

Laragh Parish Newsletter



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5. **Baptisms:** If you wish to organise a baptism, please contact Fr Brian on 086 0422996.
6. **Thanks** to all our volunteer ushers who have helped us to return to Mass in a safe and sensible manner. We are very grateful to the ushers in all three churches and we thank you for co-operating with them. I hope that you will understand that for safety reasons you may not be able to sit where you normally do. After a few weekends we will get used to the change.
7. **First Communion** will take place in Laragh on 10th October and in Clifferna on 17th October.
8. **Fundraising Walk in aid of The Frontline and Ambulance Staff of Cavan General:** Mary McDermott wishes to thank all those who supported her and to those who walked on the day. A cheque was presented to the staff for €1285.
9. **Laragh Face Masks for All:** Last call for anyone who requires facemasks. To date we have supplied nearly 1000 masks to the health sector as well as members of our local community here in Laragh. Thank you to those who supported us in any way. You can be happy that you have played your part in helping to prevent the spread of this deadly virus and if we have saved 1 life then it was all worthwhile.
10. **Laragh United GFC Lotto Results:** No jackpot winner. Numbers were 1, 8, 9, 30. €30 winners Teresa Brady, Mark Sheils, Liv Cooney, Siobhan Mannering, Mark Shiels. Next week's jackpot €3,200. Tickets can be purchased online.

Clergy & Pastoral Care

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Fr John Cooney	049 5552163	Mobile	086 8755695

Emergency Numbers

Cavan Gardai	049 4368800	Doc-on-Call	1850 777911
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12th July 2020 – 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Some Seed Fell into Rich Soil

The great American preacher, Fred Craddock, told a story about a phone call he got from a woman whose father had recently died. She had been a teenager in a parish where he was a pastor twenty years earlier and he would have sworn that if ever there was a person who didn't hear one word he said in church, she was the one. She was always giggling with her friends in the gallery at the back of the church, passing notes to boys that she fancied or idly doodling with her pen on the parish newsletter. 'I don't know if you remember me?' she said. 'Oh, I remember you alright,' he replied. 'I'm glad to hear that,' she said, not detecting the hint of sarcasm in his voice. 'When my father died,' she went on, 'I thought my life was going to fall apart. I cried and cried continually and then one day I remembered something you said in a sermon ... and, well, it changed my whole outlook on life. I just wanted you to know.' Fred was stunned. *She remembered something he had said in a sermon!* Recalling the moment later, he said it was proof to him that you can never tell how the seed will fall or where it might take root.

Your prayers are requested for the soul of the late:

- **Johnny Cusack, The Mill, Lavey**, whose funeral takes place in Lower Lavey on today. We extend our sympathy to his daughter Mary Cooney, Tierlahood, sister Kathy Reilly, Clondargan and extended family circle.

GENERAL NOTICES

ST. BRIGID'S CHURCH LARAGH

Masses this week:

Sun 12 th July	11.00 am	Mass for those buried in Laragh Cemetery
Mon 13 th	9.30 am	As Requested
Tue 14 th	7.45 pm	Dec mbrs of The O' Reilly Family, Drumenara A/V
Wed 15 th	10.30 am	For the People of the Parish
Thur 16 th	10.30 am	As Requested
Fri 17 th	7.45 pm	As Requested
Sun 19 th	11.00 am	As Requested

Eucharistic Adoration: On Tuesday from 5pm – 7.45pm

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH CARRICKALLEN

Masses this week:

Sun 12 th July	9.30 am	As Requested
Sun 19 th	9.30 am	Phil McGovern & his parents Brigid & Peter McGovern, Moneycass A/V

A word of thanks to all who helped during lockdown and those who continue to help, to the ushers for their help and initiative, those who donated sanitisers, masks, gloves, flowers and vests, those who did printing and especially those who kept the entrance doors sanitised and cleaned.

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH CLIFFERNA

Masses this week:

Sat 11 th July	7.30 pm	The Reilly Family, Corfad A/V
Fri 17 th	7.00 pm	Pat McGee, Knockateggart A/V
Sat 18 th	7.30 pm	Michael & Maureen Sexton & Dec family mbrs, Greaghagibney A/V

- Lough Derg Lakeshore and Ancient Pilgrim Path** reopens for visitors. Walk & Pray the Ancient Pilgrim Path with the Prior on Saturday 18th & Sunday 19th July. Guided Contemplative Walk begins at noon. Approx. 4hr, 12k moderate loop. Booking essential, full details www.loughderg.org or email info@loughderg.org
- Return to Public Celebrations:**
 - Seats in use will have yellow markers that also indicate the appropriate distance between people (that does not apply to families). Seats not in use, namely every second row, will have red markers reminding people that they are not to be occupied during Mass.
 - As far as possible, Church doors should be kept open to avoid contact with door handles. There are fitted hand sanitisers in all Church porches.
 - Collection baskets will be clearly visible, not in the porches, but inside the Church. Envelopes should be placed in them before you take your seat.
 - 50 people will be able to attend Mass in both Clifferna and Carrickallen, and 80 people in Laragh. In all three Churches, the speakers outside will be switched on for those unable to gain access.
 - For the month of July at least, unless there is a significant relaxation of rules in the meantime, I propose that we dispense with altar servers, choirs, readers and ministers of the Eucharist. If a musician and singer are available, of course, we would be delighted to accommodate them.
 - The traditional sign of peace will not take place.
 - The procession for communion should take place in an orderly fashion in accordance with instructions issued at every Mass, while at all times observing the rules of social distancing. People should come up for Communion in single file. Communion should be received in the hand only. The priest will sanitize his hands immediately before Communion and will wear a face mask during the distribution of Communion.
 - Once again, please note that there is no obligation to attend Sunday Mass during the Covid crisis.
 - People who wish to wear masks at Sunday Mass can do so.
- Have you been impacted by a bereavement during COVID-19?**

Are you finding it more difficult to cope with a pre-Covid bereavement at this time? Would it help to talk to someone in confidence about your loss? The Irish Hospice Foundation Bereavement Support Line is a national freephone service 1800 80 70 77 which is available from 10am to 1pm, Monday to Friday. The line aims to provide comfort and emotional support.
- Envelopes:** If you wish to bring your contributions up to date, you may do so in the coming weeks. Thanks to all who handed in envelopes during the Covid crisis.