

# Laragh Parish Newsletter

## The Danger of Barriers

A mouse was looking through a crack in the wall of a farmhouse. The farmer and his wife were opening a package. 'Oh, I hope it's cheese or chocolate,' thought the mouse. But then a chill settled on his heart. It wasn't cheese or chocolate; it was a mousetrap! The mouse ran back to the farmyard to yell out a warning. 'There's a mousetrap in the house!' The chicken clucked and looked up from her food. 'Please be quiet,' she said, 'a mousetrap has nothing to do with me.' The mouse turned for support to the pig. 'There's a mousetrap in the house,' he said. 'That's too bad,' said the pig 'but I never go into the house. I'll remember you in my prayers.' In desperation the mouse ran into the field to warn the cow. 'There's a mousetrap in the house.' 'How unfortunate for you,' said the cow, 'but it's no skin off my nose. Off you go.'

That night there was a sound that rang out through the house - a snap. The trap had caught its first victim. The farmer's wife made her way downstairs in the dark and lifted the trap to see the mouse. Suddenly she screamed. Something had bitten her. She switched on the light and saw that the snake whose tail had been caught was poised to strike again. She struggled back upstairs but fell as the poison spread through her body. The doctor was called to administer an antidote. As she remained quite feverish, the doctor recommended chicken soup. The farmer took his hatchet and went out to the henhouse. That was the end of the chicken. For days friends called and sat by her bedside. The farmer was so grateful he slaughtered the pig to feed them. Unfortunately, his wife's condition deteriorated and she died. People came from all over the county to the funeral. The farmer arranged to have the cow killed so that he could provide a decent lunch for them. The mouse observed all this through the crack in the wall. He shook his head. 'I tried to warn them about the mousetrap but they wouldn't listen.'

Today's Gospel story about Jesus breaking down the barrier that separated the leper from the community is a reminder that we can't separate ourselves from others without putting ourselves at risk.



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**14<sup>th</sup> February 2021 – Sixth 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:

Patrick Galligan & Dec family mbrs, Altbaugh A/V  
Minnie & Eugene Lynch, and daughter, Gretta Mulligan, Tievenanass A/V  
Dessie O' Reilly & Dec family members, Stradone A/V

Seamus Boylan, Clonervy A/V  
Maria & Michael Lee, Knockateggart A/V  
Jim & Rita Reilly, Lisatoo A/V

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

## Laragh Church Webcam

*When it comes to technical matters, one must always expect hitches. The fibre broadband was not installed on Thursday as planned. The company hopes to install it on Wednesday next. We then depend on [churchtv.ie](http://churchtv.ie) to link it to the webcam. They may or may not be available to do that on Thursday or Friday. If they are, we will be ready to broadcast on Sunday, 21st. If not, we will have to wait another week.*

**We pray for all those who have died recently**

**May they Rest in Peace**

## GENERAL NOTICES

- 1. Ash Wednesday:** Ashes will be blessed at Mass on Wednesday, marking the beginning of Lent. Please collect sachets/envelopes containing ashes in all three Churches from Thursday on.
- 2. St. Michael's Clifferna:** Anyone wishing to hand in dues or envelopes can do so on Sundays from 11.30am – 12.30pm.
- 3. National School Enrolment Forms for 2021:**
  - Laragh NS is now taking enrolments for the coming year 2021 – 2022. To request a form please email [laraghschool@gmail.com](mailto:laraghschool@gmail.com)
  - Clifferna NS is now taking enrolments for the coming year 2021 – 2022. To request a form please email [office@cliffernans.ie](mailto:office@cliffernans.ie)
- 4. Backpack Facilitators Course Online:** This course is free to members of the Kilmore Diocese and begins Tuesday, February 16th at 7pm. The course runs for 90 minutes via Zoom for 8 consecutive weeks. As a Catholic faith community, we must remember the urgent need of our young people with regard to mental health, as well as spiritual connection. The hope is to have two facilitators trained in each parish to help present the course virtually to teens in your parish.  
The course will be light-hearted and you can participate with your sound and audio on or off. For further information or to register for the course, please email [contact@thebackpack.life](mailto:contact@thebackpack.life) or phone 083 487 7325.
- 5. Lent Workshop:** Kilmore Youth Ministry is offering an online workshop for Lent 2021. Each week you would be emailed a piece of writing or scripture on the Monday and then have a group video or call on a Thursday to discuss it. Each week would have a different theme. You must be 16+ to sign up. Any questions please feel free to contact Francis Keaney on 086 3977872.
- 6. 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.
- 7. Laragh United GFC Lotto Results:** No jackpot winner. Winning numbers 8, 12, 25, 28. €30 winners were Josephine Cullivan, Knockatudor, Elaine Smith, Online, Patricia Markey, Canningstown, Kathleen Brady, Munelta, Sharon Sheridan, Online. Next week's draw €9,400. Many thanks for your continued support.