

Laragh Parish Newsletter



The Difference between Authority and Power

In 1954 the Governor of Massachusetts, Christian Herter, ran successfully for a second term of office. One day during the election he spent the morning chasing votes and arrived in late afternoon at a church barbecue tired and hungry. As he moved down the serving line, he held out his plate to the woman serving chicken. She put a piece on his plate and turned to the next person in line. 'Excuse me,' Governor Herter said, 'do you mind if I have another piece of chicken?' 'Sorry,' the woman told him, 'I'm supposed to give one piece of chicken to each person.' 'But I'm starving,' said the Governor. 'Sorry,' the woman said, 'only one piece to each customer.' Governor Herter was a modest and unassuming man but he felt the time had come for him to emphasise his status and throw his weight around. 'Do you know who I am?' he said. 'I am the Governor of this State.' The woman looked him straight in the eye and said, 'Do you know who I am? I'm the lady in charge of the chicken. Move along, mister.'

True authority is not a show of power or a matter of throwing your weight around. It comes from integrity of life and respect for the dignity of others. It seeks to inspire and empower people, not to curb their freedom or put them in their place. G.K. Chesterton, as usual, had something to say about the difference. He was discussing power and authority with friends at a literary lunch once when he came up with this image. 'If a rhinoceros were to enter the restaurant now, there is no denying he would have great power here, but I should be the first to rise and assure him that he had no authority whatever.'

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Emergency Numbers

Cavan Gardai	049 4368800	Doc-on-Call	1850 777911
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31st January 2021 – Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Prayer to St. Joseph

God, our heavenly Father,
grant us the fortitude of Christ your son
to face the Covid-19 crisis
with trust, patience and compassion.
Give us the grace of the Holy Spirit
to free us from fear
and look forward together to the future
with healing and hope.
Through the intercession of St. Joseph,
the guardian of Jesus, and Mary,
the mother of Jesus and mother of the Church,
may we be guided through this time of peril.
Preserve us in peace; protect the vulnerable;
keep safe our health care workers
and all who serve society,
at home and abroad.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen

Mass Intentions

The following Masses are booked and will be offered in the coming week:

Monica & Ben Smith, Tullyinchin A/V
Terence F. & Maureen Sexton & Dec family mbrs, Greaghagibney A/V
Pat Brady & Dec family mbrs, Greaghagibney A/V

John Reilly, Carrickacromin A/V

Anyone wishing to book a Mass can do so in the normal way.

Laragh Church Webcam

A webcam has now been installed in Laragh Church.

*You can view it on www.laraghparish.com or
www.churchtv.ie/laragh*

Masses will be offered this week as follow

Sunday 31st January at 11am

Monday 1st February at 10.30 am – Feast of St. Brigid

Wednesday 3rd February at 10.30 am – Feast of St. Blaise

Thursday 4th February at 10.30am

Your prayers are requested for the soul of the late:

- **Annette Gilheany (nee Rudden), Ballinamore and late of Cordegan.** We extend our sympathy to her husband Damien, sons Ciaran and Stephen, brothers Thias and PJ, to her aunt Brigid Brady and family, Corfad and extended family circle.

And all those who have died recently

GENERAL NOTICES

1. **Broadcast Masses:** A webcam has now been installed in St. Brigid's Church Laragh. Mass will be broadcast today Sunday at 11am and on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday morning at 10.30am. You can access it on www.laraghparish.com or www.churchtv.ie/laragh
2. **Feast of St. Brigid:** Monday 1st February. Crosses will be blessed.
3. **Candlemas Day:** Tuesday 2nd February – The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord. Candles will be blessed.
4. **Lourdes Collection:** The Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes has been cancelled for this year; the collection will not take place.
5. **Trocaire:** Sincere thanks to everyone who gave so generously to Trocaire last year. The total from our parish was €3767.
6. **North West STOP:** provides free counselling in your area with no waiting lists. Please phone or text our counselling coordinator on 086 7772009 to arrange to speak to a counsellor.
7. **Covid 19 Pandemic:** Thankfully the numbers have started to reduce, but sadly we are seeing more people dying from the virus. Please continue to act responsibly to minimise the risk of contracting the disease or infecting others. If you feel unwell in any way or if you have been in touch with a positive case, please isolate in your own home.
8. **Laragh United GFC Lotto Results:** No jackpot winner. Winning numbers 22, 27, 29, 30. €30 winners were Rosemary Donohoe, Tullyco, Aoife Clarke, Ravenswood, Terry Brady, Carrickallen, Joe Brady, Drumnagar, Carol Higgins, Online. Next week's draw €9,000. Many thanks for your continued support.
9. **ALONE:** Manage a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to COVID-19 (Coronavirus). Professional staff available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance. The support line is open seven days a week, 8am - 8pm by calling 0818 222 024.
10. **Useful Telephone Numbers:**
ALONE (Support for Elderly): 0818 222024
AWARE (Support for anxious/depressed): 1800 80 48 48
TEARMANN (Domestic Abuse): 085 8102433
PIETA (Mental Health) 1800 247 247
SAMARITANS (Someone to Talk to) 116 123