel.: 0876419680 for more info

**Ballina Stephenites Junior Squash** commences Wednesday September 11 for returning and new players age 8+. Contact Kevin on 0863782531 for more information

**Irish Girl Guides all Units** will hold a **Registration Evening** on Wednesday September 11 from 7 to 8pm at the Guide Den in Marian Crescent. Parents of all new and existing members are invited to come and register and find out about Guiding. Leaders from all sections will be there to answer any questions you may have. Meetings for the girls will commence the following week. Ladybirds (for girls age 5-7) and Belleek Brownies (girls age 7-10) will re-open on Monday 16<sup>th</sup>, Moy Brownies (girls age 7-10) on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> and Guides (girls age 10-14) on Wednesday September 18<sup>th</sup>. For information or queries contact Jacqueline at 096 71834 or 087 8596270.