

- Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament returns every Thursday evening to Grange Church from 7 – 10pm – observing all COVID-19 regulations.
- Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament returns every Wednesday evening to Cliffoney Church from 7–9pm – observing all COVID-19 regulations.
- 24hr Eucharistic Adoration every 3rd Wed + Thur of the month in Cliffoney Church

The Season of Creation

Dermot A Lane, a priest of the archdiocese of Dublin serving as chaplain in the parish of Balally, writes about the Pope's Intention for September and the influence of Laudato Si' five years on. He is the author of Theology and Ecology in Dialogue (Messenger Publications, 2020). There are a number of reasons why this particular theme has been chosen for September. It complements the Season of Creation which takes place in parishes from 1 September–4 October 2020. Another reason why this particular theme was chosen is that it reflects an underlying concern of Pope Francis put forward in his encyclical entitled Laudato Si': On Care for our Common Home(LS), namely a call for all Christians to hear the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor. Last May, Pope Francis celebrated the fifth anniversary of Laudato Si' and announced that May 2020–May 2021 be set aside as a special year for reflection and action on the encyclical. After five years the encyclical is as important today as it was in 2015. Pope Francis is very concerned that multinational corporations have been exploiting the planet's resources by drilling for fossil fuels, forgetting that these resources of the earth are finite and limited (LS,106). This exploitation of the earth's resources, according to the best science, is contributing to global warming. Global warming, in turn, is causing forest fires, melting ice caps, flooding lands, drought, storms, and the pollution of the oceans. There is a danger that the natural world is being used as a 'dump' for waste (LS, 173).Pope Francis points out that 'For human beings ... to destroy the biological diversity of God's creation ... to degrade the integrity of the earth ... to contaminate the earth's water, its land, its air, and its life – these are sins' (LS, 8).

Disfiguring the Face of God in Creation

Why does the Pope use such strong language here? When we trample aggressively on the earth, we disfigure the face of the Creator within creation. For Francis 'nature as a whole not only manifests God but is also a locus of his presence' (LS, 88). During the COVID-19 crisis, many people turned to nature to rediscover the presence of God all around them in a flower, in a sunset, or in a starry sky.

A Matter of Justice

There is another reason why we should respect the resources of the planet. Creation is God's gift to humanity and its resources are intended for all. There is a justice issue at stake when discussing the resources of the planet. Pope Francis talks about the importance of social justice, climate justice and intergenerational justice. When social justice is ignored it is the poor who suffer. When climate justice is neglected it is again the poor who suffer most. Intergenerational justice is also important. Pope Francis asks the telling question: 'What kind of world do we want to leave to those who come after us?' (LS, 160). In answer to his own question he points out: 'We may well be leaving to the coming generations debris, desolation and filth' (LS, 161). Every generation has a duty in justice to hand on to the next generation a world that is habitable and healthy.

Some Suggestions

What then can you do to promote respect for the planet's resources? Here are a few suggestions: (1) find out about the resources for the Season of Creation in your parish for the month of September, (2) watch out for 'the little miracles of creation' in the changing of the seasons and the autumn colours of September, (3) set up a Laudato Si' reflection and action group in your parish, (4) cut back on the use of plastics which are choking marine life. Helpful resources for the Season of Creation are available on the website of the Irish Episcopal Conference:

www.catholicbishops.ie

The Kiltegan Fathers

Reading through the "Africa" magazine, I was surprised to see that the Fathers were 50 years in Grenada, West Indies. It wasn't planned; it was a response to the local Bishop appealing for priests as he had 5 parishes without any priests...Shades of where our own Bishop is now. Up to 9 Kiltegan priests worked in Grenada at one time. I remember Fr. Oliver Leavy bringing a whole troop of young people from Grenada to Ireland for a few weeks. They put on a concert in many venues throughout Ireland. I remember attending one at the Dominican Friary in Sligo. Beautiful West Indies music, songs, culture and faith. Thank God the work of mission still continues and now there are 3 native priests, young, bright and committed pastors. The Lord's work is never done.

GAA – St. Molaise Gaels

"Our Holy Ground" is now reseeded, so when the grass appears shortly, we shall have more hope and the good work will be nearing completion. Well done to everyone concerned and keep persevering. Sport is so important.

Parish of Ahamlish and Inishmurray Grange ♦ Cliffoney ♦ Mullaghmore



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23^d Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Where two or three meet in my name, I shall be there with them"

Matthew 18:20



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Masses Cliffoney		
Sat 5 th Sept	2pm	Baptism
Sun 6 th Sept	10.30am	Anne Roper, Cliffoney (2 nd Anniversary)
Fri 11 th Sept	10am	
Sun 13 th Sept	10.30am	Celine Connolly, Castlegal (1 st Anniversary) Damien Golden (4 th Anniversary)
	1.30pm	Baptism x3
Sunday Collection: €496		

First Communions

First Holy Communion for SN Molaise, Grange + Carns NS at the Church of Mary Immaculate, Grange on 19th Sept at 11am

Please note the directives around this on elphin.ie

First Holy Communion for Cliffoney NS + Castlegal NS at St. Molaise Church, Cliffoney on 3rd Oct at 11am

Return to School

As our children and our teachers return to school, we wish them every blessing on the new school year. We pray that, in spite of the difficult circumstances there may be joy in teaching and in learning. Please don't send the children to school if they, or someone at home, has flu-like symptoms.

Face Coverings:

Along with other Christian church leaders all over this island, Bishop Kevin has formally recommended the use of face coverings at all Masses and other liturgical celebrations, along with the ongoing maintenance of 2 metre physical distancing. Some people, for good reasons, are exempted from the wearing of face coverings, even in contexts where it is normally mandatory. Some reasons apply when people come to Mass and should, of course, be respected.

O'Donnell Claims National 200m Bronze.

After claiming a third consecutive national 400m title last weekend, Christopher O'Donnell put in another scintillating display in the 200m in the second weekend of the national championships.

Qualifying in first place and setting a personal best in his heat just after midday, he toed the line in the final just three hours later against 200m specialists such as Marcus Lawlor knowing that a big performance could get him among the medals for the second weekend running. He didn't disappoint. The speed development work during the year under his new coach Michael Baker in England was evident as he claimed a bronze medal behind Lawlor and Mark Smyth, in the process setting a new pb and obliterating Kieran Elliotts club record with a fantastic time of 21.17, which puts him ahead of David Gillick in the all time Irish 200m list. Massive congratulations from all at North Sligo AC and good luck in your European meets in the coming weeks.

Child Minder

Child minder required for 2 children for collection and drop off to Grange N.S. and to mind a 2yr old. For more information contact Aideen 0863171646.

Notice about Covid-19 By Bishop Kevin

In our churches, parish teams and hundreds of volunteers work hard to ensure your safety and we thank them most sincerely for that. Because of their commitment and hard work, we are able to continue our liturgies safely – weekday and Sunday Masses, Baptisms, Weddings, First Holy Communions, Confirmations and Funerals. However, each one of us must continue to play our own part and take personal responsibility. We must continue practising good hand hygiene, respiratory etiquette and physical distancing, make ourselves aware of the symptoms of Covid-19 and keep up to date with public health advice. Please sanitise your hands as you enter and exit the church. You may wish to bring your own hand sanitiser with you and sanitise your hands before you receive Holy Communion. We encourage you to wear a face covering and keep 2 metres apart from anyone who is not from your household. If you have any symptoms of Covid-19, please stay at home and follow Mass online or parish radio. It is understandable that we are all growing weary of this virus but it is now part of our daily lives and will remain so for the foreseeable future. We are all vulnerable to Covid-19. Stay safe and keep each other safe.

Masses Grange		
Sat 5 th Sept	8pm	Claire McMorrow (1 st Anniversary) and parents Bart + Beatrice, Carney Catherine Mahon, Silverhill
Sun 6 th Sept	12.00	Patrick + Brigid Brennan, Augharrow Vera Herron Months Mind Paddy (21 st Anniv) + Kathleen McGarraghy (4 th Anniv)
Tue 8 th Sept	9.30am	Birthday of Mary, Mother of God Canon Joe Smyth (30 th Anniversary)
Thur 10 th Sept	9.30am	
Sat 12 th Sept	8pm	Tom McDonald (5 th Anniversary), Munninane Mollie O'Loughlin - Grange
Sun 13 th Sept	12.00	
ALTAR SOCIETY	August: Christina McGarry, June Woulfe, Eileen McGowan, Una Brennan	
Sunday Collection: € 750		

Holy Communion will be given into your hand, solely.

23rd Sunday In Ordinary Time

Prayer: For a deeper participation among families in prayer for vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and consecrated life among their children, knowing that Christ is in their midst.

Thought: "I feel in me a vocation of the Priest. I have the vocation of the Apostle. Martyrdom was the dream of my youth, and this dream has grown with me. Considering the mystical body of the Church, I desired to see myself in them all." - **Thérèse of Lisieux**

Pope's Intention for September (universal): We pray that the planet's resources will not be plundered, but shared in a just and respectful manner.

With Jesus in the Morning

Father of Goodness, I know you're with me. Here I am on this new day.

Place my heart once more next to the Heart of your Son Jesus, who is giving himself for me and who comes to me in the Eucharist. May your Holy Spirit make me your friend and apostle, available for your mission of compassion.

I put in your hands my joys and hopes, my works and sufferings, everything that I am and have, in communion with my brothers and sisters of this worldwide prayer network. With Mary I offer you my journey for the mission of the Church and for the intentions of the Pope's Worldwide Prayer of Network for this month.

Amen.

With Jesus in the Night

God, good night. Thank you for the day. The good bits were good. The tough bits are over for another day. Help me to sleep well tonight. Help me to face into another day tomorrow. Bless and protect all my loved ones this night. Bless and protect all those, too, with whom I disagree or with whom I don't get on -they're your children too, I know. May tomorrow bring about your will for the world -peace, love, joy and mercy. May I play my part. For now, good night, God. I love you and know you love me, warts and all.

Volunteers required for cleaning + stewarding during/ after Masses. Contact Fr. Christy - 0877986602.

Sean Nós Dancing classes with Bróga Bríomhar Dance School resumes in Grange Hall, Tue 8th Sept 2020

For a new 6 week term. Beginner Kids - 6-6:30pm, Intermediate Kids - 6:30-7pm, Teens / Adults - 7-7:30pm, all new dancers welcomed. Book your place today, contact Eiméar 0862584465.

Returning to Church - Opened

Dear parishioner, assigned seating in church, please sit there and nowhere else.

National Grandparents Pilgrimage to Knock

Sunday 13 September at 3pm from Knock Basilica. This year due to covid-19 restrictions, the grandparents pilgrimage will be streamed online. We invite grandparents and their families everywhere to join us online at www.knockshrine.ie/watch Further details are available at www.knockshrine.ie