



Vocations Window, Kilshanny

THE PARISH OF

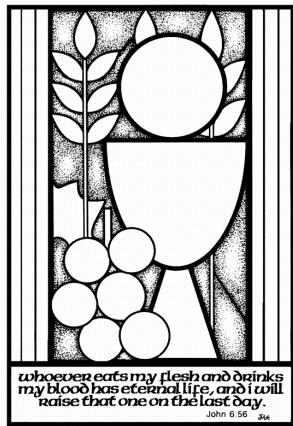
LISDOONVARNA and KILSHANNY

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

28th Sunday of Ordinary Time, 9th 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 8th 5.00pm

Missa pro populo - Mass for all our parishioners

Kilshanny

Saturday 8th 7.00pm

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

Saturday 15th 7.00pm

Sister Mary O'Dwyer, Ballydeely and Belfast (A)
John and Bridie Frawley (A)
Michael and Nora Pollard, Carhunahuan (A)

Doolin

Sunday 16th 10.00am

Annie Fitzgerald, Fisher Street (A)
Kitty and Tommy O'Brien, Doonmacphelam (A)

LISDOONVARNA

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)

Jimo Crowe, Mary and deceased of family (A)
Paddy Kelly, Lisdoonvarna (A)
Eileen Linnane, Ballinalacken (A)

Thursday 13th 7.00pm

John McCann, Dublin (A)

Sunday 16th 11.30am

Michael and Margaret Kilderry, Rooska (A)
Maureen O'Connell, Cloghaun (A)
Mary-Kate Williams, Lisdoonvarna (A)

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-eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time, encourages us with a poetic vision of God's kingdom in its fully rolled-out perfection. The Holy Spirit through the prophet Isaiah tells us that sin and death will be healed and conquered forever, and those who have freely and humbly responded in love by way of faith will know God's dream for them come true in the joy, peace and holy communion of heaven. The psalm teaches us how to pray for such faith and how to express it. In the second reading Saint Paul guided by the Holy Spirit shows us what peace the blessed assurance of faith can bring us through all life's blessings and challenges.

In the Gospel Jesus takes up that well-known banqueting image of God's reign from the prophet Isaiah but adds a new twist - a strange unsettling episode of a man who was unexpectedly invited to a banquet only to be thrown out again for breaking the dress code. Of course Jesus is not speaking here about tuxedo, top hat and tails! The garment that fits us to stand in God's presence are the spiritual clothes of humility, repentance, faith and self-emptying love. Dressed in these things we resemble Jesus. Such designer wear brings joy to the one who designed us in his own image. We pray for the wisdom and openness to grace it takes for such a makeover.

A prayer service of love and remembrance for babies who died around the time of their birth will take place on Sunday November 6th in one of the special parish cemeteries which used to be used in the past when a beloved baby died before, during or shortly after their birth. If you have an interest in being part of the planning of this act of living faith and of ongoing love for these little ones please get in touch with me before Wednesday 19th October. I would appreciate your help and advice in planning this event with care and sensitivity.



A day of learning, blessing and fun for all altar servers of the four Churches of the parish will take place on Saturday 12th November. The day will begin with a talk and a quick revision at 9.00am, followed by a Mass of Thanksgiving and Blessing at 10.00am - to which everyone in the parish is invited. Afterwards the adult coordinators will lead everyone on a day trip for bowling and yummy treats! We are grateful to all these young volunteer disciples for their faith and for their generosity in serving Jesus at his altar of Holy Mass.



Change to the parish Mass schedule for the coming week. There will not be a Mass this Monday evening or Tuesday morning in Lisdoonvarna Church. Normal schedule resumes thereafter.

Please pray for a young priest being ordained this weekend. Kevin Heery, a friend of mine and frequent visitor to this parish, will be ordained a priest this Sunday afternoon for his home diocese of Meath. May the Lord bless him and bless the Church through his ministry through the rest of his life.



Considering a priestly vocation? If you feel the Lord might be nudging you in the direction of a priestly vocation and you'd like more information or a confidential chat about it please contact me anytime.

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.

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*.

Special Ministers of Holy Communion,

previously called 'Eucharistic ministers', assist the priest at the Sunday liturgies - if there are not already sufficient priests and deacons present - by helping him to give the Body and Blood of the Lord to the gathered assembly. They may also be asked to express the parish's care and concern for the sick and elderly by bringing Holy Communion to them in their homes or in hospitals and nursing homes. Their ministry is considered a special privilege because of their closeness to the Lord who is present in the Eucharist and present in every person who comes to receive him.



Ministers of the Word,

sometimes called Readers, offer their time and their talents to the Lord and to their parish communities that the scriptures may be proclaimed with clarity and with lively faith at the Eucharist and at other liturgies. Ministers of the Word pray over the scriptures during the week, and practice proclaiming them aloud, as their special gift to the Lord and to the community who draw life from his Word. Using their varied voices and accents the Lord can touch the ears and the hearts of his gathered people.



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.

A Youth Parish Pastoral Council?

I would like to invite interested volunteers in the secondary school age group to make contact with me and some young adults in the parish to see if we could set up a *Youth 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 with me directly or through the parish Facebook page.



The Mass for the Opening of the Academic Year for Mary Immaculate Secondary School will take place in Lisdoonvarna Church on Tuesday 18th October at 9.15am. This Mass will take the place of the usual 10.00am Mass and the whole community are warmly invited to come along to pray God's graces upon the students, teachers, families and the whole team that make up the broader community of our school.

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.

Please continue to 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

Community Announcements...

Interested in working with clay and ceramics? Mary Immaculate Secondary are proposing to hold a ceramics course on Thursday evenings from 7.30pm to 9.30pm commencing this Thursday 13th October for nine nights. Explore the expressive possibilities of clay, sampling various ceramic techniques and apply them to creating a final personal piece of ceramic. Suitable for beginners. Medical card holders, early school leavers and people with disabilities are welcome free of charge, for others a small fee will apply. Contact 7074266 for more information.

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.

I.H.C.P.T. - The Irish Pilgrimage Trust organises a pilgrimage to Lourdes every Easter for young people with special/additional needs between 12-30 years of age. There is also a special family group for younger children with serious illnesses. Further information and application forms for April, 2012 can be obtained from the Irish Pilgrimage Trust, Kilcuan, Clarinbridge, Co. Galway and 091-796622. Closing date for applications is 31st October 2011.

A concert to mark World Mental Health Week will be held at Sea World, Lahinch on Friday 14th October at 8.00pm. Admission is free. Everybody welcome. Scoil Mhuire, Ennistymon School Choir, The Ennis Gospel Choir, and others will participate.

The Type 1 Diabetes Support Group will meet in the Old Ground Hotel, Ennis on Tuesday 11th October at 8.00pm. The topic will focus on sharing information about exercise. Anyone interesting in learning more about Type 1 Diabetes is welcome. The meetings take place in a relaxed setting and are focused on sharing our challenges and triumphs. More information from 087 641 5747 or clarebranchdfi@gmail.com

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.

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

