

Laragh Parish Newsletter



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21st March 2021 – Fifth Sunday of Lent

Unless a Wheat Grain Falls and Dies

One stormy night in Philadelphia in the late 1880s, a middle-aged couple from New York rushed into a small hotel and asked for a room for the night. The manager, a Prussian immigrant called George Boldt, greeted them warmly but explained that, with three conventions going on in the city, there wasn't a single hotel room available. 'However,' he added, 'I can't send you out on a night like that. Would you be willing to take my room? It's nothing fancy, I'm afraid, but it's the best I can do. And don't worry about me, I can make alternative arrangements.' At first they refused but, when he assured them it would be no inconvenience, they finally accepted his offer. The following morning, before they left, the husband approached George Boldt and said: 'You are the kind of manager who should be the boss of the best hotel in the United States. Maybe someday I will build one for you.' The couple kept in touch and a few years later George received a letter from the man inviting him to visit New York. On his arrival, the man walked him up 5th Avenue and pointed to a magnificent new building of reddish stone with turrets and watchtowers thrusting into the sky. 'That,' said the New Yorker, 'is the hotel I have built for you to manage.' The man's name was William Waldorf Astor and the building was the original Waldorf Astoria Hotel. Under George Boldt's management, it became the most famous hotel in the world.

A moment of kindness and self-sacrifice can change a human life.

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

Lenten Prayer

Heavenly Father, this Lent we ask your grace
To fast from unkind words and feast on kindness
To fast from criticism and feast on compliments
To fast from rage and feast on patience
To fast from worry and feast on trust in God
To fast from complaining and feast on gratitude
To fast from nastiness and feast on friendliness
To fast from greed and feast on generosity
To fast from selfishness and feast on helping others
To fast from negativity and feast on hope

Mass Intentions

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

Pat Duke, Greaghcrotta A/V
Michael Lynch, Altbaugh A/V
James & Jimmy McMahon, Moneycass A/V

Mary & Michael Duffy, Cara
Paddy Farrelly, Carrickacromin A/V
Tommy & Nan Gray & Dec family members, Munelta A/V

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

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## Laragh Church Webcam

*The webcam in St. Brigid's Church is now online.  
You can view it on [www.laraghparish.com](http://www.laraghparish.com) or  
[www.churchtv.ie/cavan](http://www.churchtv.ie/cavan)*

*Mass will be broadcast next week as follows*

*Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> March at 10.30am  
Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> March at 10.30am  
Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> March at 11.00am*

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Your prayers are requested for the soul of the late:

- **Tessie McGorman, Smithboro**, whose funeral took place in Magherarney on Monday. We extend our sympathy to her niece Carmel Tully, Edrans and the entire family circle.

And all those who have died recently

GENERAL NOTICES

1. **Trocaire:** Trocaire boxes are available at Church doors in all three Churches. Please take one. It contains information about the war that has devastated South Sudan and how you can help those who have suffered. You can send in your donation at Easter. Please use the Trocaire envelope in your packet and hand it in with your Church envelopes. **Do not leave Trocaire boxes containing notes or coins in the Church.**
2. **Baptisms:** can begin immediately with a maximum of 6 people - Parents, godparents, child and priest. Gatherings afterwards are actively discouraged.
3. **Sosad:** Cavan would like to announce that they will be running a Suicide Bereavement Support Group. This group is for anyone who has lost a loved one to suicide. It will start on April 9th from 7pm to 9pm. There is a possibility it will begin on line depending on Covid restrictions at that time. If they are eased it will be in The Farnham Arms Hotel. To register your interest please drop us a line at cavan@sosdireland.ie This is purely to gauge numbers.
4. **Daffodil Day:** goes viral to help Cavan Cancer patients on Friday **March 26th 2021**. Due to Covid-19 & public health restrictions, the flagship fundraiser is unable to go ahead in the traditional way we all know and love. However, people can make donations at participating post offices during the month of March, and at some local pharmacies and some shops on the day. A "Just Giving" page will be on Facebook, details to follow. Daffodil Day merchandise is available on line at Irish Cancer society on line shop. On average, 450 people in Cavan, receive a cancer diagnosis each year. Covid-19 has made this an even greater challenge. Support services like Night Nursing and Volunteer Driver Services are available because of the vital funds raised on Daffodil Day. Any further information is available from The Irish Cancer Society fundraising team on 1850 60 60 60 or click on this link to donate <https://www.cancer.ie/shop>
5. **Laragh United GFC Lotto Results:** No jackpot winner. Winning numbers 17, 18, 19, 31. €30 winners Clodagh Keenaghan, Online, Mary McGivney, Knockateggart, Keenaghan Family, Tullyco, Gerry Leinster, Belturbet, Brid O' Reilly, Online. Next week's draw €10,400. Many thanks for your continued support.