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Kilronan Parish Newsletter

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When the world says,
"Give up,"
Hope whispers,
"Try it one more time".

"You and I have a right to our life. It is not given to us by the Irish Constitution or by any law. 'We have it 'as of right' wealthy or poor, healthy or sick. All human beings have it. For us as a society to now declare that any category of human beings should have that right taken from them is a serious' backward step. It effectively says they don't exist or, if they do, they do not count. That is a manifest injustice. From conception on, a baby has within him or herself the full potential to be whatever destiny might allow."

Excerpt from the pastoral message of Bishop Alan McGuckian S.J. of Raphoe. Read it in full on www.chooselife2018.ie

What will happen if the Eighth Amendment is repealed? The Eighth Amendment protects the right to life of pregnant women and unborn babies equally. Without it, Ireland's abortion rate will rise dramatically. Statistics from the Department of Health UK reveal over 185,000 abortions were performed in 2016. When abortion was legalised in the UK in 1967, no one could have predicted that in just 50 years 1 in 5 British babies' lives would end in abortion every year. Similar rates are seen in Sweden (1 in 4), France and Spain (1 in 5), Italy and Portugal (1 in 6).

Anniversary Masses Arigna

Sun. 29th Teresa Cullen & D.M.F.
Michael Sweeney & D.M.F.
Annie, Michael & Agnes Tymon, Knockadryan

Anniversary Masses Ballyfarnon

Sat. 28th Tom & Bridget Cooney
Sat. 5th Henry & Kathleen Lynam
James and Lizzy Doran

Weekday Masses 10a.m; and **Sunday Masses** as usual.

Safeguarding Training for those who Supervise Servers and for Sacristans on Saturday, May 12th. Time: 10. 00 am – 3.30 pm. in the Pastoral Centre, St. Mel's College, Longford.

First Friday Calls on Friday 4th May.

Parish Choir Practice for First Holy Communion Tuesday 9 - 10 pm. New members welcome.

Ballyfarnon: Minister of Holy Communion: Sat 5th Bridie McCawley. Readers: Sat 5th. Damian Killoran. Altar Society: Phil Gray, Teresa Shivanan. Collectors: Michael McCawley, Eamon Keaveney. Grounds: Jimmy McGirl, Seamus McGirl. Offertory Collection, €275.00

Arigna: Minister of Holy Communion: Sun 6th. Tommy Earley, Kevin Wynne. Reader: Sun. 6th. Rose McGuckian. Altar Society: Maureen Guihen, Bernadette Duignan. Offertory Collection, €555.00

Keadue: Ministers of Holy Communion: Sat 5th Paul Kelly, Sun 6th Margaret Kelly. Readers: Sat. 5th Sean Martin, Sun. 6th John Coonan. Collectors: Sat. 5th. Paul Kelly. Sun. 6th. Tommy Daly. Altar Society Margaret Grimes, Josephine Leydon, Mollie Guihen, Dolores Matthews. Grounds: Patrick McManus, Sean McDonagh. Offertory Collection, €511.00.

Camino Way. Laura and Eithne McGuire are holding a Table Quiz in the Miners Bar, Arigna on Friday, May 4th at 9p.m. The quiz is to support a sponsored walk for Beaumont Hospital Breast and Prostate Cancer Services. Table of 4 = €20. Raffle and Prizes on the night with special guest Michael Harding.

Anniversary Masses Keadue

Sat 29th Tess & Henry Daly
Sat. 5th Sheila Gaffney, Mullaun
Teresa & Harry Knibb
Sun. 6th John & Mary Ellen Healy
& D.M. of Healy & Lynam families

Rest in Peace +

Michael Burke, Ballyfarnon. Funeral arrangements later.

Poor Clare Convent Drumshanbo: All Night Vigil of silent prayer on Friday 4th, 11th & 18th May to seek the protection of Mary our Mother for our country at this time. (9pm Friday to 9am Saturday)

Bonus Ball Bash: Last week's winners of €45 were Paraic Noone & Ciara Guihen. Get your €2 entry at The Harp & Shamrock or O'Donnell's / O'Carolan Bar

St. Ronan's Lotto: There was no winner of the Lotto jackpot when the draw was held last weekend. The numbers drawn were 5, 12, 23 and 29. Consolation prizes were won by the following €70 Pío Keaveney, Arigna, €30 Denis & Claire Lynch, Derrinskey, Arigna, €15 each Siobhan Spellman, Keadue, Tony & Ann Killoran, Rathfarnam, Dublin, Patricia & Thomas Lynch, Derrinskey, Arigna. The jackpot this week will be €7,100 and the draw will be held in McCabes

There will be a plastic collection of silage wrap, pit covers, meal bags & fertilizer bags at Drumshanbo Mart on Wednesday 9th My from 9a.m. to 4p.m. For more details phone. 086-2521699, 087-3291081, or 071-9662781.

Kilronan Fitkids: Outdoor Fun - Circuit Training for children aged 4-13 years at Keadue AstroTurf Pitch every Tuesday, commencing this coming Tuesday May 1st. 6.00pm - 6.45pm for 4-8 year olds and 6.45pm - 7.30pm for 9-13 year olds. Cost €20, discounts available to families of three or more. For more details please call Edel 086 3181469 or Dawn 087 7907886.

Hotel & Catering Course: Leitrim Development Company is currently recruiting for their QQI Level 5 Hospitality Operations Course. The course is full-time and will run for 42 weeks, commencing end of May 2018. It is based in the Training Kitchen in the Food Hub, Drumshanbo. Course is free to eligible participants. Funded by MSL ETB and DEASP. For more information or to register please contact Leitrim Development Company on 071 9641770 or email Jeanette@ldco.ie

Ballyfarnon Tidy Towns want to thank all who participated in the National Spring Clean up week in Ballyfarnon. The work continues each Tuesday evening 7pm meeting on the Crescent in preparation for Tidy Towns competition.

The Parish Pastoral Council wish to thank Philip Fleming, Senior Engineer, Roscommon County Council and their dedicated staff, Gabriel Regan, Raymond Molloy and Joe Boles on their excellent work in reinstating the cemetery wall and steps, drainage work and resurfacing the roadway in front of Arigna cemetery and church.

Community Alert: As we are about to set up Keadue Text Alert, all those who are interested in joining are asked to donate a minimum of €10 towards signage and initial inclusion in the Text Alert scheme. For further information please contact John Quinn 086 2278141 or Margaret Kelly 086 3840178.

Keadue Tidy Towns: Wildlife expert Michael Bell of Nature Learn will visit Keadue on Friday Night May 4th to present a talk, in Keadue Hall at 7.30pm, on how we can help pollinators in our gardens. On the night he will also provide some useful tips for feeding garden birds. Come along for what will be an educational and interesting evening. This event is part of the "Let's Get Communities Buzzing" programme being run by Roscommon County Council.