

"OVERCOME INDIFFERENCE AND WIN PEACE"

2016 marks the centenary of the Easter Rising and the ongoing centenary of the First World War. This year recalls the tragic Battle of the Somme, which commenced on the 1st July and lasted 100 days, claiming 300,000 lives, among them were thousands of Irish people.

As we mark this World Day Of Prayer For Peace which also coincides with the centenary year of the 1916 Easter Rising, we can **'overcome indifference and win peace'** by respecting all and refraining from judgement about the women and men who took up Ireland's cause in 1916, to severe recession, which led to awful, ongoing consequences for many people, let us **'overcome indifference and win peace'**, as we consider the pain and devastation of displaced migrants, refugees and the many people enduring ongoing war and strife.

May our centenary commemorations inspire us as a people to give of our best for our own people in Ireland and to open our hearts and **'overcome indifference and win peace'** in our fractured world of agony and anguish for many people, especially the innocent who continue to suffer. We have just celebrated the birth of Christ and the unfolding year ahead will continue to follow the story of Christ's life, which takes us through every possible emotion, from desolation to exultation. It stretches open our hearts and minds to identify with people who live these moments as a reality in their lives.

Christ now is arrested unjustly and tortured by others all over the world. Christ today has his head covered with plastic bags and is beaten on his feet in torture cells everywhere. Christ is humiliated and mocked, and dies in millions of people. Christ today, also rises from the dead in millions of small victories, when in our world, people quietly **'overcome indifference and win peace'**. Our story is his story. His story is ours. The New Year stretches us open to all humanity, with its suffering and flourishing. By celebrating every year the drama that is Christ's life, our own personal and private stories merge with the story of humanity to **'overcome indifference and win peace'**.

Let us step into 2016 and celebrate the God whose heart embraces everyone and whose memory never forgets any one. Inside this vast story sweeping from Creation to the Kingdom, there is a space for all the little stories of the many people who feel invisible and insignificant and who are easily overlooked. Whatever pain or suffering or joy we may experience, it is somewhere there in the story of Christ's life.

Whatever experiences we may have, they have their place in the the drama of the Christian year that will unfold before us.

In the Gospel we see Jesus meeting lepers, who were despised, and widows with their mites, who were never acknowledged or even noticed. Let us keep in mind that in the story of God's friendship, love and mercy with humanity, everyone is significant.

In our world that is threatened by ecological disasters and the war on terrorism, we turn again to the theme of Pope Francis and pray that our world leaders will **'overcome indifference and win peace'**. Yes, we believe that God will be faithful to humanity, and in this Year of Mercy, our world will ultimately **'overcome indifference and win peace'**.

May the hope that Zechariah prays for bring *'light to those in darkness and in the shadow of death and guide us in the way of peace'*, (Lk 1:79), as we **'overcome indifference and win peace'** in 2016.

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Celebration of the Eucharist

ST. MOLAISE, CLIFFONEY

Sunday: 10.30 am

Wednesday, 7-8 pm: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

CHURCH OF MARY IMMACULATE, GRANGE

Saturday: 8 pm

Sunday: 12 noon

OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA ORATORY, MULLAGHMORE

Saturday: 6.30 pm

MINISTRY ROTAS, <u>CLIFFONEY</u>		
MINISTERS OF HOLYCOMMUNION		MINISTERS OF THE WORD
Sun, 27 th Dec	Mary Mc Gowan, Anne Roper Anne Gallagher	Patricia Hickey, Kathleen Molloy
Sun, 3 rd Jan	Anne Roper, Grainne Mc Gowan, Claire Mc Hale	Pauline Maguire, Anne Mc Gloin
Altar Society	January: B. Watters, S. Leonard, A.M. Rooney	
MASS INTENTIONS in <u>CLIFFONEY & MULLAGHMORE</u>		
Sat, 2 nd Jan	6.30pm	Mullaghmore: Dan Mc Gloin
Sun, 3 rd Jan	10.30am	Katie & James Herity Teresa & William Guilfoyle
Tue, 5 th Jan	6.30pm	Mullaghmore: Epiphany.... M.Gallagher
Wed, 6 th Jan	10.30am	Cliffoney: Feast of Epiphany
Sat, 9 th Jan	6.30pm	Mullaghmore: Ciaran Mc Hugh
Sun, 10 th Jan	10.30am	Cliffoney: Sean Brennan Cloyspara (5 th Anniv)

CLIFFONEY OFFERINGS: : € 802

Rosary First Saturday of every Month in the Star of the sea Oratory Mullaghmore at 10am

Feast of the Epiphany concludes the Christmas Season the 12 days

The Feast is the celebration of the occasion of the meeting with the three wise men, opening the story of Jesus entry into the world to all the nations of the earth.

Thank You to everyone who supported the Christmas collection. You will be glad to know it always amounts to the same and I'm glad too!! Thanks too for your faithful weekly contributions which go towards the maintenance and refurbishment of our three Churches. Fr. Christy.

The Benwiskin Centre

Annual Social - The Benwiskin Centre Fri. 8/1/16. Music by Michael Cleary. Supper will be served. Dancing starts at 10.30pm. Adm. €7. All welcome.

Classes - Ceili dancing for children/adults, Computer classes, Scouts, Yoga, Art. Keep Fit for the Active Elderly etc. Further details at www.benwiskincentre.com

Look and feel fantastic for 2016 Operation Transformation.

Benbulbin FC is back and you have a chance of winning a European Holiday for 2, two nights hotel break at Mill Times Hotel, Westport, or a luxury hamper from Grange Pharmacy. Registration night is **Jan 5th 7-9pm** at the **Sports Complex Grange**. You can register on our Facebook page or call 0860286558. More information and other sign-up bonuses on the night or check our special Facebook page: otbenbulbinfc

Pro Life Information

There will be a very important Pro Life Information Day on Saturday January 9th in the Sligo Park hotel, between from 2pm-5pm. With speaker Bernadette Smyth, Precious Life.

Senior citizens party: will be held in Yeats Tavern on January 21st 2016.



MASSES, GRANGE		
Sat, 2 nd Jan	8pm	Jim Sheerin (4 th Anniv)
Sun, 3 rd Jan	12noon	Philomena Baulk (1 st Anniv) Dominic & Jane Harte, Sons Dominic & Patsy and sons in law Eric & Danny.
Mon, 4 th Jan	9.30am	
Tue, 5 th Jan	8pm	Vigil Mass of the feast of the Epiphany John Pat Devins
Wed, 6 th Jan	12noon	Feast of the Epiphany Martin Bernard & Mary Mc Gowan
Sat, 9 th Jan	8pm	Michael Caraway Months Mind Brendan Rooney (1 st Anniv) Willie O' Loughlin Terry Meehan Martin & Mary Wynne
Sun, 10 th Jan	12noon	Ursula Mc Garvey (5 th Anniv) Margaret O' Reilly John St., Sligo
January	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
OFFERTORY COLLECTORS	Seamus Feeney, Newgrange; John Herron, Mount Edward; Philip Lang, Streedagh	Michael Feighney, Streedagh; Cormac Feeney, Kiltykere
ALTAR SOCIETY	January: Mary Gilroy, Tina Gilmartin, Roslyn Brennan Catherine Feeney.	
GRANGE OFFERINGS: Sunday: €2022		

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS



Theo Bourke : Ballincar, Sligo died. 27/12/15 after a long illness. Our sympathy to his wife Natalie, son Geoff, parents Geoff & Mary. Siblings Hilary Diamond (Derry, Grange) & Stephen. Funeral took place on Dec 29th at St. Josephs Church, Ballytivnan, With burial in Rosses Point .

Breege Bergin (nee) Kerins: Collooney and Florida, USA. Died Dec 31st 2015 in USA. Our sympathy to her sister Dymrna Harrison, Cliffoney. Funeral & cremation on Jan 7th. Returning to Collooney for Funeral and Burial, date to be confirmed
Ciaran Mc Hugh:Mullaghmore and Canada. Our sympathy to his sisters Kathleen Martin, Dublin & Mary Crowley, Wicklow. Funeral in Canada on January 7th Mass offered in Mullaghmore on Saturday January 9th at 6.30pm

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

Will Take Place on **Mon 4th Jan** at 7pm in the **Parochial House, Grange**

Bishop Kevin Doran

Will Visit the Parish on January 12th A full schedule will be given in the January 10th newsletter. Any Suggestions will be gladly received.