

Laragh Parish Newsletter

Sunday 17th May 2020 – Sixth Sunday of Easter

Listen to the Spirit

At the beginning of the last century one of the most desirable careers was that of radio operator on luxury ships going back and forth across the Atlantic. Only two things were required for the position: familiarity with the equipment and a reasonably good knowledge of Morse code. When one of the most successful cruise companies advertised a vacancy on their premier liner, more than fifty people turned up for the interview. As they stood in the waiting room chatting, one final applicant came in and sat down. He figured he'd have a long wait before his turn came. Over the noise of conversation, a public address system occasionally announced that the interviews would soon begin. Suddenly the young man who had come in last got up from his seat and went through a door marked 'Private'. Minutes later he emerged and said to the group who were waiting, 'I've been asked to inform you that I've got the job and the rest of you needn't stay'. Immediately there were angry outbursts. 'Nobody was called in for interview. How come you went in?' 'You were last here. How could you be interviewed first?' 'What was the point in bringing us all here if they were going to give it to the first person they saw?' The young man held up his hand for silence. 'There was an announcement on the public address system,' he said, 'but it was in Morse code. You weren't listening. It said, "We wish to hire a person who is always alert. So, if you hear this message, come immediately into the private office."

The Holy Spirit is always with us but we have to listen to appreciate that (s)he is there. Underneath the noise of our daily activities and responsibilities (s)he makes her presence felt. But we have to believe that (s)he is there and pay attention to her code.

GENERAL NOTICES

- 1. Face Masks for All:** Laragh Community Alert are involved in the manufacture of free face masks for all the community and health care workers in particular. Thanks to our volunteers Christine Kelly, Marie Dowd, Patricia Gillick and Rita Rudden who are doing Trojan work in this regard. We have already supplied 75 masks to health care workers as well as a number to the community. If you or anybody you know needs a mask text or whatsapp us on 086 6044415 to be put on a list. Our aim is to provide masks for anyone who wants them, but priority will be given to health care workers. If you would like to donate material (i.e light curtain lining/coloured or plain (not white), duvet covers etc or round or quarter inch elastic, please contact 086 6044415. Also if you want to donate we have a Go Fund Me page [link below]
<https://www.gofundme.com/f/laragh-face-masks-for-all>
- 2. The Backpack Program:** Several **Online** Backpack Courses are beginning in the coming weeks. There will be online Zoom courses available for various age groups; teenagers, young adults and adults, including an Adult Faith Formation Course. Get in touch for more details: 083 487 7325 / contact@thebackpack.life or Visit: www.thebackpack.life to register your interest.
- 3. Laragh Childcare Services:** Any parents/guardians wishing to register their child with Laragh Childcare Services CLG Preschool for September 2020 are asked to contact Caroline O'Grady on 0870555333 to arrange for registration forms to be sent to them. Please let your friends and relatives know also.
- 4. Kilmore Pilgrimage to Lourdes:** As a Diocese we are unable to attend our Pilgrimage to Lourdes. On May 30th at 6.30pm in our Cathedral a Mass led by Monsignor Liam Kelly (as leader of the pilgrimage) and Fr Tom Mannion (Director of the Pilgrimage) will be said. This will bring the Diocese together especially our Assisted Pilgrims. The Rosary will also be said after the Mass. This mass will be on www.churchservices.tv/cavancathedral
During the following five days you can link to the Grotto in Lourdes on YouTube at 2pm for the Rosary.
- 5. Laragh United GFC Lotto Results:** No jackpot winner. 6, 7, 10, 16. €30 winners Dessie & Kathleen O' Rourke, Matt Rudden, Ray Maguire, Jonathan Smith, Sinead McKenna. Next week's jackpot €16,000. Tickets can be purchased online.

Your Prayers are requested for the soul of the late:

- **Marie Lynch, Dublin and late of Carrickacromin.** A memorial mass and interment of ashes will take place at a later date. We extend our sympathy to her sisters Bernadette Brady, Tullyinchin, Geraldine Cooney, Carrickacromin and to her brother Eugene, Carrickacromin and the entire family circle.

May she and all those who have died Rest in Peace