

Laragh Parish Newsletter



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10. Stradone Community Centre/LADG: Monthly meeting on Tuesday 7th May at 9pm in the centre.

11. Happy Feet Walkers Cootehill: in conjunction with Cavan Walking Festival are hosting 2 walks in Cootehill on Wednesday 8th May. 5km and 10km. Meeting point and registration at St. Michael's Hall at 6.30pm and walks start at 7pm sharp. Refreshments in hall afterwards.

12. Clifflerna ICA: Monthly meeting on Tuesday 7th May at 8.30pm in St. Michael's Centre Clifflerna. New members always welcome.

13. PTAA Dates for your diary: East Cavan Annual Dinner Dance on Sunday 12th May starting with Mass in Lower Lavey followed by dinner in the Lavey Inn. Anyone from the Laragh Centre eligible for silver or gold pins contact Michael 086-8054422.

14. Laragh United GFC:

- **Lotto Results:** No jackpot winner. Numbers drawn were 2, 11, 14, 18. €30 winners were Gary Callaghan, Darragh Smith, Brian Maguire, Paddy Brennan, Patrick Lynch. Next week's jackpot €6,400.
- **Championship Celebration:** A celebration to mark Laragh United's 1979 Senior Championship and 1994 Intermediate Championship wins will take place in the CrossLounge on Sunday 5th May. This event which is being hosted by Laurence and Geraldine is open to all and we hope to see you all there.

15. Darkness into Light: On Saturday 11th May, starting at Cavan Institute commencing at 4.15am. Funds raised are going to Pieta House. Pieta House offers counselling to families and children who have been bereaved by suicide and counselling to those who are self-harming and to those who are suicidal. There is a 24 hours helpline for anyone feeling depressed or suicidal 1800 247 247.

16. Free IT Training: for users of iPhone, smart phone, or tablet, commencing soon in Ballyhaise. To book a place contact 046 9280790.

17. Creative Kids Summer Art & Craft Camp: in St. Michael's Centre Clifflerna on 18th, 19th, 20th July from 10am – 2pm for children aged 4 – 12 years. €50 for 3 days or €20 per day. For more information contact Nici 086 101 3357.

Your prayers are requested for the souls of the late:

- **Frank Brady, London & Cootehill**, whose funeral took place in St. Michael's Church Cootehill, with burial in Carrickallen cemetery. We extend our sympathy to his daughters, sisters, brothers and entire family circle.
- **Fr Felim Kelly, former PP of Castlerahan**, whose funeral took place in Castlerahan yesterday.

Clergy & Pastoral Care

Fr Brian Flynn	049 4330142	Mobile	086 0422996
Fr Liam Kelly	049 5553035	Mobile	087 9877739
Fr John Cooney	049 5552163	Mobile	086 8755695

Emergency Numbers

Cavan Gardai	049 4368800	Doc-on-Call	1850 777911
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5th May 2019 – Third Sunday of Easter

153 Big Fish

From the early days of the Church, interpreters of the Bible have been fascinated by John's reference to 153 fish. Why 153? Cyril of Alexandria suggested that 100 represented the perfect harvest of Gentile converts, 50 the remnant of Israel, and 3 the Holy Trinity. St. Augustine noted the symbolic meaning of 10 and 7 in the Scriptures (not to mention 12 and 5): 10+7=17 (as does 12 and 5) and if you add 1+2+3+4 all the way up to 17, you'll get 153. He also noted that if you arrange the fish with 17 in the first row, 16 in the next, 15 in the next and so on to 1, you get a perfect triangle, the symbol of the Trinity. St. Jerome noted that Greek zoologists thought there were 153 different kinds of fish in the world so the catch represents the universal mission of the church.

Perhaps John, the Gospel writer, was thinking of all these meanings and that he wanted to say that the Church of the future would be as abundant and varied as a fisherman's good catch. Or perhaps he just wanted to say that there were 153 fish in the net.

GENERAL NOTICES

ST. BRIGID'S CHURCH LARAGH

Masses this week:

Sun 5 th May	11.00 am	Patrick & Alice Clerkin, Drumrath A/V
Mon 6 th	11.00 am	As Requested
Tue 7 th	7.45 pm	Patrick & Mary Clarke, Drumrath A/V
Wed 8 th	10.30 am	For the People of the Parish
Thur 9 th	10.00 am	(Note change of time) As Requested
Fri 10 th	7.45 pm	Kathleen & Harry Kerins, Cootehill Susan & Jim O' Reilly, Redrock A/V
Sat 11 th	12.00 pm	First Holy Communion
Sun 12 th	11.00 am	Terence, Katie & Terry Brady & Deceased family Members, Munelta A/V

Eucharistic Adoration: On Tuesday from 5pm – 7.45pm

Servers for Next Week

Sunday 12th May: James, Caitlin, Aoife, Kayla G, Paul, Leah

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH CARRICKALLEN

Masses this week:

Sat 4 th May	7.30 pm	Annie, Eugene and John Lynch, Doureagh A/V
Sat 11 th	7.30 pm	Phil, Pauline & John Fox, Doureagh A/V

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH CLIFFERNA

Masses this week:

Sun 5 th May	9.30 am	Margaret, John & Bernard Smith and Baby Grace, Drumuck A/V
Fri 10 th	7.00 pm	Maureen Sexton, Greaghagibney M/M
Sun 12 th	9.30 am	Maureen Sexton, Greaghagibney RIP

Eucharistic Adoration: On Wednesday from 2pm – 3pm

1. **Pilgrimage to Knock:** on Sunday 16th June. Bookings to 042 9660463 or 087 6398177 as soon as possible.
2. **First Holy Communion:** 13 children from Laragh National School will receive their Holy Communion in St. Brigid's Church Laragh on Saturday 11th May at 12noon. We wish them a very special day.
3. **Wedding Bells:** Congratulations to Mairead Brady, Greaghagibney and Philip Farrelly, who were married in St. Michael's Church, Clifferna yesterday.
4. **Baptism:** The Christian Community welcomes with joy Baby Finley Alan Clarke, Carrickacromin, who was baptised in St. Patrick's Church, Carrickallen on Saturday last.
5. **Church Events 2019:**
Holy Communion – Clifferna on Saturday 18th May
Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes –from 31st May 2019 – 5th June 2019
Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock – on Sunday 16th June
Cemetery Sunday – Carrickallen 7th July, Laragh 14th July, Clifferna 28th July
6. **Laragh Childcare Services AGM:** in Stradone Community Centre on Wednesday 8th May 2019 at 8pm. Enrolment and registration forms for our Preschool and Afterschool services for August 2019 will be available on the night.
7. **The Kilmore Diocesan Mothers of the Church Group:** is offering a Healing Holy Hour which will take place on Sunday 26th May at 4pm in The Cathedral, Cavan. This Holy Hour will include a special blessing with the Eucharist, quiet song, and also a small teaching on spiritual wellness. People will have the opportunity to pray especially for the grace of a holy death and for victims of any type of abuse.
8. **Diocesan Celebration for Bishop Leo O' Reilly:** There will be a concelebrated Mass in the Cathedral of SS Patrick & Felim at 3pm, on the Feast of Pentecost, Sunday 9th June, to mark the Golden Jubilee of Bishop Leo's Ordination to the Priesthood and also his retirement as Bishop of Kilmore. Bishop Leo himself will be the principal celebrant and Monsignor Liam Kelly, the Diocesan Administrator will give the homily. All welcome.
9. **Lough Derg Pilgrimage Season:** Opened yesterday. One day Retreats in May, August and September. See Notice Board for list of days. Admission €45. Three Day Pilgrimage in June, July and August beginning on Friday 31st May and ending on Thursday 15th August. Admission €75. Concessions available for students, seniors and groups. See Notice Board.