

Third Sunday in Ordinary - January 21, 2018

First Reading **Jonah 3:1-5. 10**
 The word of the Lord was addressed to Jonah: 'Up!' he said 'Go to Nineveh, the great city, and preach to them as I told you to.' Jonah set out and went to Nineveh in obedience to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was a city great beyond compare: it took three days to cross it. Jonah went on into the city, making a day's journey. He preached in these words, 'Only forty days more and Nineveh is going to be destroyed.' And the people of Nineveh believed in God; they proclaimed a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest to the least. God saw their efforts to renounce their evil behaviour. And God relented: he did not inflict on them the disaster which he had threatened.

Response: Lord, make me know your ways.
Second **1 Corinthians 7:29-31**
 Brothers: our time is growing short. Those who have wives should live as though they had none, and those who mourn should live as though they had nothing to mourn for; those who are enjoying life should live as though there were nothing to laugh about; those whose life is buying things should live as though they had nothing of their own; and those who have to deal with the world should not become engrossed in it. I say this because the world as we know it is passing away.

Alleluia, alleluia! The kingdom of God is close at hand; believe the good news. **Alleluia!**

GOSPEL **Mark 1:14-20**
 After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God. 'The time has come' he said 'and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News. 'As he was walking along by the Sea of Galilee he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net in the lake – for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you into fishers of men.' And at once they left their nets and followed him. Going on a little further, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John; they too were in their boat, mending their nets. He called them at once and, leaving their father Zebedee in the boat with the men he employed, they went after him.

Ecumenical Service for Christian Unity
 You are invited to the ecumenical service for the diocese in the Cathedral, this Sunday evening January 21 at 7.30pm. Bishop Patrick Rooke will preach. Following the Service Ballina Churches Together will launch their latest initiative, The Blue Bus, in the grounds of the Cathedral. Tea and Coffee will then be served in the Newman Institute.

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, 22 January
 8am **Desmond McElroy & Maguire families.**
 10am **Breege Carney, Quignashee** (1st Anniversary).
Tuesday, 23 January
 8am **Gerry Hopkins, Bohernasup.**
 10am **Bernie Durkan, Corrimbla.**
Wednesday, 24 January
 8am **Mary Foster, Moy Heights** (First Anniversary)
 10am ***Jimmy Furey, Kilburn, London/Behymore.**
Teresa Hopkins, Lord Edward St.
Thursday, 25 January
 8am **Danny Gilmartin, Leitrim/Laois** (First Anniversary)
 10am **Betty McGonagle nee Lally, Childers Hgts./ Ardnaree** (First Anniversary)
Friday, 26 January
 8am **Annie Foley, Abbey St. & William Foley**
 10am **Teresa Munnally nee Gallagher, Farranmorgan,** (First Anniversary)
Saturday, 27 January
 10am **Mary Jackson nee Hoban, Culleens/ Killala Rd.** (First Anniversary)
 2 pm **Paddy O'Brien, Moy Orchard, Belleek** (Mass of Angels)
 7.30pm **Christina Forde, Healy Tce.** (Month's Mind)
Sunday, 28 January
 8.30am **Delia Hunter, Behybeg.**

St. Patrick's Church – Daily Masses

Monday, 22 January
 7.30pm **Margaret (Peggy) Devlin, Behybeg.** (First Anniversary)
Tuesday, 23 January
 9.30am **Jarlath Clarke, James & Bridget Clarke, Vera Clarke, Killala Rd.**
Wednesday, 24 January
 9.30am **Chris & Tom Maloney, Mary Maloney & Shane Maloney & Deceased Wade family.**
Thursday, 25 January
 9.30am **Patrick & Elizabeth McGinty, 52 Lord Ed. St.**
Friday, 26 January
 9.30am Mass for the Sick of the Parish.
Saturday, 27 January
 9.30am **Marie Gibbons, Ardoughan** (First Anniversary)
 8pm **Jarlath & Maeve Jennings, Lansyn, Bohernasup.**

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: **Rachael Jo Gorman, Nephin Court.**
Caragh Louise Sweeney-Loftus, ConventHill Crescent.
Jagoda Weronika Kas, Market Square.
Death: **Margaret Callaghan nee Glacken, McDermott St./Letterkenny.**
Fintan Conmy, Aras Attracta, Swinford/ Connolly Street.
Padraic McGinty, Barnadearg.
Patrick Daly, Church View, Crossmolina.
Kevin Gaughan, King St./Chicago, U.S.A.

Please note the new Parish email address is: ballinaparish@gmail.com

Listening to the people
 As you know, the Catholic Church in Ireland is in serious difficulty. Everyone agrees that we need to do something to arrest the decline of our Church and to plan for the future. In difficult times we need to continue to place hope in faith. During the months of February and March, the people of Killala diocese (including the people of the Parish of Kilmoreemoy will be given an opportunity to say what they think and to give their opinion on what we need to do. A special committee has drawn up a simple survey which, when completed, will help us to understand what people are thinking and saying. Every parishioner will have the opportunity to say what they believe we need to do by filling in the same survey. Members of the committee will be visiting each parish (including this parish) and will give the members of the Parish Council an opportunity to complete the survey. There will be copies of the survey available in the parish. This survey that involves an organised listening to the people of the parishes of the diocese has the support of Bishop Fleming and the priests of the diocese. Please give it your wholehearted support.

Cathedral Restoration Collection for the week-end of January 14 was € 2,183.17 + €654.16 (39 White Envelopes) = €2,837.33 Thank you for your support

Eucharistic Adoration—Adorers sought for the following hours: Monday :4 - 5pm; Tuesday:12pm -1pm; Wednesday:10pm -11pm.Please contact Mary 087 6808400

Mindspace Mayo Outreach service in Ballina offers a support service to young people (15-25yrs) presenting with anything from common concerns (e.g. dealing with break-up, exam stress, bullying) to young people with emerging mental health difficulties such as mild depression and anxiety on Mondays in the Ballina Family Resource Centre. Tel. 094-9067001
Mayo Stroke Support Group meeting on Thursday January 25 from 11.30am – 1pm in the Great National Hotel, tel. 094 9049172 Topic 'Managing risk factors after a stroke'.

The Mayo Branch of Arthritis Ireland: Annual Mass for deceased members and friends is on Wednesday January 31 at 8pm in Bohola Church. Light refreshments served after the mass. All members and their families welcome.

Ballina Parish Bookshop is open Monday to Friday from 9am to 6pm daily. A large selection of gift items for First Holy Communion and Confirmation including mass cards now in stock.

Spiritual Journey resumes in the Newman Institute on Wednesday at 10.30am.
Ballina Stephenites Squash Club Spring League commences on Monday January 22. Membership fees to be paid by January 19 for inclusion in the league. All levels catered for. Please contact Finbarr on 086 819 6200.

Credit Union Schools Quiz on January 26 in Ballina Sports and Leisure Centre at 8 p.m.

Moy Speakers Toastmasters meet in Great National Hotel on Thursday January 25 at 8pm.

Ballina Women's Heritage Shed meet every Wednesday in the Community Centre, Teeling Street, Ballina from 7pm-9pm for a chat and to support each other while sharing skills and taking part in various projects. Contact no.:0852732551

Adult Ballroom Dancing for 10 weeks starting on January 25 in the Great National Hotel from 8pm to 10pm. Tel. Padraig 085 2578577.

Century snooker club- Junior coaching and competition Saturday @1pm. Open 7 days per week from 3.30pm. For more information please telephone 096 70895 All welcome

Social Dancing to Stuart Moyles on Tuesday January 23 in the Great National Hotel from 9.15 pm– 11.15pm with beginners from 8pm – 9pm.

Poor Clares Galway Cloister Day on Saturday January 27 from 10am – 5pm. poorclaresgalwayvocations@gmail.com

Moy ICA Guild meet on Wednesdays at 8pm in Ballina Community Centre, Teeling St. New members welcome.

Keep Ardnaree Post Office Open: A Public March and Meeting will take place on Saturday January 27 to keep the Ardnaree Post Office Open. The March will commence from Dunnes Stores Car Park at 2pm and proceed to Ardnaree Post Office where a public meeting will take place, addressed by Public Representatives and others. Please come out to support this March to keep our Post Office open. Any queries to Matt Farrell 087 2617167.

Ballina Town ICA Committee meeting in the Community Centre, Teeling St. on Tuesday January 23 instead of January 16 at 3 p.m. New members welcome.

St. Muredach's College Open Night and Enrolment for Parents/Guardians of prospective First Years on Thursday January 25 from 7-9pm. Principal's address at 7pm.

Seated exercise classes for people with Arthritis and Fibromyalgia start on Monday January 29 for 8 weeks in the Newman Institute at 7pm. For details please tel. 086 0657315 or email:arthritismayobranh@gmail.com

Ballina Community Games AGM on Monday January 22 at 9 pm. in Ballina Manor Hotel. Parents of children in Ballina area are welcome to attend.

Notices for the Bulletin to be sent to ballinaparish@gmail.com by 12 noon on Thursday.

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

Emergency Numbers	Gardai 999	Fire Brigade 999	Meals-on-Wheels: 21572
Useful Numbers			
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