***Keash/Culfadda Newsletter February 12th 2023***

***Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time***

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**St Kevin’s Church Keash.**

**Saturday 11th 7.00pm** Mary Cawley (3rd Anniversary) and her husband Tom, Carrowcrory

and the deceased members of the Cawley, Tansey and Clarke

families, also,

Pakie and Maureen Shannon, Townaghmore.

**Wednesday 15th 10.00am** People of the parish.

**Friday 17th 10.00am.**

**Saturday 18th  7.00pm** Martin & Mary Fox and their sons Jim & Paul, also Mary Kate Fox,

Cloonshanbally.

**Our Lady of the Rosary Church Culfadda.**

**Sunday 12th 10.00am** John Hannon, Battlefield, his brother Batty and the deceased members

of the Hannon and Scanlon families.

**Tuesday 14th 10.00am.**

**Sunday 19th 10.00am** Delia O’ Connor, Knockbrack.

**Readers.**

**Saturday 11th** Mary Frances Dwyer. **Sunday 12th** Mary Dwyer.

**Saturday 18th** Mai Mitchell. **Sunday 19th** James Duffy.

**Recent Deaths.**

Your prayers are requested for Annie May Cryan, Aughanagh, Ballinafad, Via Boyle, Co Sligo, who died in January (sister of Jim Gormerly, Rathmullen and sister-in-law of Josie Cryan, Toomour), also Sr Regina Lydon, Sister of Mercy, Ballymote and Swinford (Sr Regina Lydon gave a lifetime of service to the National Schools of our Parish and the Schools of the Diocese of Achonry), also Philip Molyneaux (husband of Eva Devine, Cloonagh) who died recently in Lancashire, England, also Andrew Queenan, Manchester, (nephew of John Queenan, Rooskeymore and James Queenan, Lisananny), also Frank Murray, Mountcharles, Co Donegal (father of Deirdre Corcoran, Seefin) who died recently. May their souls rest in peace. Amen.

**Parish Pastoral Councils – Commissioning Ceremony by Bishop Paul Dempsey.**

**T**he Commissioning of the Parish Pastoral Council will take place on this **Friday, 17th February at 7.30pm**in St Nathy’s Cathedral, Ballaghaderreen.  There will be a designated seat/space for each Parish Pastoral Council.  Any other family members/parishioners are welcome to sit elsewhere in the Cathedral.  It was suggested that **priests would sit with their Parish Pastoral Council rather than concelebrate**.  This will enhance a sense of journeying together.  At a certain point in the Mass, one member of the Parish Pastoral Council will be invited to come forward to receive a candle.  There will be a cup of tea/coffee in St. Nathy's College following the Mass.

Also, there will be two formation sessions with Parish Pastoral Councils before the Summer and a further two sessions in the Autumn.  Information re. venues, parish groupings etc. to follow.

In order to help with good communication around these formation sessions and other practical issues, Bishop Paul asks each parish to forward the **names and contact details (email and mobile phone number)**of the members of your Parish Pastoral Council to the Diocesan Office in the coming days.  In order to satisfy data protection requirements you will need to ask members for permission to share this information with the diocese.  The diocese holds this information for the purpose of communicating with parishioners about events/meetings etc.  The information will not be shared with a third party.

**Keash National School – Third Classroom Teacher Granted.**

Scoil Naomh Muire, Keash NS is delighted to announce we will be getting a third mainstream classroom teacher from September 2023. We have now got 50 students attending our school which allows us to gain a third teacher. This is great news for the students, teachers and community and we are looking forward to having smaller numbers in our classrooms from September.

**Keash National School Enrolment 2023-2024.**

Keash NS is currently accepting applications for enrolment for the 2023-2024 school year. Please email the school at [keashns@gmail.com](mailto:keashns@gmail.com) or text/ring 087 6265789 and we can send you an enrolment form. We look forward to welcoming our new students in September.

**Sligo Champion, Parish correspondent needed.**

The opportunity to publish parish news items in The Sligo Champion Newspaper, remains important and necessary, even in todays world. Anyone from our parish interested in the role of formulating and submitting weekly parish news items to The Sligo Champion newspaper might please let Fr. Gabriel know.

**Workshop for Parish Choirs.**

Regina Deasy has agreed to offer a workshop for parish choirs in the diocese on Tuesday, February 21st in Swinford Parish Church at 7.30 pm. She can only offer this once, on this occasion, so that this will be the only opportunity for some work with the choirs in preparation for the Easter liturgies. The last workshops were greatly appreciated by those who participated, and this should be another good opportunity for them to work on their repertoires for Easter.

**Rally on Forestry Policy and its impact on Rural Ireland.**

Irish Natura and Hill Farmers Association is holding a rally on forestry in the Beepark Community Centre, Manorhamilton on Friday, 17th February at 8.00pm. The rally will outline the damage being done to farming, the environment, and local communities by vulture funds planting Sitka Spruce and how this can be reversed by adopting IHNFA's forestry policy based on farmers planting native woodlands. The INHFA Team 071-9302715.

**The Synodal Times.**

Copies of the Synodal Times is available in the porch of both churches.

**Aging with Grace – Retreat.**

Mount St. Anne's Retreat and Conference Centre in Killenard, Portarlington, Co. Laois, is hosting an "Aging with Grace" day on Saturday 18th February from 10am – 4.30pm. The day is facilitated by Maria Garvey, who has over 30 years of experience as a leader is education, health and social care, community and social enterprise. This day is open to all. Cost €60 includes 2-course lunch. Booking/Enquiries to the Secretary, Mount St. Anne's, Email [secretary@mountstannes.com](mailto:secretary@mountstannes.com) Phone 057-8626153

**Keash Church Renovation Fund.**

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| **Total received to date €18,174** |

We wish to acknowledge having received donations of €200, €200, & €100 towards Keash Church Renovation Fund. We have to raise approximately €65,000 to pay for the cosmetic works. Thank you to everyone for their ongoing generosity and support. ‘For all things come from you, and of your own have we given you’ 1 Chronicles 29:14b.

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