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Christ in every home and
friendship
Christ in every school
and workplace



St. Patrick at the court of the High King

St Patrick Apostle of Ireland

We often forget that Patrick was an immigrant— in modern terms we might call him an undocumented migrant or a slave. In his Confession he described himself as a refugee: 'I am first of all a simple country person, a refugee and unlearned. I do not know how to provide for the future.' But through the grace of God, Patrick's fortunes were turned around and he embarked on a mission in his adopted homeland that would earn him the title 'Apostle of Ireland'.

Today we remember all migrants. In his message for the 104th World Day of Migrants and Refugees in January, Pope Francis said: 'Every stranger who knocks at our door is an opportunity for an encounter with Jesus Christ, who identifies with the welcomed and rejected strangers of every age.' May St Patrick guide us to be true disciples, with the courage to welcome every stranger as Christ in our midst. (Ms. Triona Doherty; Intercom)

Anniversary Masses Arigna

Sat. 17th. Roseanne & Pat Wynne
Elizabeth Murphy.

Sun. 18th. Peggy Leydon, Derrynagallion

Anniversary Masses Ballyfarnon.

Sat 24th Sonny, Agnes & Sean Flynn.

Vigil Masses: Saturday, Keadue 7pm & Ballyfarnon 8.30pm. **Sunday Masses:** Arigna 10.30am and Keadue 12noon. **Confessions** after Vigil Masses.

Do this in Memory Programme in Keadue 12 noon Mass on Palm Sunday March 25th

Ballyfarnon: Minister of Holy Communion: Sat 24th Nuala McNamara. Reader: Sat 24th. Hannah Martin, Tony McDonagh, Mary Flanagan. Altar Society: Kathleen Gaffney, Margaret Killoran. Collectors: Gerry Travers, Tony McDonagh. Grounds: Sean Gaffney, Martin Gaffney. Offertory Collection, €300.00

Arigna: Minister of Holy Communion: Sun 25th. Tommy Earley, Kevin Wynne, Reader: Sun. 25th Sally Ann Earley. Altar Society: Rose McGuckian, Eithne McGuire, Offertory Collection, €670.00

Keadue: Ministers of Holy Communion: Sat 24th Joan Connolly. Sun 25th. Rosaleen Boyle. Readers: Sat. 24th Chloe McCabe, Sun. 25th. Eileen Barry. Collectors: Sat. 24th. Paul Kelly. Sun. 25th. Tommy Daly. Altar Society Una O'Donnell, Mary Guihen, Liz McCabe, Mary Kelly. Grounds: Patrick McManus, Sean McDonagh. Offertory Collection, €467.00.

St. Ronan's Lotto: There was no winner of the lotto jackpot when the draw was held last weekend. The numbers drawn were 1,19,27 and 29. Consolation prizes were won by the following €70 Philip & Conor, Ballyfarnon, €30 Mary Keaveney, Arigna, €15 each Philip & Breda, Keadue, John O'Connor, Ballyfarnon, Jody O'Reilly, Geevagh. The jackpot this week will be €6,500 and the draw will be held in The Miners Bar

Anniversary Masses Keadue

Fri. 16th People of the Parish

Sat. 17th. 7p.m Lizzie Gralton & D.M.F.
Florrie & Jim Langan

Bonus Ball Bash: Last week's winner of €45 each were Declan Gilhooly & Joseph Baxter. Get your €2 entry at The Harp & Shamrock or O'Donnell's / O'Carolan Bar.

Eddie Stones will attend St Marys Church, Newtownforbes, Co. Longford on March 24th at 2 PM.



The icon of the Holy Family was specially commissioned by WMOF2018, written by iconographer Mihai Cucu, and assisted by the Redemptoristine Sisters of the Monastery of St Alphonsus, Iona Road, Dublin, as part of their ongoing prayer for families. The Icon was unveiled and anointed on the 21st August 2017, during the launch of the one-year

programme of preparation at the National Novena in Knock, Ireland. It has now started to travel to each diocese in Ireland to encourage reflection and prayer as part of the journey of preparations to WMOF2018. The icon is accompanied by petition boxes, where families can write their intentions and prayer. The Icon will be travelling to some towns in the Diocese of Ardagh and Clonmacnois. It is due to arrive in Carrick-on-Shannon on Wednesday 28th and depart on Thursday 29th March. Full details later.

Rosary for life and faith at the Monastic Site at Kilronan beside St. Lasairs Well at 2:30pm on this Sunday 18th March to ask Our Lady and our deceased brethren, who gave their lives for their faith, to intercede for Ireland at this critical time in our history

Basic Construction Skills: MSL ETB, Leitrim Development Company and the Dept of Employment and Social Protection will deliver a basic construction skills course in Drumshanbo Enterprise Centre starting on Tuesday the 27th March. The course will run from 9.30am to 2.30pm on Tuesdays and Wednesdays for 10 weeks. Participants will be introduced to blocklaying, roofing, woodwork and other basic building site skills. Manual handling and safepass will be included in the course. For more information or to book a place on the course contact Michael on 071 9641770 EXT 1009 or e-mail mbruen@ldco.ie

Strabraggan N.S. Parents Association will hold a table quiz on Friday, April 13th at 9pm in The Miner's Bar, Arigna. Raffle and spot prizes on the night. Tables of 4 €20. Please come along for what will be a great night.

Sincere thanks to all who helped us to provide and deliver meals and services during the recent snow and storm Emma. Any queries regarding services or meals please contact Julie Dockery on 0719667777/0861749816

Kilronan Community Games: The annual church gate collection was held in Keadue and Ballyfarnon last weekend. A total of €289.56 was collected. The collection in Arigna will take place Sunday 22nd April. Many thanks for your continued support.

The Art and Handwriting competition are currently taking place in the 4 schools of the parish. **Swimming heats** will be held Sunday 25th March at 7pm in Aura Carrick on Shannon. For enquiries on swimming and solo music or singing please contact Fiona on 0868700666. **Our Athletics day** is planned for April 15th. A WhatsApp group has been set up for parents for notifications of events. Please contact Fiona if you are not on it.