

Parish of Killelooney & Creagh

Ballinasloe Faith Community Area

Sunday, 15th March 2026 – 4th Sunday of Lent

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RIP: Gabriel McHugh, Fairfield, Aughrim; Josph Lynch, Athlone & St Grellans Tce.

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

Mon: Patrick O Keefe, The Pines

Tues: St Patrick's Day: First Mass of: Mon @ 7p.m. Frank & Mary Healy, Deerpark & Patricia Collins, Menlough; Tommy Conlon & Barbara McGrath (Granddaughter)

9am: Kerril Carney & Liam Nolan, Ard Mhuire.

12pm: Martin Bradley, St Grellans; Thomas & dec mem Kelly Family, Deerpark; Mary & Bernard Ward, Curragh Park, & Olivia Corcoran, Meadowbrook Lawn; Padraic & Joachim Clarke, Mackney; Patrick & Kate Carr, Galway.

Wed: Dec Mem of Naughton Family, Kilconnell.

Thur: Personal Intention.

Fri: Personal Intention.

Sat: Willie & Maureen O' Rourke, Birchgrove.

SUNDAY, MARCH 22nd: First Mass of; Sat 7p.m. Tom Finn, Birchgrove;

Mary Harvey, Garbally Drive; Tom Kenny, Killelooney; Teresa Devane & Owen Burke; Thomas Murray & dec mem of Murray Family, Castlepark; Ian Clarke, Oak Glen, Poolboy.

9a.m. People of the Parish

12noon: Jimmy Hynes, Woodlands; Johnnie, May & Delia Burke & Kathleen Lyons, Mackney; Michael Naughton, Ashford; Tommy Derrane, Ard Mhuire;

Maureen Dooley & Deirdre Kilmartin; Declan Flanagan, Sarsfield Road (M.M.)

OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH, CREAGH: SUNDAY, MARCH 22nd:

Tues: St Patrick's Day: 10.30a.m. Michael, Mary & dec mem Reilly Family, Ardnaglug.

SUNDAY, MARCH 22nd: 10.30a.m: Micheal, Anne & Miriam Dolphin, Loughill;

Michael, Kathleen & James Fallon, Kilgarve; Mary, Micheal & Seamus McDonnell, Margarite & Padraic Finnerty.

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

Sacrament of Confession: Saturdays 10.30-11.00am

Trocaire Lent Appeal 2026 Please take a pack from back of Church. See: www.trocaire.org

St Patrick's Day Migrant Collection Thank you for your contributions to this special collection that goes to support the work of Irish Chaplaincies abroad and Pastoral Outreach for Irish Emigrants around the world.

Diocese of Clonfert, Galway, Kilmacduagh and Kilfenora Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2026: led by Bishop Michael Duignan departing from Shannon 29 June for 5 nights. Further enquiries contact Society Travel, Ballinasloe 090 9645350 or Joe Walsh Tours 01 2410 800.

Happy St Patrick's Day and God's blessings on you and your families. Bishop Michael Duignan

Annual Pioneer Primary Schools & Teenage Youth & Sporting Clubs Quiz Night takes place in Emerald Ballroom, Ballinasloe on Friday 20th March, 8 – 10 pm. See www.creideamh.ie/ptaa-quiz for more info. Teams must pre-register. All welcome

Marriage Enrichment Weekend: Knock, Co. Mayo, 20 -22 March 2026. Supporting marriages at all stages. Online: www.marriageencounter.ie

A Youth 2000 Day Retreat takes place on April 25 at Knock Shrine, Co. Mayo. Youth 2000 provides an opportunity for young people (16-35) to develop their relationship with God, learn more about the Catholic faith & meet other young people through a structured retreat programme. Talks, testimonies & games. Donation only. Check out Youth2000.ie to register or contact connaught@youth2000.ie for more information.

Bethany Bereavement Support Group. We are available to meet with people, **087 2334438**

Contemplative Dominican Monastic Vocation Discernment Weekends in the Monastery of St. Catherine of Siena, The Twenties, Drogheda, Co. Louth. A92 KR84, from the 20th – 22nd of March 2026 and the 17th – 19th April 2026. For single women between the ages of 18- 35 years old. Please contact: Sr. Mairead O.P. @ sienavoc@gmail.com Tel: 041 9838524.

Taughmaconnell Community Care: present Olivia Douglas in Gullane's on 21st March. Dancing from 10p.m. Tickets: €15. Please support.

Thought for the day How we respond to pressure can vary very much from person to person. In John's Gospel, there are two related stories of people being healed, one in chapter 5 and the other in chapter 9, today's reading. The man at the pool eventually betrays Jesus. The man born blind resists pressure and even grows on the strength of it. Part of his energy comes from his experience— no matter what others may say about Jesus, he himself once was blind and now he sees! His courageous attachment to what he knows from his personal encounter with Jesus leads eventually to a full act of faith. **Prayer** Faithful God, you call us to be faithful even in times of trial. Teach us to embrace the challenge of faith today, that we may have the courage to grow and give courage to others by our witness.

POINTERS FOR PRAYER 1. The blind man makes a journey of faith, rooted in an experience of healing from the hand of Jesus. This experience has potential to grow and deepen. What has been my experience of the healing presence of Jesus in my life? Prayer of thanksgiving.

2. Under pressure, the blind man and the community he stands for are obliged to reflect again and again on what they really believe. What has happened to my faith in times of pressure against believing? Prayer of faith.

3. Amazing Grace has the words: I once was lost, and now I'm found. Jesus goes out of his way to find the blind man and bring him through the next stage of faith. What has my experience of finding my "self" been? When have I been touched by Jesus? Is he reaching out to me now? Prayer of conversion.

4. The blind man witnesses to his experience, in spite of conventional, even orthodox opposition. Perhaps this has been part of my experience too? Prayer of witnessing

Excerpt from Baptised and Sent "Believers are constantly challenged to configure their lives to the person of Christ, to encounter again and again the saving power of God's healing love." Paragraph 80 www.synod.ie

On this **Mother's Day**, we pray for all mothers and particularly those in our parish, that they may experience the love and appreciation of their children.