

## *Parish of Kilclooney & Creagh*

Ballinasloe Faith Community Area

Sunday, AUGUST 2<sup>ND</sup> 2026 – 17<sup>TH</sup> Sunday in O.T.

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### **MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK IN ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH: 10a.m.**

**Mon:** Mary Casey, Woodlands & Tom McGreevey, Jubilee Street.

**Tues:** John & Eileen Moloney, Cleaghmore

**Wed:** Dec mem Jenkins, Keane & Cullen Families, St MI's Square.

**Thur:** Michael Kelly, Woodview, Brackernagh.

**Fri:** Personal Intention

**Sat:** Geraldine Dolan, Glantaun, Creagh (M.M.)

### **SUNDAY, AUGUST 9<sup>TH</sup>; First Mass of; Sat 7p.m.**

Eugene Hynes, Birchgrove; Anthony P.O., Mary Anthony, PA Antu & PA Wilson;

Gerry Devlin, Derrymullen (M.M.); Marian Cregg, Creagh (M.M.)

**9a.m.** People of the parish.

**12noon:** Louie & Marie Ward, Knocknagreena; P.J. & Brendan Hession, Poolboy; Jack &

Lill Duignam, Church Hill; Ancel O'Carroll, Society Street;

Paddy, Eileen &

Aidan Connolly, Main Street; Paddy Coffey, Kilclooney.

### **OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH, CREAGH: SUNDAY, AUGUST 9<sup>TH</sup>:**

**10.30a.m:** Paddy & Mary Manton, Creagh

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**Adoration:** Wed from 3-5p.m. Intercessory prayer for priests' vocations. Thur from 2-7p.m.

**Sacrament of Confession:** Saturdays 10.30-11.00am

**Cemetery Sunday:** Public Prayer for Our Faithful Departed takes place today, **Sunday, August, 2<sup>nd</sup>:**

@ 3p.m. in Creagh Cemetery and at 4.30p.m. in Kilclooney Cemetery.

**RCIA 2026/2027 – Thinking of Becoming Catholic?** The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is for adults who:

- have never been baptised
- belong to another Christian tradition
- are baptised Catholics but haven't received confirmation or Eucharist

The journey begins this autumn. To find out more, contact the parish or email [rcia@anghailil.ie](mailto:rcia@anghailil.ie)

**St. Francis Prayer Group** invites you to join us for 3 nights of talks on the 'Life of St Gemma Galgani' on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> August at 7p.m in Clonfert Family Centre, Ballinasloe, H53 NX59. St. Gemma's first-class relic and free prayer cards will be available each night. All are welcome to come and see. More details contact: Theresa on 086 3241269.

**Prayer Gathering:** Pray the Rosary & the Chaplet of the Precious Blood for healing families & world peace. Venue: Family Centre H53NX59 on Wed 5<sup>th</sup> Aug starting @ 6p.m. All welcome **Keeping**

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**Young Adult Catholic Conference - 29 August 2026 - Legion of Mary:** 'Embrace the Grace' is a conference on faith and culture for young adults (18-40) with talks, prayer, Mass, confession, workshops,

food and social in the historic Legion of Mary headquarters at De Montfort House, North Brunswick Street, Dublin 7. It will be a chance to build faith in friendship with young adults from across the country. This event takes place on Saturday 30 August from 9.30am to 6.00pm with a social afterward. Tickets cost €20 and can be booked on the eventbrite website by looking up 'Embrace the Grace'. Any queries can be directed towards [deusetpatria@gmail.com](mailto:deusetpatria@gmail.com).

**Healing Day:** Fire & Love Ministries: Robert Meehan Catholic Evangelist will hold a Healing Day in Menlo Park Hotel, Galway, H91E98N on August 5<sup>th</sup> from 3.30 p.m. to 9 p.m. All welcome to experience the healing power of the Lord.

**Beginners Course in Theology - No Exams or Essays:** Credenda is a part-time distance learning Beginners Course in Theology designed for adults who wish to deepen their understanding of the Catholic faith. No previous knowledge of theology is required, and there are no exams or essays. It combines personal study with guided sessions led by Dominican tutors. For further info and registration details, please visit [www.dominicans.ie](http://www.dominicans.ie). The Cost is: €190

**ATU St Angelas:** is inviting applications for Part-Time Certificate in Religious Education for Primary School with online delivery, beginning Autumn 2026. The programme is open to Qualified Primary and Post-Primary school teachers who wish to transfer to primary school teaching. Parents, sacramental preparation teams and parish catechists who have a specific interest in the area of primary religious education may apply. Closing date for applications Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> August 2026. Further info. contact Mary Kearns at [mary.kearns@atu.ie](mailto:mary.kearns@atu.ie) website [www.atu.ie](http://www.atu.ie)

**Part-time Secretary** required for St. Ronan's NS, Taughmaconnell from August 2026. Please see job advertisement on [www.educationposts.ie](http://www.educationposts.ie).

**Coffee Day Wellbeing Meetup.** On Wednesday, 19<sup>th</sup> August, (2- 4pm), B.sloe Family Centre, H53 NX59. This can be a good opportunity for people to find out about REGARI Recovery College without committing to any session. Information please contact: Amanda Hunt, Email: [regarirecoverycollege@gmail.com](mailto:regarirecoverycollege@gmail.com), Tel: 087 968 4352.

All voices welcome. 18+ More information here if requested [REGARI Ballinasloe Eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/regari-ballinasloe-eventbrite)

**Fundraising Concert:** in Aid of Cuan Mhuire Addiction Treatment Centre, Coolarne, Athenry. Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> Sept. @ Shearwater Hotel. Tickets from Cuan Mhuire, Coolarne (tel. 091 797102) or on [www.eventrite.ie](http://www.eventrite.ie) or directly from The Shearwater Hotel. Tickets €30.

**The gift of God does not displace us from our lives;** it does not take over from us and make our effort redundant. On the contrary, it is in the throes of our efforts that the gift of God appears. Here is another instance of the same thing: In John's gospel Jesus said to a man who had been lying paralysed for thirty-eight years, "Do you want to be healed?" (John 5:6). At first it may seem a strange question in the circumstances, but it is not so strange when you think about it. If that man was healed he could no longer lie there passively, being carried around by other people. We often have a large stake in our own weakness: things are easier for us that way. But the man did indeed want to be healed, so Jesus said to him, "Get up!" That too sounds strange at first. Getting up was the one thing he couldn't do! Why would he have spent thirty-eight years lying down if he could get up! But the amazing thing is that he made an effort to get up. For that, he had to reconfigure his brain, which had been sending out messages to his legs in vain for thirty-eight years. He had to believe he could get up and he had to make a mental effort to get up. When he did so he found that the minimal movement he made in his brain continued into his legs and he was able to get up. The miracle was not dropped on him; it arose, by the grace of God, from within his own effort. Fr Donagh O Shea