

Laragh Parish Newsletter



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10th March 2019 – First Sunday of Lent

Lent: A Cinderella Story

The wisdom of Lent is found in the story of Cinderella. The clue is found in the name: 'cinder' from the Latin word *cinis* meaning 'ashes', 'ella' from the Latin word *puella* meaning 'girl'. So Cinderella means the girl who sits in the ashes, the girl who has to learn humility (from the Latin word *humus* meaning 'earth'), experience humiliation, feel powerless, taste emptiness, without complaint, before she gets to put on the regal gown, go to the ball and dance with the prince. This is the meaning of Ash Wednesday too. We get an opportunity to sit in the ashes of our own weaknesses and failings, our helplessness and fears, in order to discover our true identity as children of the Heavenly King.

The Scriptures describe this experience as being led through the wilderness. Jesus goes into the wilderness for forty days and denies himself the support of the securities and protections of ordinary life so that he may face his own vulnerability and learn to surrender himself to the will of the Father. We are invited to follow in his footsteps. We cannot come to the feast unless we experience the fast. We cannot celebrate Easter unless we sit in the ashes and see the chaos of our lives.

8. Kilmore Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2019: from 31st May – 5th June. 5 nights – Full Board Accommodation. Booking forms available for the Pilgrim Section from Cavan Travel, 15 Main Street, Co. Cavan. Telephone: (049) 436 1222 or Virginia Travel, Main Street, Virginia, Co. Cavan. Telephone: (049) 8548544. Enquiries for Special Sick/Assisted Section to: Fr. Kevin Fay, The Presbytery, Farnham Street, Co. Cavan. Telephone: (049) 433 1404 or Mobile: (087) 857 9968.

9. Table Quiz: in Burrowes Hall, Stradone, on Saturday 23rd March at 8.30pm. Tables of 4. Good night's fun promised, supper included.

10. Darkness into Light Registration: Online registration is now available. Price List 2019 is as follows: Adults 18+ €20, Student, OAP, Jobseeker €15, Child 6-17yr €5, Child 0-5 Free. Register at www.darknessintolight.ie Online registration closes on Sunday 31st March 2019.

11. Laragh Variety Show: 24th, 25th, 26th & 27th April. Anyone who wishes to advertise their business in the advertisement slideshow should contact 086 0657274 for more details. Email laraghvarietygroup@outlook.ie

12. East Cavan PTAA Upcoming Events: A drug and alcohol information evening will take place on Tuesday 19th March with guest speakers in Ballyjamesduff Hall at 8pm. Darts competition on Tuesday 26th March in Ballyjamesduff Hall starting at 8.30pm.

13. Laragh United GFC:

- **Lotto Results:** No jackpot winner. Numbers drawn 3, 8, 19, 30. €30 winners were Eimear Donohoe, Maeve Donohoe, Elle Cooney, Noel Brady, Dorothy McCabe. Next week's jackpot €4,800.
- **Couch to 5K:** continues on Thursday evenings and will run for another 7 weeks starting at 7.30pm. Run, walk or jog, all abilities welcome. U-16's must be accompanied by an adult. All club members are welcome to take part. New members are welcome.
- **Medal Presentation Night:** to our Senor Football team, Camogie team and Minor Camogie team in the Cross Lounge on Friday 15th March at 9.30pm. Everyone welcome.

14. Lavey GAA Bingo: on Sunday nights at 9pm in the Lavey Inn. More prizes are being introduced to their game going forward: €50 per line and €100 per panel. Lavey GAA extend their thanks for your continued support.

Your Prayers are requested for the soul of the late:

- **Catherine Mills, Kilmore,** whose funeral took place in Kilmore Cathedral on Tuesday. We extend our sympathy to her son Graham and family, Tierlahood, sister Peggy Sexton and family, Knockateggart.

GENERAL NOTICES

ST. BRIGID’S CHURCH LARAGH

Masses this week:

Sun 10 th March	11.00 am	Owen Gillick, Tierlahood A/V
Tue 12 th	7.45 pm	Benny & Brigid O’ Rourke & Dec family mbrs, Drumlane
Wed 13 th	10.30 am	For the People of the Parish
Thur 14 th	10.30 am	As Requested
Fri 15 th	7.45 pm	Rita Clarke, Ravenswood A/V
Sun 17 th	11.00 am	St. Patrick’s Day Tommy & Molly McKenna, Aughaway A/V

Eucharistic Adoration: On Tuesday from 5pm – 7.45 pm

Servers for Next Week

Sunday 17th March: Finn, Michelle, Elisha, James, Caitlin, Aoife

ST. PATRICK’S CHURCH CARRICKALLEN

Masses this week:

Sat 9 th March	7.30 pm	Pat Fitzpatrick, Liverpool and late of Tullyinchin A/V
Sat 16 th	7.30 pm	Vigil Mass for St. Patrick’s Day Michael O’ Brien, Carrickacromin A/V

ST. MICHAEL’S CHURCH CLIFFERNA

Masses this week:

Sun 10 th March	9.30 am	Mary Ann Brady, Maria Duke & Margaret Maloney, Tierlahood A/V
Sun 17 th	9.30 am	St. Patrick’s Day Rose & John Maguire, Kilnacreeva A/V

Eucharistic Adoration: On Wednesday from 2pm – 3pm

1. **First Communion Enrolment:** for children at Laragh NS will take place at 7.45pm Mass on Tuesday 12th March.
2. **Irish Graveyard Surveyors:** Maps of the cemeteries will be on display in the Churches for the next two weeks. You are invited to check your family plot(s) on the relevant map for any mistakes in the names, addresses, dates of death, ages or plot location. You are also requested to provide any information you have about unmarked graves. If you wish to have changes made, please take one of the sheets available at the Church doors, fill it in in accordance with the instructions on it, and return it to the sacristy or to Fr. Brian within two weeks. Meanwhile, you can check the cemeteries online at irishgraveyards.ie. When all the corrections have been made, a map will be erected near the entrance of each cemetery. These will be renewed every three years.
3. **St. Patrick’s Day Collection:** This collection will support Irish Missionaries working in African countries, educate African priests, and provide help for the Irish Emigrant Chaplaincy abroad. Last year’s collection in the parish amounted to €1,535.95. See the notice board for a breakdown of the figures for each parish in the diocese and an audit giving details of those who benefited from the collection.
4. **Music Work for Lent & Easter:** A workshop will take place in the Diocesan Pastoral Centre, Cavan next Wednesday evening from 7.30pm to 9.30pm for choir members, organists, musicians and all who are interested in music in the liturgy to prepare for Lent and Easter. This extended choir practice will be led by Fr. Charlie O’Gorman, Diocesan Director of Sacred Music, and will feature some new material. All welcome and refreshments will be served. Booking is essential by contacting the Centre on 049 4375004 or by email to pastoralcentre@kilmorediocese.ie
5. **Daffodil Day 2019:** is on Friday March 22nd. This is such a worthy cause that most of us have been affected by, one way or another. Some people may feel that we don’t benefit in Cavan from funds raised, but we do. Care to drive, night nursing and to our local cancer support centre Cuan, (which is affiliated to the Irish Cancer Society), and receives a grant towards some services. Research is the key. "We won’t stop until cancer does". Please support us by volunteering to collect on the day. Please contact Martina on 086 3782928.
6. **Holy Family School Collection:** Sincere thanks to everyone who contributed to the recent church gate collection held throughout the parish which raised €680.
7. **Evening of Formation:**
 - **For Ministers of the Word (Current & New):** will be held in the Diocesan Pastoral Centre Cavan on Tuesday 2nd April at 7.30pm.
 - **For New Ministers of the Eucharist:** will be held in the Diocesan Pastoral Centre Cavan on Tuesday 9th April at 7.30pm.

If you are interested in attending, please give your name to Fr Brian. Names to be submitted by the end of March.