

# Laragh Parish Newsletter

## The Mountain Top Experience

Two women were working side by side in an office. One said to the other, 'I hear you're a churchgoer, that you go to Mass every Sunday'. 'Yes, that's right,' said the other. 'But why?' said the first, 'if there is a God, surely you can meet Him in your everyday life? You don't need to go to church, do you?' 'No,' said the other woman, 'I don't need to go to church to meet God. He has appointments with me everyday. But I must confess that I miss most of them!' 'Ah,' said the first woman, 'so you go to Mass to make up for missed appointments?' 'Partly,' said the other. 'To be quite honest, even when I'm at Mass, I often miss God. Maybe one Sunday in ten I'll come out thinking that he spoke to me that day.' 'One in ten?' said the first woman incredulously, 'that doesn't sound very good. Why do you go every Sunday then?' 'Because,' said the other woman, 'I'd be afraid that the Sunday I miss is the one day He'd want to speak to me.'

Not every experience in life is a mountain top experience. When we look back on our past, we can see that there are certain moments that have been life-changers for us. It could be the day we changed our job, the day we met someone special, the day we decided to seek help, the day we answered a call, the day we made a commitment. These moments give us an energy and a purpose that sustain us in difficult times. The hand of God is at work in all of them. Today's Gospel, the story of the Transfiguration, reminds us that life-changing moments will bear fruit for us only if we attend to the Mystery that is continually shaping our lives.



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### Emergency Numbers

Cavan Gardai	049 4368800	Doc-on-Call	1850 777911
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**28<sup>th</sup> February 2021 – Second Sunday of Lent**

### 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:

Gerry Pritchard, his parents Brigid & Mick, and his brother Mick Brady A/V  
Margaret, John & Bernard Smith & Baby Grace, Drumuck A/V  
Dec mbrs of Sheils Family, Caulfield A/V

Peter Brady, Knockateggart A/V  
Matt McPhillips, Knocknashammer A/V  
Cathal Brady, Drumnagar A/V

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

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## Laragh Church Webcam

*Apologies for this never-ending saga. Having raised our hopes on Monday last, Eir now informs us that fibre broadband cannot be installed for several weeks. The school is having more success on this front - but not a lot. At any rate, it will not be in a position to support the webcam this weekend. Check [churchtv.ie](http://churchtv.ie) next weekend. Here's hoping it will be fourth time lucky!*

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**Your prayers are requested for the soul of the late:**

- **Mary Ewart (nee Lynch), Coventry and late of Altbaugh**, whose funeral arrangements will be announced later in the week.

## GENERAL NOTICES

1. **Baptisms:** The Bishop has requested that no Baptisms be celebrated in the diocese until the current restrictions have been lifted.
2. **First Holy Communion and Confirmation:** It is hoped that these sacraments will be celebrated before the end of the current school year or, failing that, before the end of the summer.
3. **RTE Mass:** Bishop Martin along with parishioners from Cavan Parish will be celebrating Mass in the RTE studios on Sunday March 7<sup>th</sup> at 11am. You are welcome to join him on RTE1 for the Mass.
4. **Envelopes 2021:** are still available in the churches. Please collect your packet.
5. **Childcare Assistant:** Community Employment Childcare Network are currently seeking to recruit a Childcare Assistant for Laragh Childcare Services Preschool, Stradone Community Centre, Stradone, Co. Cavan. If you, a family member or friend are interested in a career in Childcare, over the age of 21 and currently in receipt of a Social Welfare payment for one year or more, this may be of interest to you. This is a training program so all training will be provided to QQI Level 5 and QQI Level 6 standards. For more details please contact the Community Employment Childcare Network (Baileborough) on 042-9675572, or email [cecn@outlook.ie](mailto:cecn@outlook.ie)
6. **St. Michael's Cliffernans:** Anyone wishing to hand in dues or envelopes can do so on Sundays from 11.30am – 12.30pm.
7. **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)
  - Cliffernans NS is now taking enrolments for the coming year 2021 – 2022. To request a form please email [office@cliffernans.ie](mailto:office@cliffernans.ie)
8. **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.
9. **Laragh United GFC Lotto Results:** No jackpot winner. Winning numbers 13, 21, 28, 32. €30 winners were Mark Sheils, Cordevlis, Marian Sheils, Caulfield, Natalie Sexton, Stradone, Declan Smith, Mountain Lodge, Rose McKenna, Drumole. Next week's draw €9,800. Many thanks for your continued support.