

Laragh Parish Newsletter



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11th April 2021 – Divine Mercy Sunday

Questioning Thomas

There's a story told about Albert Einstein, the great scientist, when he was working at Princeton University in New Jersey. After a particularly busy day, he boarded a train heading north. When the young conductor came around to inspect the passengers' tickets, Einstein began an exhaustive search of his pockets. The conductor waited patiently but there was no sign of a ticket emerging. To save embarrassment, the conductor said, 'It's all right, Professor Einstein. I know who you are and I'm quite sure you've bought a ticket. Don't worry about it. We all know what a great man you are.' With that, he moved further down the carriage, checking other tickets as he went. Behind him he heard a commotion and looked back to find Einstein down on his knees searching under his seat for the ticket. He returned to the by now agitated professor and pleaded with him not to trouble himself any further. 'Honestly, Dr. Einstein, you don't need to do this. I know who you are and I trust you.' Einstein glared at him and said, 'Young man, I too know who I am but I need that ticket to find out where I'm going.'

Thomas is a bit like Einstein, a searcher after truth. He once said to Jesus, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going, so how can we know the way?' In today's Gospel, he's much more interested in knowing who this person really is. Unless he can see the marks of the nails and touch the wounds, he will not believe he is risen from the dead. Jesus admires this hard-headed man. He knows his questions are born out of love for the Way, the Truth and the 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



Mass Intentions

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

Tom & Kitsy Cahill, Lislea A/V
John Donohoe, Kate & Jim Corfad A/V and
Roisin Woods, Ballinagh A/V

Nora & Tommy Hanley & Dec mbrs of the Bushell Family A/V
Phil & Annie Smith, Drumcrow A/V
Brigid & Thomas McPhillips, Carrickacromin A/V
Charlie Fitzpatrick & Dec family mbrs and
Benny Gillick & Dec family mbrs, Tierlahood A/V
Denis Brady, Drumole & Dec Family mbrs, Mary Murray, and
Michael Hill, Drumcho A/V

Laragh Church Webcam

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

Mass will be broadcast next week as follows

*Wednesday 14th April at 10.30am
Thursday 15th April at 10.30am
Friday 16th April at 7.45pm
Sunday 18th April at 11am*

Your prayers are requested for the soul of the late:

- Mattie McDonagh, Drumalee and late of Stradone, whose funeral took place in the Cathedral on Thursday. We extend our sympathy to wife Josie, sons and extended family.

GENERAL NOTICES

- 1. Good Morning Cavan:** This service is a free phone call service, which aims to provide security and friendship to older people living in County Cavan. Our team of friendly callers are on hand to chat to members of the community who may be socially isolated or lonely.
 - This is a free and confidential service.
 - Your caller will chat to you about your day and will check on how you are feeling.
 - The caller will offer you guidance, information and support on accessing other services required.
 - Can reduce feeling of loneliness, isolation and support social inclusion.
 - The recipient decides on how often they want to receive calls.To avail of this service or to refer someone you know, please contact Positive Age, Cavan on 049 43 80725 or 087 775 9584.

- 2. Trocaire:** Donations to Trocaire can be handed in with your Church envelopes when it is safe to return to Mass.

- 3. Cliffferna Church Envelopes:** will be accepted in St. Michael's Church, Cliffferna on every second Sunday between 11.30am and 12.30pm. Thank you for your contributions to date. Dates for April – Sunday 11th and Sunday 25th.

- 4. Laragh United GFC Lotto Results:** No jackpot winner. Winning numbers 3, 20, 22, 29. €30 winners Siobhan Brady, Yearly Lotto, Anne & Bernie Gaffney, Cootehill, Noelle Cooney, Cliffferna, Pauline Crotty, Killeshandra, Bernie Burke, Online. Next week's draw €11,000. Many thanks for your continued support.

- 5. Laragh United LGFA Club:** is up and running. We are putting a last call out for any girls who would like to play to send their names to Ita Smith on 087 7813413 by next Wednesday 14th April, so we can see what age groups we can field with the return to play coming shortly. Also, if anyone is interested in helping out with a team please get in touch. We will have a date for club registration shortly.

An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You.