

# Laragh Parish Newsletter

**8. Bishop MacKiernan Memorial Lecture:** The annual Bishop MacKiernan Memorial lecture will take place in the Johnston Central Library, Cavan on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February at 7pm. The title of the talk will be Catholic/Irish/Protestant: Religious history and religious identity in Ireland 1600-2000 and it will be given by Alan Ford.

**9. Computer Training:** Are you frustrated by your lack of computer skills? Age Action runs beginning courses in Computers, iPads and Tables for older people who have little or no experience. Courses run once a week for 5 weeks. Classes starting on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February at Breifne College. If you wish to enrol, please phone 01 4756989. Classes are free of charge.

**10. Laragh Senior Social Club:** Bus leaves The Lavey Inn on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> February at 2pm for the 4 day trip to Bundoran. There will be no get together in Cliffferna on Thursday February 22<sup>nd</sup>. Mass for the deceased members in Laragh Church on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March at 1pm, followed with Lunch and Entertainment in The Cross Lounge, Stradone. All welcome to attend, but it is important that all who wish to join us for lunch must give their name to Rose Smith 049 4330191 or 087 6321495 by Thursday February 22<sup>nd</sup> as we need numbers for catering.

## 11. Laragh United GFC:

- **Lotto Results:** No jackpot winner. Numbers drawn were 2, 14, 23, 29. €30 winners were Philip Brady, Patsy & Maisie Smith, Michelle Geoghan, Jackie McKenna, Jennifer Tully. Next week's jackpot €7,200.
- **Club Communication:** If anyone would like to receive club text messages or emails please send your name and number/email address to Club Secretary Ita Smith on 087 7813413 and you will be added to the list.
- **Senior Scor:** takes place in Killeshandra on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March at 7.30pm. The Senior Scor Table Quiz takes place in The Hotel Kilmore on 15<sup>th</sup> March. If any of our members would like to represent the club please get in touch with Benny Sexton 087 6378600 or any committee member.

**12. Cards:** continues in Cliffferna Community Centre on Thursday nights at 9pm sharp. All welcome.

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## Your Prayers are Requested for the Souls of the late

- **Mick Lynch, Altbough,** whose funeral took place in St. Michael's Church Cliffferna on Ash Wednesday. We extend our sympathy to his wife Maureen, sons Brian, Michael and Liam and extended family.
- **Eileen Daly, Kells,** whose funeral took place in Moynalty recently. We extend our sympathy to her brother PJ Hand and family, Corfad.



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## Emergency Numbers

Cavan Gardai	049 4368800	Doc-on-Call	1850 777911
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**18<sup>th</sup> February 2018 – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent**

## Stuck in Traffic

There's a famous billboard that hangs along a congested highway in America. It reads: *'You aren't stuck in traffic. You are traffic!'* It's a motto we can apply to other areas of our lives. We aren't stuck in a bad neighbourhood where people don't talk to each other - we're part of that neighbourhood. Similarly with our parishes, our churches, our political parties - we're not stuck with them; we're part of what makes them what they are. The spiritual writer, Henri Nouwen, never tired of making this point. What we see written large in the world news each night, he insisted, simply reflects what's going on inside each of us. Yes, we feel morally indignant when we see instances of bigotry, racism, greed, violence and murder on our TV screens but we're naive if we think it's *always* other people that are the problem. When we're being honest, we have to admit that we are in some way complicit in all these things. The fear and paranoia that cause so much conflict in the world are not strangers to us. We too find it hard to accept people who are different from us. We too use up an unfair amount of the world's resources in our desire for comfort or excitement. Our negative judgements, jealousies, gossip and bitter words are, in the end, real acts of violence.

*Two conclusions can be drawn. First, resist the temptation to blame others. Second, repent and believe in forgiveness.*

## GENERAL NOTICES

### ST. BRIGID'S CHURCH LARAGH

#### Masses this week:

Sun 18 <sup>th</sup> Feb	11.00 am	Owen & Kathleen O' Reilly, Edergole A/V
Mon 19 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 am	As Requested
Tue 20 <sup>th</sup>	7.45 pm	Lizzy McAvoy, Banbridge M/M
Wed 21 <sup>st</sup>	10.30 am	For the People of the Parish
Thur 22 <sup>nd</sup>	10.30 am	As Requested
Fri 23 <sup>rd</sup>	7.45 pm	Tommy & Nan Gray & Dec family mbrs, Munelta A/V
Sun 25 <sup>th</sup>	11.00 am	Pat Smith, Dublin & late of Cornadumpin M/M

**Eucharistic Adoration:** On Tuesday from 5pm – 7.45pm

#### Servers for Next Week

**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> February:** Orlaith, Megan, Jack, Caitlin, Aoife

### ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH CARRICKALLEN

#### Masses this week:

Sat 17 <sup>th</sup> Feb	7.30 pm	John O' Reilly, Carrickacromin A/V
Sat 24 <sup>th</sup>	7.30 pm	Philip O' Donoghue, Carrickallen A/V

### ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH CLIFFERNA

#### Masses this week:

Sun 18 <sup>th</sup> Feb	9.30 am	James & Katie Brady, Tierlahood A/V
Sun 25 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	Molly & James, also Alice, Michael & Maria, Carroll, Greaghagibney A/V

**Eucharistic Adoration:** On Wednesday from 2pm – 3pm

**Mass Bookings:** Can be made after 9.30am Mass

- 1. World Meeting of Families:** The third National Collection takes place next weekend 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> February in all Parishes.
- 2. School Enrolment Forms:**
  - **St. Michael's NS Clifferna** Enrolment forms for September 2018 are now available. Please contact the school on 049 4330096 from Monday to Friday 9.30am to 12.30pm. Completed forms to be returned to the school by Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March.
  - **St. Brigid's NS Laragh** Enrolment forms for the coming year 2018-2019 are now available in the school office.
  - **Laragh Playschool** Enrolment forms for 2018-2019 are now available.
- 3. St Pio Healing Mass:** An evening of prayer and healing through the intercession of St Padre Pio will take place in The Kilmore Diocesan Pastoral Centre, Cavan on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February at 7.30pm. Celebrant: Fr John Mockler SDS (Limerick) to include Rosary, Holy Mass, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Veneration of and Blessing with First Class Relic of St Pio. Confession available on the night. All welcome to attend.
- 4. Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2018:** From May 27<sup>th</sup> – June 1<sup>st</sup>. More information to follow at a later date.
- 5. National Franciscan Pilgrimage to the Holy Land:** From 5<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> October. Departing Dublin Airport. Led by Fr Bernard Jones OFM. Contact Premier Travel 021 4277700.
- 6. Spring Events at Knock:**
  - **The next 'Quiet Days for Busy People' day retreat** will take place Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> February from 11am-3pm in the Prayer Guidance Centre. The retreat costs €30 and includes lunch at Knock House Hotel.
  - **Workshop for Choirs:** An evening 'Workshop for Choirs' with the Irish Church Music Association will take place in Knock, on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30pm. All parish choirs and groups are welcome to take part. Resources will be provided. Cost €10 per person. To book your place at either of these events, call (094) 93 75355 or to find out more about all of the upcoming events at Knock, log on to [www.knockshrine.ie/upcoming-events](http://www.knockshrine.ie/upcoming-events)
- 7. The Irish Cancer Society:** is looking for volunteers in the Louth, Cavan, Monaghan and Meath areas to drive patients to and from their treatments in Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital, Drogheda and the Dublin hospitals. Volunteer drivers will pick a patient up at the door of their home, drive them to the door of the hospital and then when finished treatment, pick them up and drop them home again. Drivers will use their own cars but all volunteer expenses are paid. For more information call Gail on 01 2310 566 or visit the Irish Cancer Society's website at [www.cancer.ie](http://www.cancer.ie).