



Jesus and Mary Window, Toovahera

THE PARISH OF

# LISDOONVARNA and KILSHANNY

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Corpus Christi, Lisdoonvarna; St. Augustine, Kilshanny; Holy Rosary, Doolin; and Our Lady of Lourdes, Toovahera.  
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Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time, 19th February 2012

## 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 18th 5.00pm

Missa Pro Populo - Mass for all the people of the parish

### Kilshanny

Saturday 25th 7.00pm

Mary Margaret Doorty (A)  
Bridget Lysaght and deceased of family, Carrowkeal (A)

### Doolin

Sunday 19th 10.00am

John (Jacko) Shannon and Willie Shannon, Fisher Street (A)  
Paul Danaher, Luogh (A)

Sunday 26th 1.00pm (NB: No 10.00am Mass)

Micho Russell, and deceased of family (A)

Jack Garrihy, Doolin (A)

Tommy and Kitty O'Brien, Doonmacfelim (A)

### Lisdoonvarna

Sunday 19th 11.30am

Martin McNamara, Ballytigue (A)

Oliver McNamara, Bog Road (A)

Michael Jordan, Tom and Pa, Bog Road (A)

Monday 20th 7.00pm

Mary and Patrick Sweeney, Caherkinalla (A)

Jim Hillary, Maeva and John Setright (A)

Thursday 23rd 7.00pm

Dilly and Catherine Clancy, Rooska (A)

Sunday 26th 11.30am

Madge Lyons, Poulmagun (Month's Mind)

Maura Bulmer (née Lynch), The Ravine (Month's Mind)

Micko Lyons, Poulmagun (A)

Denny Lyons, Poulmagun (A)

Mattie Byrnes, Rooska (A)

Joe Howard and Anne (A)



We continue to pray for the blessed repose in the Lord of **MARY CONNOLLY (NÉE O'FLAHERTY)**

late of Clarecastle, and originally of St. Brendan's Road, Lisdoonvarna, who died in recent days. May she rest in peace.

We also extend our prayerful support to her many beloved relations and dear friends in this parish.

We pray also for the fullness of life for our parishioner

**TOM PIGOTT**

late of Rooska, Lisdoonvarna, and originally of Limerick, who died suddenly while abroad recently,

and whose burial took place this Saturday in Doolin after a Requiem Mass in Limerick and a Memorial Service in Doolin.

May he see the Lord face to face in heaven.

We support with our care and prayers his fiancée Rita Kilderry, of our parish,

and all of his loving family members and dear friends.

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...

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The Word of God this Sunday, the Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time, calls us to rejoice in the deep restorative healing that is on offer to us through Jesus. The first reading from the prophet Isaiah insists that we not allow ourselves to be trapped in the damage, darkness and hurt of our past, but to accept God's invitation onto his way of song, light and liberation. In the Gospel Jesus underlines that his healing power is not confined to help for our fragile beautiful physical bodies, but reaches deeply into our very souls to bring life, vigour and youth to places that sin has deadened and paralysed. In the second reading the Holy Spirit speaks to our hearts through Saint Paul reminding us that our gratitude for this font of healing given to us in Christ should not be a half-hearted thankfulness, but that we should respond with as generous a joy as we can. The best thankfulness of all is to unite ourselves mind, heart, body and soul with our Sunday Eucharist. After all, the word Eucharist itself is the Greek word for thanksgiving. Heal us, Lord, that we may give you thankful praise.

## Today We Pray for Healing

Our Bishop, Martin Drennan, has asked every parish in the diocese to dedicate this Sunday as a day of spiritual preparation for the great event of the International Eucharistic Congress, and to focus today on the Eucharist as a source of healing in our lives. Every year the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, which we celebrated just recently, is also World Day of Prayer for the Sick.

Therefore at this Sunday's 11.30am Eucharist in Lisdoonvarna we will show our love and respect for all in our parish who are seriously ill in body or mind. We pray for them and we spiritually raise them up to the Lord. The sick and the elderly who are able to be present will be offered an encounter with the risen Lord Jesus in the Sacrament of Anointing.

The Sacrament of Anointing comes directly from the ministry of the apostles who were sent out by Jesus to the sick to strengthen them through the gift of the Holy Spirit in the laying on of hands, and to bring them forgiveness, peace and healing through the sacramental anointing with blessed oil from the olives.

Who may be anointed? All who are seriously ill in body or mind may be anointed. For example, anyone with a serious ongoing condition like heart disease, cancer, mobility problems, pain, depression, or anxiety. Those who will soon be undergoing surgery are invited to this sacrament. The elderly who find themselves growing weaker due to their years may of course be anointed too.

The sacrament of anointing will be celebrated after the Gospel and involves anointing on the forehead and on the palms of both hands. The choir will sing songs of healing during that time.

After Mass all are invited to gather together for refreshments and chat in the community room. This hospitality is kindly hosted by volunteers from our worshipping community, we thank them for their goodness.



## Lent is a Season of Springtime for the Soul

The word 'Lent' comes directly from the Old English word for 'Springtime'. We leave behind what is cold and dead in our lives, we reach upward and outward to the new warmth and life which comes from on high, from the true Sun, who is the Lord Jesus. Our forty days of spiritual pruning and regrowth towards Easter will begin on Ash Wednesday this week, 22nd February.

Ashes remind us of our need for God, and of the call to constant conversion. Turning outward from ourselves we look with fresh eyes towards his infinite love for us, and roll up our sleeves to serve him in our brothers and sisters who need to know his love through our care.

From the earliest times Christians have sought to live Lent's renewal by refocusing on three things which together are a true tonic and de-tox for our souls: **Prayer, Self-denial, and Solidarity with our brothers and sisters in need.** Let us pray for each other in this holy season of personal and ecclesial blossoming!



The following are special adjustments to the parish schedule for this Ash Wednesday 22nd February, so that all school-children, secondary school students, their families, and everyone, can have the opportunity to attend Mass outside of working hours.

MASS WITH THE IMPOSITION OF BLESSED ASHES  
LISDOONVARNA CHURCH, 8.15AM

PRAYER SERVICE WITH THE IMPOSITION OF BLESSED ASHES (WITHOUT MASS)  
KILSHANNY SCHOOL, 11.30AM  
(OPEN TO ALL VISITORS WHO WISH TO TAKE PART)

MASS WITH THE IMPOSITION OF BLESSED ASHES  
DOOLIN CHURCH, 7.00PM

THE SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION  
IS AVAILABLE AFTER EVERY MASS IN THE PARISH ALL YEAR ROUND

## Trócaire Boxes - Your parish working for Justice and Solidarity

The Trócaire family fasting boxes for Lent are now available in the Church porch for all who want to have this visible reminder on their family table. These boxes are more than just an effective way to express our solidarity with our brothers and sisters in the developing world. Especially in families with children and teenagers they also help to raise our consciousness into loving concern for justice and peace in the world. Those who aren't using the boxes will find the parish Trócaire envelope in your household's weekly box of envelopes for parish giving. Trócaire donations can also be given directly to me or to Mary Mooney at any time.

## Enrolment Ceremony for the Sacrament of Confirmation will take place at Mass next Sunday.

We keep all the candidates in our prayers as they prepare themselves to be sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit on the 11th of May.

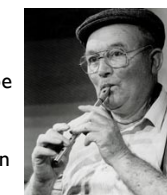
## The 50th International Eucharistic Congress

takes place this summer in Dublin from 10th to 17th June. It is a unique opportunity to renew and purify the Church in Ireland around the miracle, saving sacrifice and blessed unity of the Holy Eucharist. Application forms to request a ticket for the closing Mass in Croke Park are now available from me or from Mary Mooney and should be sent to the bishop's office as soon as possible.



## Micho Russell Weekend Mass in Doolin

As is customary in Doolin for the Micho Russell Festival Weekend, next Sunday Mass on February 26th will not be celebrated at 10.00am but at the later time of 1.00pm. Please remind your friends and neighbours of the schedule change. All are invited to this Lenten celebration of thanksgiving to God for the rich beauty of music and culture in our community.



Diocesan Vocations Retreat for men who are discerning a possible vocation to the diocesan priesthood will be held on Saturday 3rd March. Please contact me if you'd like a quiet confidential word or more information.

I wish every person in our parish a blessed interior springtime during this Lent. May this holy season find us spiritually younger, purer, kinder and holier on Easter morn!

Conor

## Community and Sport Announcements...

**Sewing and Dressmaking Evening Classes:** Seven lessons will start Tuesday 13th March in Community Centre, Ennistymon. More information from Susanna 085 1243416.

**"Man looks on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart."** (1 Samuel 16:7) A series of five Thursday evening sessions for Lent directed by Father Denis Crosby, beginning on February 23rd at 8.00pm in Kilfenora National School. All welcome!

**Burren Active Group** are hosting a dance in The Ritz on Saturday 25th February, from 10.00pm. Music by Celtic Star. Entry €5. All welcome!

**Ennis Flower and Garden Club** present a flower arranging demonstration with Theresa Collins at the West County Hotel Ennis on Tuesday 21st February at 8.15pm sharp. Demonstrators arrangements raffled on the night. All are welcome! [ennisflowerandgardenclub@eircom.net](mailto:ennisflowerandgardenclub@eircom.net)

**St Breckan's GAA Sports Day** takes place on Easter Sunday April 8th at Lisdoonvarna GAA field. Easter egg hunts for all ages. Fancy dress football match, dunking tank, Easter bonnet making, music and dancing, face painting, donkey raffle, Easter stalls and much, much more. A super day out for all the family!

**Alzheimer Society Burren Walk:** The local committee of the Alzheimer Society of Ireland wish to thank all who helped in any way in the very successful sponsored walk which took place in Fanore last Sunday. The committee would appreciate it very much if any outstanding sponsorship could be returned at your convenience to the society's Clare office at Unit 17, Clonroad Business Park, Ennis, or locally to either Gerard Howard or Brendan Cusack. Sincere thanks and congratulations to all involved!

## Current Prayer Intentions...

**The Pope's General Intention for February:** That all peoples may have access to water and other resources needed for daily life.

**The Pope's Missionary Intention for February:** That the Lord may sustain the efforts of health workers assisting the sick and elderly in the world's poorest regions.

**Our Parish's Intention for this Week:** That our community would be a sign of God's care and closeness to families bereaved through suicide.

**Father Conor's Intention for this Week:** That the Lord Jesus would bring light and strength to any of our friends, family and parishioners who are tempted to despair.

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Parish of Lisdoonvarna and Kilshanny

The Parish Facebook Page can be found at 'Parish of Lisdoonvarna and Kilshanny'. Relatives and friends abroad might be glad to keep in touch in that way if you let them know! The newsletter can also be downloaded from [www.lisdoon.ie](http://www.lisdoon.ie)

## Have you community news to share?

All suggestions for inclusion in the parish newsletter, items of a community-building, sporting, voluntary, and non-commercial nature, should be sent to [news@lisdoon.ie](mailto:news@lisdoon.ie) before deadline of 6.00pm on Wednesdays.



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Newsletter Items before 6.00pm  
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## Mass Times

Sunday Mass:

Toovahera Church

Vigil Mass Saturday 5.00pm

Kilshanny Church

Vigil Mass Saturday 7.00pm

Doolin Church

Sunday 10.00am

Lisdoonvarna Church

Sunday 11.30am

Weekday Mass:

Lisdoonvarna Church

Monday 7.00pm

Tuesday 10.00am

Thursday 7.00pm

Friday 10.00am

Confession: After all weekday Masses, or at any time by request.

## Eucharistic Adoration

Monday and

Wednesday

6.00pm to 7.00pm

in Lisdoonvarna

Church.

Rosary at 6.00pm.

Solemn Benediction

of the Most Blessed

Sacrament

Mondays at 6.50pm

Vocations corner...

If today's Gospel inspires you to think about following Jesus in preaching the good news and in bringing God's healing as a priest, Father Conor would be happy to meet with you anytime for a confidential chat, information and spiritual advice.

## Holy Hour to pray for priests and for vocations, hosted by the parish branch of the St. Joseph's Young Priests Society: third

Wednesday of every month from

6.00pm to 7.00pm in Lisdoonvarna

Church.

## Supporting your Church:

Offertory contribution:

12th February €980

Sincerest thanks for

all you contribute to

support the life and

missions of our parish.

Your commitment is

deeply appreciated.

