



PARISH OF LARNE BULLETIN

30th June/1st July 2018

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time



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St. MacNissi's Church

Sunday: Vigil (Saturday) 7.00pm and 10.00am
Holy Days: Check Parish bulletin (usually 10.00am)
Weekdays: Monday 10.00am (Primary School Mass)
Wednesday 7.30pm (Perpetual Novena)
Friday 10.00am

St. Anthony's Church

Sunday: Vigil (Saturday) 5.30pm and 11.30am
Holy Days: Check Parish bulletin (usually 7.00pm Vigil)
Weekdays: Tuesday 7.30pm
Thursday 10.00am (Primary School Mass)

We remember in our prayers the following:

Recently Deceased: Noleen Kelly (nee McNally), formerly Linn Road and Larne Care Centre.
Marie McKillion, Pound Green Court.

1st Anniversary Mass: Sadie McNally R.I.P. Sunday 1st July at 10.00am in St. MacNissi's Church.

Months Mind Mass:: Sean McManus R.I.P. Saturday 21st July at 5.30pm in St. Anthony's Church.

Anniversaries: Mary McVeigh, Dennis Peyman, Karen Brewster (nee Brady), Peter Brady, Maria Carlin, Charlie Mallon, Margaret Fleming, Charles Magill (Sen), Sarah Adair, John Flaherty, Francie Bannon (20th Anniversary), Hugh Caldwell, John & Mary Keenan, Sean McBride, Lisa O'Callaghan (1st Anniversary), Pat Bell (50th Anniversary), Josephine (Josie) Smyth, Dave Bagchus, Cecilia McCarry.

May their souls and the souls of all our departed loved ones rest in God's eternal peace. Amen

Thank you for your generous response to the recent collections

Weekly **£1,965** Missalettes **£129** W.M.O.F. **£1,073**

There are two collections this week, the Weekly and Monthly Stipend

Pre Baptism Course

The next pre baptism course for parents and godparents will take place on **Monday 6th August 2018** at **7.30pm** in St. Anthony's Hall. Please bring along the long form of the child's birth certificate for registration purposes.

There is no Baptism Course in the month of July.

First Friday Week

The priests of the Parish will attend the sick and housebound during the coming week

Prayer intentions for Lourdes

There are intentions slips available in both chapels which can be completed and left in the baskets provided. Any prayers will then be brought to Lourdes by Fr. Conor on the Diocesan Pilgrimage, and his **mass each day will be offered for those intentions. Please return any intentions by Sunday 8th July.** Several of our parishioners are travelling this year with the pilgrimage, including two as members of the Diocesan Youth Team. ***Our Lady of Lourdes, pray for us. St. Bernadette, pray for us.***

Bulletin Notices

During Summer months July/August, bulletins will be available only on the following dates. **30th June, 14th July, 28th July, 11th August and 25th August.**

There will be no bulletins on 7th July, 21st July, 4th August and 18th August.

Any notices, anniversaries etc that are to be included in bulletin must be emailed or sent to **Parish Office no later than 12noon on Wednesday. (Any anniversaries sent after 12 noon will have to be included in the following weeks bulletin).** Owing to pressure of space we are only able to record the names of the deceased, not actual dates of death.

Introduction to today's Scripture Readings

The first reading - Death, the one reality that faces every single one of us, is not God's doing and not God's will. The Lord has created us for eternity.

The second reading - Paul is fundraising for his mission! He does not subscribe to the genteel notion that what we do with our resources has nothing to do with our faith.

The Gospel - A little girl is restored to her family. A woman who has been ill for years is restored to health and to community. Jesus, our Saviour, is our restorer

Pope Francis' Itinerary for World Meeting of Families

Details of the Holy Father's Apostolic overnight visit on **August 25th/26th** have been announced. Pope Francis will arrive at Dublin Airport on the Saturday at **10.30am** and travel to meet the President and other civic figures at Aras an Uachtaráin and Dublin Castle before going to the Pro-Cathedral at **3.30pm**. Afterwards he will visit the Capuchin Fathers' Centre for homeless families before arriving at Croke Park Stadium at **7.30pm** for the Festival of Families. On the Sunday morning he will leave early for Knock to visit the Marian Shrine before returning to Dublin's Phoenix for **3.00pm Mass**. After meeting the Irish Bishops the Pope will then leave on the flight to Rome at **6.45 pm**.

Tickets for the WMOF Events

- ◆ Book your tickets by using the online form on the website - **www.worldmeeting2018.ie/en/Tickets/Closing-Mass-ticket only**
- ◆ Your tickets will be sent to you closer to the event.
- ◆ Every adult and child attending will need a ticket.
- ◆ Under 18's must be accompanied by an adult. All tickets will be for standing sections.
- ◆ It is not possible to apply for tickets for both Phoenix Park and Knock, as both events will take place on the same day. You may only apply for one of these events.
- ◆ Your tickets will be sent by email in the form of a 'print at home' ticket.

World Meeting of Families - Travelling by Bus

Two coaches have been booked to transport parishioners from our Pastoral Community to Phoenix Park, Dublin, for the Papal Mass on Sunday 26th August at 3.00pm. Both coaches will travel via Ballymena, so Larne parishioners will have to make their own way to Ballymena. To reserve a seat on the coach you must first register and obtain a free ticket on line for admission to Phoenix Park (www.worldmeeting2018.ie/en/tickets/Closing-Mass-ticketonly) Once you have done this you must contact our parish office to reserve a seat on the coach. These names will be forwarded to Fr. Gabriel Lyons PP, Glenravel who is co-ordinating the coach travel. At the moment ten parishioners from Larne have expressed interest in travelling by coach to Dublin.

Rally for Life

The All-Ireland Rally for Life will be held at Stormont in Belfast on **Saturday 7th July, 2018 at 2.00pm**. Thousands of people from **NORTH & SOUTH** will stand **TOGETHER FOR LIFE** at this important Rally for the protection of Ireland's unborn babies. Coaches travelling to the Rally from various towns across Northern Ireland. To book your seat, or for further information, please contact the Rally for Life committee on **028 9027 8484** or click on **www.rallyforlife.net**

The Absence of Children

Children are sometimes described as the 'fruits of love'. For those who long to love and share their lives with children, childlessness is a source of real pain and anguish. The scriptures disclose numerous situations where the desire for descendants, as well as the social pressure on women or the family to produce children, is intense. The story of Hannah and Elkanah (Samuel 1:2-8,20) shows how their deep and genuine feelings of love for one another managed to survive this challenge to their marriage. Despite the pain and frustration of their situation they persevered and their patience was finally rewarded.

Some couples are unable to have children. We know this can be a cause of real suffering for them. At the same time, we know that 'marriage was not instituted solely for the procreation of children...Even in cases where, despite the intense desire of the spouses there are no children, marriage still retains its character of being a whole manner and communion of life, and preserves its value and indissolubility.'

Joy of love Amoris Laetitia, 178

Prayer

Creator God, you have said that it's not good to be alone and we praise you for the happiness we have found in each other.

In the absence of children let us find deep fulfilment in our love. As we await your blessing, let us use our creative gifts in ways that bring life to others and praise to you.

Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Fr. Paul Clayton-Lea