Parish of Kilclooney & Creagh

Ballinasloe Faith Community Area

Sunday – 1st November 2026 – All Saints Day

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RIP: Nicholas Power, Sarsfield Crescent.

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

Mon: The Commemoration of All The Faithful Departed
Dec Mem Connolly, Rigney & Carty Families, Shannonbridge,
Bernard & Mary Ellen Murray, Jubilee St, Dec. members Daly Family, The Square.

Tues: Private Intention.

Wed: Whelan Family, Beagh, Birchgrove.

Thur:, Kathleen Lynch, Meadowbrook.

Fri: Teddy & Nellie O Connor & Thomas Donnellan, St Michaels Place.

Sat: Angela & Bridget**.**

SUNDAY; First Mass of; Sat 7p.m: John & Nellie McGrath, Cleaghmore; Jim, Annie & Dermot Cullen, Mountpleasant; Mary, Patrick & Jim Kelly & Mary Costello, William & Nora Mitchell, Sarsfield Road; Harry & Nora Lloyd, Nora Doherty (nee Lloyd), Martin Cummins, Killure & Michael Lloyd; Dec mem of Llyod Family;
Dessie Keighery & Dec Mem of Keighery Family.

9a.m: Private Intention**.**

12noon: Paddy Dempsey, St Grellans, Jack & Dec Mem of Dempsey Family, St Grellans Tce; PJ Hill & Dec Mem of Hill & Donovan Families, Luke & Mary Brennan, Catherine & John Mulvihill, Birchgrove, Croffy Family, St Mls Square, Tommie & Maureen Ahern, Cleaghmore, Sarah & Mattie Connelly, Deerpark, Private Intention.

OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH, CREAGH:

SUNDAY: 10.30a.m.Johnny & Bernadette Flynn, Castlepark,
James & Bridget Payne, Portnick.

Sacrament of Confession: Saturdays 10.30-11.00am

Eucharistic Adoration Weekly: Wednesday St Michaels Church 2–6pm
Thursday St Michaels Church 2-7pm
Sunday Family Centre 4 – 6pm

First Saturday Devotions on Sat 7th Nov beginning at 9.15am

Beginning Sunday 8th November 7-9pm: in Ballinasloe Family Centre: a six week journey with the Gospel of John; Initiative Objectives : To support participants draw close to God through a shared reading and pondering of John's Gospel- To help participants toward a more wholesome understanding of John's Gospel as an aid to encounter with God- To stimulate learning and faith-enquiry in a gentle, light-hearted and non-threatening way - To support short periods of scripture-based prayer (led and directed by group facilitators). All are welcome! If you have enjoyed this type of initiative before, please invite a friend. Places are limited; message John 087 9068032**.**

St Michael's Church If you might be willing to help out by offering to give some time to cleaning in St Michaels Church we would love to hear from you. Please give your name to Siveen in the Sacristy. Many thanks in advance.

Want to Sing to Praise God? St Michael's Choir sings at 12 noon Mass each Sunday. New Members are most welcome. Practices will be commencing for Advent and online videos in preparation for Christmas will be made available. To learn more call Michael at 087 240 1766.

A Weekend Like No Other: Catholic Marriage Encounter Weekend St. Mary's, Knock, Co. Mayo Friday 9th to Sunday 11th April 2027 This residential weekend starts at 7.30pm on Friday and finishes at 4.30pm on Sunday, and is open to all married couples. Online booking only at www.marriageencounter.ie

Safefood's 'Appetite for Change' exhibition will be in Ballinasloe library from 28 October – 4 November 2026. Come and see people's vision for a healthier food environment.

Ballinasloe Tennis Club: Table Quiz 0n Thurs. Nov 5th at 8.00pm sharp in Gullane's Hotel. Teams of Four. €40 per table. Lots of prizes on the night.

Building Healthy Boundaries wellbeing workshop. Free. On Wednesday, 4th November, (1.30 - 4.30 pm). In Clonfert Family Centre, Brackernagh. For more information please contact: Amanda Hunt, Email: regarirecoverycollege@gmail.com, Tel: 087 968 4352.

Padraig Pearses GAA Club: We will be hosting weekly Progressive 25 Card Games commencing on Tuesday night November 3rd at 8.30pm and running weekly until Easter 2027, all welcome!

Movies & Musicals Charity Concert, in aid of UNICEF Gaza fund at 4 pm on Sunday 8th November, Ballinasloe Town Hall Theatre. Featuring Ballinasloe Town Band, Ballinasloe Musical Society and Ballinasloe Active Retirement Association (BARA) Choir.
Entry free but donations to the UNICEF Gaza fund welcomed

Saints inspire us to become better Christians: their lives inspire us and lift us up to be better people. A saint doesn't say, "I want you to be a Christian. I am going to try to subtly force you to be a Christian. I am going to drag you to Church today." No. By the nature of their lives, these saints inspire us to be holy. Let me explain by means of a famous example from the lives of Dr. David Livingston and Henry Stanley. Dr. David Livingston was a famous missionary in Africa who had been there in the heart of Africa and had disappeared into the jungles. Henry Stanley went on a search for Dr. Livingston after he had long disappeared, and, after a lengthy search, finally found Dr. Livingston. Stanley greeted Livingstone with the now- famous line from history, "Dr. Livingston, I presume?" The two men lived together for three months. Some time later, Henry Stanley wrote his memoirs, and he said: "Dr. Livingston made me a Christian, and he didn't even know he was doing it. He inspired me and didn't even try to." Saints inspire you to live a life of holiness. (Rabbi Edward F. Markquart).

Listening to God It is not always easy to understand and accept God's ways, especially when they are very far from our own. Then the temptation arises – against all the reasoning of faith – to think that the Lord is the one who is wrong, or worse still, that he is not listening to us or is not concerned about us. Faced with this uncertainty, St Peter, even in his impulsiveness, teaches us two important things. The first is, even in such moments, never to cease our dialogue with the Lord. Instead, we are confidently to tell him our difficulty in understanding what he is asking of us. The second is never to judge God's work, but rather humbly and prayerfully to listen to what he is

revealing to us through his actions, even when they do not meet our expectations. Pope Leo Angelus 30 August, St Peter's Square