

# Laragh Parish Newsletter



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**7<sup>th</sup> March 2021 – Third Sunday of Lent**

## Zeal for the Father's House

Sr. Dorothy Stang worked for 30 years in Brazil, helping poor farmers and their families to stand up to the big businesses that were plundering their forests. Cedar and mahogany trees were felled to make room for vast ranches of cattle which soon eroded the soil and left it barren. It resulted in the extinction of thousands of species, the impoverishment of countless Amazon natives and the now familiar reality of global climate change. The American nun received regular death threats for her opposition to the loggers and ranchers but refused to be intimidated. She said she wanted to be a sign of hope, whatever happened to her personally. In February 2005 the gunmen came for her, killing her with six shots at close range. She was 73 years old. Her cause for canonization is currently underway.

*As with Jesus, 'zeal for the Father's house' (i.e. standing up for what is true and just) had consumed her. Like him, she paid the ultimate price. And like him, her witness will inspire people all over the world to battle the evil forces that threaten our lives. Lent invites us to be part of her struggle by rooting out whatever sullies the dwelling place of God in our hearts and by reaching out to those whose lives are endangered by the cruelty and selfishness of others.*

## 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

## GENERAL NOTICES

### Mass Intentions

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

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

Michael O' Brien, Carrickacromin A/V  
Rita, Pat & Bridie Clarke, Ravenswood 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 10<sup>th</sup> March 10.30am  
Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> March 10.30am  
Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> March 11.00am*

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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.

**And all those who have died recently**

- 1. St. Patrick's Day Collection:** Thank you for your contribution to last year's collection. The total amount collected in the parish was €836. Your generosity will help (a) support Irish Missionaries working in Africa (b) provide support to the Irish Emigrant Chaplaincy abroad (c) educate seminarians to the priesthood in Africa.
- 2. Laragh Community Alert:** Our annual parish "Litter Pick" of the roads will take place on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> March at 9am. We are asked to do so safely. Families – please keep in pods if possible. In order of safety, others not in pods – please wear face masks and keep 2 mtrs apart at all times. Pickers gloves, hi-vis jackets and signs will be provided if you haven't got any. Usual Assembly points. If you want to organise or take part in your area contact Eugene Smith (086 6044415) for Stradone, Noel Brady (086 3395713) or Michael O' Rourke (086 8054422) for Laragh Area or John McGee (086 8214885) for Grousehall area.
- 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 9<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:cavan@sosdireland.ie) This is purely to gauge numbers.
- 4. Daffodil Day:** goes viral to help Cavan Cancer patients on Friday **March 26<sup>th</sup> 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 2, 6, 23, 31. €30 winners Majella Coyle, Corfeyhone, Packie Cooney, Clifferna, Tiernan J Smith, Lavey, Clare Brady, Online, Mary McDermott, Munelta. Next week's draw €10,000. Many thanks for your continued support.