



Vocations Window, Kilshanny

THE PARISH OF

LISDOONVARNA and KILSHANNY

Serving the Churches of
Corpus Christi, Lisdoonvarna; **St. Augustine**, Kilshanny;
Holy Rosary, Doolin; and **Our Lady of Lourdes**, Toovahera.

27th Sunday of Ordinary Time, 2nd October 2011

Special Intentions for Holy Mass

Our faith teaches us that having Mass offered for our beloved departed, especially on their anniversaries and in the weeks after their death, is a way of expressing our ongoing love for them. It is also a clear witness to our faith in the power of Jesus' passion, death and resurrection to heal them from sin, liberate them from the grave, and raise them up whole and transfigured for holy and eternal communion with the Blessed Trinity, Our Lady, the saints and angels in the joy of heaven. This power becomes present before us on the altar of every Holy Mass.

Toovahera

Saturday 1st 5.00pm

Missa pro populo - Mass for all our parishioners

Kilshanny

Saturday 8th 7.00pm

Michael Cusack, Ballytarsna (A)
Deceased of the Kennelly family, Gortnabou (A)

Doolin

Sunday 2nd 10.00am

Kitty Davis and Austin Lynch, Barracurra (A)

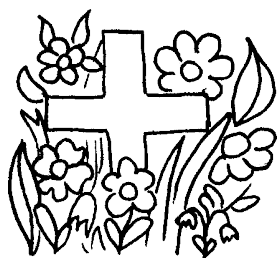
Lisdoonvarna

Sunday 2nd 11.30am

Mai Ronan, Rooska (A)
Father Tommy McKeen (A)

Sunday 9th 11.30am

Pat Hayes, Ballytigue (A)
Anthony and Teresa Monaghan, Ennis (A)
Tomás Flanagan, Rooska (A)
Paddy Fitzpatrick, Lisdoonvarna and UK (RIP)
Willie and Jacko Shannon, Fisher Street (A)
Nora Shannon (RIP)



We intercede to the Lord of life for the fullness of salvation for our dear lately departed:

Paddy Fitzpatrick

late of Lisdoonvarna and the UK

Eileen Doorty

late of Kilfenora,
and beloved sister of Martin Doorty, Kilshanny

Artur Conrad Kozlowski

late of Poland and East Galway,
and dear friend of many parishioners and visitors in the diving and coastal rescue community.

Memorial service for Artur
begins at Doolin Pier car park area
this Sunday 2nd October at 2.00pm. All are welcome.

Families gathered for memorial Masses are asked to review the weekly parish memorial list in advance and come to the sacristy before Mass if there are any errors or omissions. Family members are also encouraged to volunteer to bring the bread and wine to the altar at the offertory of the Mass.

From the Pastor's Desk...

a chairde,

The Word of God this Sunday, the twenty-seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time, gives us an insight into God's heartbreak when human hearts hardened by sin and selfishness refuse the joy of salvation. Through the prophet Isaiah the Holy Spirit in poetic imagery reveals our Creator's sadness as he surveys his original dream for us in ruins due to sin. He offers joy, peace and full human flourishing in holy unity with him, but instead human hearts choose selfishness, injustice, and violence. The Psalm teaches us how to pray to God that his plan be restored and our sins healed. In the second reading the Holy Spirit through Saint Paul gives us very practical guidance in how we can allow God's reign to dawn in our hearts and minds bringing us true peace of mind and purity of heart.

In the Gospel Jesus takes up the well-known image of Isaiah about God's plan for his beautiful, but wrecked, vineyard. To this story Jesus adds a new hero, the landowner's beloved son, sent on a high-risk, compassionate ambassadorial mission to offer a peace that can heal the wretchedness of the past. We can only imagine the emotions that Jesus felt as he told the story of his own mission to his listeners - self-emptying compassion and the high price he would pay for such love. He tells this story afresh to us that we might respond generously, blossom beautifully and bear our fruit.

Today is Day for Life 2011 - A call to solidarity and hope in difficult times: This annual event is dedicated to raising awareness about the meaning and value of human life at every stage and in every condition. This year's theme is "A call to solidarity and hope in difficult times". It takes as its starting point the words of Pope Benedict during his recent visit to England when he said: "Happiness is something we all want, but one of the great tragedies in this world is that so many people never find it, because they look in the wrong places. The key to it is very simple - true happiness is to be found in God. We need to have the courage to place our deepest hopes in God alone, not in money, in a career, in worldly success, or in our relationships with others, but in God. Only he can satisfy the deepest needs of our hearts."

Bishop John Fleming, of Killala diocese, said: "We picked this year's theme because of the economic recession and all of the difficulties people are finding in their personal lives. There is a danger in these times that people feel disconnected from themselves, from hope and ultimately from God. God knows us and loves us for who we are, rather than what we have."

A pastoral letter has been published by the Irish Bishops and this is available in all our Churches this weekend. It is well worth reading. The full version is also available online with some video resources on the Irish Bishops' website www.catholicbishops.ie.

Doolin Church Feast Day

Next Friday is the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary and is therefore the Feast of Holy Rosary Church in Doolin. The Holy Rosary and the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered beginning at 7.00pm for the following intentions, and for the worshipping community of Doolin, living and deceased:

For all who built and paid for
Holy Rosary Church

For all who were ever baptised in it

For all who ever married there

For all who were ever buried from there

For all who currently worship there

and contribute to its upkeep

All are welcome to attend this hour of quiet prayer, intercession and thanksgiving.



Blessing of Pets

This coming Tuesday 4th October is the feast of one of my favourite saints, Saint Francis of Assisi. Francis was a model disciple of Jesus who lived in the twelfth century and who helped renew the Church by the example of his own joy, compassion and holiness. He was also famous for his love for animals. In them, and in the beauty of nature, he encouraged us to see hints of God's own loveliness and God's delight in his creation. Christians often gather on Saint Francis' day to praise God for the gift of nature and all its creatures, and to ask God to bless their animals. I am delighted to invite anyone who would like to bring their pets to be blessed to come to a short prayer service at 4.30pm this Tuesday in the rectory grounds in Lisdoonvarna - opposite The Burren Smokehouse. All creatures great and small are welcome!



October is a month of prayer for 'the Missions'. October is always a month of prayer for the Church's mission to preach the Gospel to every person of every place and culture. Please keep missionaries in your prayers as we each reflect on our own personal mission in bringing about God's Kingdom.

October is also the Month of the Holy Rosary. We renew our devotion to this powerful prayer which allows us to meditate on the mysteries of Christ in the company of Mary. Families are encouraged to teach the rosary to their young children.

First Friday Pastoral Visits take place this week

One of the greatest privileges of being a priest is the joy of being able to bring the power and presence of the risen Christ in the sacraments to the housebound elderly and infirm. In this parish I make these visits on the first Thursdays and Fridays of every month. If you have a loved one who is no longer able to come to Church you might suggest to them that they invite me to come for a spiritual and pastoral visit. I would be delighted to serve them in this way.

Parish Altar Servers Adult Leaders Meeting

I would like to invite all adult leaders of the altar servers ministry in the four Churches of the parish to a meeting at the rectory on Monday 3rd October at 8.00pm to plan formation courses and fun activities for the new term.



An Invitation to serve your parish in liturgical ministries

All four Churches need new volunteers to train and serve as *Special Ministers of Holy Communion* and as *Ministers of the Word*. More details about these ministries are on the Church notice boards. If you feel that you might be called to serve the Lord and your parish community in these ministries please contact me before the end of October. Short courses of prayer, study and practicalities will be held during November, and new ministers will be commissioned early in Advent. Please pray a bit about this invitation - it would be excellent to have men and women of all age groups involved in these ministries.

An Invitation to young believers in secondary school

I would love if some volunteers in the secondary school age group might be interested in meeting up with me and some young adults in the parish to see if young people can be helped to be more actively involved in parish life and in making our liturgies more beautiful. We could even see about setting up a *Junior Parish Pastoral Council* to promote Christian living, friendship, prayer, faith study, social events and services for those in need. Please think about it - and maybe get in touch directly with me or through the parish Facebook page.



Children's Activity Sheet

Did you know that there is a special Sunday newsletter for young children available as you enter the Church? It is called LOOK and is packed with activities and ideas related to the Sunday Gospel. For the next few weeks I will give a prize for the best completed LOOK which is submitted to the sacristies after Sunday Mass. Congratulations to recent prizewinners *Mary Kate O'Dwyer* and *Muireann Nestor*! You can collect your prizes after Mass this weekend.

Please pray for Yousef Nadarkhani who has been sentenced to death in Iran for refusing to renounce his faith in Jesus. Yousef is a Christian pastor aged 34 and is married with two young children. Please also consider writing a respectful letter to the Ambassador of Iran to Ireland, and to our own Minister for Foreign Affairs, to express your concern for Yousef's human rights and his right to life. Pray also that all of us would be as 'firm in the faith' as this heroic Christian. You can find out more at www.csw.org.uk



Relying on your prayers and assuring you of mine,

Conor

Parish Announcements...

October Volunteer Rota in Lisdoonvarna

Basket Collectors for October
Paddy Cusack, John McMahon, Martin Doran
Ministers of the Eucharist for October
Bridie Neville and Dermot Dooley



Community Announcements...

Lisdoonvarna/Burren District Active Retirement Group AGM takes place on 10th October at 8.00pm at the Sports Complex, Lisdoonvarna. Details from Bridie at 7074153.

Bingo in aid of TLC4CF Cystic Fibrosis at The Pavilion every Thursday evening at 8.30pm sharp. For more details contact Kenneth Flanagan at 086 2222290.

Response to Faith with the Bible: A six week course entitled *The bible as guide in life and liturgy* and *The bible in dialogue with questions of the day* will be given by Father Martin McNamara, MSC, in Scoil Mhuire, Ennistymon on Monday nights during winter commencing on 10th October at 7.00pm. Subscription €20. All are welcome, especially young adults.

Lisdoonvarna Youth Club Opening Night and Registration takes place on Friday 7th October at 8.00pm. Please come along to the Pavilion Hall with parents/guardians on the night as the Youth Club can only accept members once they are in receipt of Parents/Guardians signed permission. Youth Club activities will take place alongside the registration process. The club plans to meet on Fridays from 8.00pm to 10.00pm and hopes to involve youths from First Year up to Transition Year, as long as there are sufficient volunteers/parents/guardians on the rota for supervision. Please consider getting involved!

Sports News...

Badminton Winter Programme

October 4th - Badminton AGM will be held at the Sports Complex at 8.00pm
Adult Badminton at Sports Complex every Tuesday. Beginners at 7.00pm and advanced at 8.00pm.

October 10th - Weekly Juvenile Badminton Training resumes at the Sports Complex - 5th and 6th Class 5.00pm, 1st to 3rd Years at 6.00pm. €2 per night. New members welcome. Badminton Ireland membership available through the club. For more details contact Kenneth at 086 2222290.

North Clare Astro Turf Winter Leagues

Over 35s, Under 35s and Youth Winter Astro Turf Leagues are starting at the floodlit astro turf facilities in Lisdoonvarna for the winter and spring. Teams of 7 players plus subs are being requested from all surrounding parishes. Become the North Clare Astro Turf Champions! If you are interested in submitting a team please contact 087 222 0720 today. All abilities welcome. Details can be found at www.activitynorthclare.com Initial Launch Meeting on Saturday 8th October at 6.00pm at The Pavilion, Lisdoonvarna. If interested please attend.

Gaelic for Mothers: Burren Gaels G4M Football Team would like to welcome any new members to our training sessions on Wednesdays at 8.00pm on the Astro Turf, Lisdoonvarna. Members must be female, over 18 and not have played football at a club level in the past 3 years. We currently have over 30 registered members who are thoroughly enjoying themselves, so come along, make new friends and have some fun! You can contact Tina on 086 8327811 if you have any questions!



Find us on
Facebook

**Parish of
Lisdoonvarna and Kilshanny**

The Parish Facebook Page can be found at 'Parish of Lisdoonvarna and Kilshanny' and contains each week's parish newsletter along with other bits and pieces of interest. Relatives and friends abroad might be glad to keep in touch in that way if you let them know.

New parish email addresses have been introduced. All suggestions for inclusion in the parish newsletter should now be sent to news@lisdoon.ie and general parish correspondence should be sent to parishoffice@lisdoon.ie

Have you community news to share?

News items of a community-building, sporting, voluntary, Christian and non-commercial nature are always welcome in the parish office for possible inclusion in this newsletter. Send your bulletin suggestions, before the deadline of Wednesdays at 6.00pm, to

news@lisdoon.ie

