

## Second Sunday of Lent

Fri	27 <sup>th</sup>	3pm	Funeral Mass in Co. Clare
Sat	28 <sup>th</sup>	11am	Funeral Mass
Sun	1 <sup>st</sup>	11am	Catherine, Margaret & Mary Harney Bridie. Willie & Pakie Naughton
Tues	3 <sup>rd</sup>	7pm	Mass & Stations of the Cross
Wed	4 <sup>th</sup>	9am	Mass
		7:30pm	Clonmacnoise
Thurs	5 <sup>th</sup>	9am	Mass
		9:30am	Schools Prayer Service
		11:15am	Sonas Nursing Home
		2pm	St, Brendan's Creagh
Fri	6 <sup>th</sup>	9am	<b>First Friday Mass</b>
		9:30am	Visitation of the Housebound
Sat	7 <sup>th</sup>	10am	Michael & Mary Cunniffe <b>Servers:</b> Donal, Pairic & Niamh Cunniffe
		7pm	<b>Children's Mass</b>
Sun	8 <sup>th</sup>	11am	Jimmy Lyons~First Anniversary Jack & Joe Doyle

*In God's Loving Arms~Neil Sedaka American Singer & Songwriter*

## Lenten time in Our Parish

**Servers:** 7<sup>th</sup> March: Molly & Masie Finneran, Cara Daly, Mia Costello, Helena Barron & Aoife Croffey

**March 8<sup>th</sup>:** Liam & Millie Keyes, Aoibhean Daly, Amy Grehan, Zoe Shaughnessy & Mia Costello

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Dorothy Fallon & Margaret Butler

**Offertory Collection:** 15<sup>th</sup> Feb: € 561 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb: €723

**Lenten Stations of the Cross:** I will conduct Lenten Stations of the Cross for Lent on each Tuesday Evening after 7pm Mass.

**Charity Tractor Run:** In aid of Palliative Care South Roscommon Sunday March 8<sup>th</sup>. Leaving from Clann na Gael GAA Pitch. Registration from 11am. Run starts at 12:30. All vehicles welcome. Entry €20 per vehicle. All proceeds will be donated via Mayo Roscommon Hospice Foundation.

**St Patrick's Day:** We will celebrate St. Patrick's Day with traditional music, song and dance on March 16<sup>th</sup> at 7pm and March 17<sup>th</sup> at 10am.

**Community Care:** Our fundraiser with the great Olivia Douglas take place in Gullane's Hotel on March 21<sup>st</sup>. Doors open at 9pm, Dancing is from 10pm-12:00. Tickets are €15 and we hope that you will support us. We appreciate your support in the past.

**Baptismal Reunion & Parish Family Gathering:** On April 12<sup>th</sup> we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday throughout the world. On Tuesday evening our Pastoral Parish Council decided to convene a meeting of all Parents who have had their children baptised in our Church. We had a Gathering/ Celebration like this in 2016, and it was a very positive experience and fruitful gathering for all parents and their children. The purpose of this gathering is to highlight our common connection with Baptism and our ongoing need to build the Body of Christ by sharing our faith and prayer with all of God's people. We hope that you and your child, teenager or young adult will join us for this gathering. We will provide light refreshments for children on the church grounds. The ceremony will consist of a Ceremony of Light, Renewal of Baptismal Promises / Responsibilities, a Homily on our common /shared mission and responsibility for sharing the gift of our faith with our children, family and parish.

### **Just A Thought**

#### **The Power of Words**

*In the Bee Gees, hit 'Words' was the famous line:*

*It's only words, and words are all I have to take your heart away.*

*Words are our primary way of communicating. They are powerful tools for good or for bad. William Ward once said:*

*Our words can cut or comfort, hinder or help, harass or heal, injure or inspire...*

*Each time we speak we deliver our own state-of-the-heart address.*

*Encouraging words give us a lift.*

*On the other hand, verbal abuse kills the spirit.*

*Words spoken in anger, guilt or resentment cut to the quick.*

*There was a song here in Ireland with the philosophical title,*

*'Whatever you say, say nothing',*

*And if your words don't build up and encourage,*

*It surely is better to say nothing.*

#### **A Smile**

*A smile costs nothing, but gives much*

*It enriches those who receive*

*Without making poorer those who give*

*It takes but a moment*

*But the memory of it sometimes lasts forever*

*None is so rich and mighty that they can get along without it*

*And none is so poor that they cannot be made rich by it*