

### St Colmcille and The Battle of the Books (Short Film)

A new short film has been produced to commemorate the birth of St. Colmcille 1500 years ago, and to coincide with the Saint's feast day on June 9th.

Titled 'Battle of the Books – The Story of Colmcille and Sligo', the film describes how Colmcille copied a psalm book (known as a psalter) of a fellow monk named Finnian. A dispute arose when Colmcille refused to hand over his copy of the psalter, and legend tells us that a great battle ensued, resulting in the deaths of up to 3,000 men at Cooldrummin, on the slopes of Benbulbin.

"It's a story that took place a millenium and a half ago, and the story of the battle itself is likely to be part truth, part fiction," says Michael Kirby of the Colmcille 1500 committee, who have developed a series of events, including the film, to commemorate Colmcille's close association with Sligo.

"We wanted to produce a film that told the story of the battle as it's been handed down to us in folklore. Colmcille was a central figure in spreading the Christian Gospel in this part of the country – there's no doubt about that, but the battle itself, like the story of Saint Patrick and the snakes, may be a metaphor for the dispute that arose and which led to Colmcille's exile on Iona," he adds.

'The Battle of the Books' film was produced by Sligo-based production company Omedia, and directed by Micheál Ó Domhnaill, with well-known local actor John Carty in the role of Colmcille.

"There was wonderful support locally for the production," says Brenda O'Callaghan, another member of the Colmcille 1500 committee, and who has been working for many years to promote Colmcille's connections with Drumcliffe. "Most of our cast and crew were local, and people contributed costumes, props and gave us permission to film at various locations in the area. It's amazing what a community can do when we all work together, and we hope that the film will go a long way in explaining Colmcille's connections with Sligo to a much wider audience."

The year 2021 marks the 1500th anniversary of the birth of Colmcille, who, along with Saint Patrick and Saint Brigid, is one of the three Patron Saints of Ireland. The short film on the Battle of the Books will be released on Wednesday 9th June, which is the Feast Day of Colmcille. The film will be screened for the first time on the Sligo Library and Sligo Colmcille Facebook pages at 8pm and will be available to view and share widely after that.

Funding for the film was provided by Sligo County Council, Creative Ireland, Sligo Colmcille 2021 and Cos Cos Festival. For more details on the Colmcille 1500 celebrations, please visit [www.sligocolmcille.com](http://www.sligocolmcille.com).

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## Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Rather than the instantaneous,  
The Kingdom is a slow burn,  
Like the patience a farmer needs for harvest

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Masses Cliffoney		
Sun 13 <sup>th</sup> June	10.30am	Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Finbarr Hegarty
Fri 18 <sup>th</sup> June	10am	Annie Duffy, Mullaghmore
Sun 20 <sup>th</sup> June	10.30m	Father's Day
<b>Sunday Collection:</b>		<i>Collection: 840</i>

### **Pope's Intention (universal) for June 2021**

Let us pray for young people who are preparing for marriage with the support of a Christian community: may they grow in love, with generosity, faithfulness and patience.

### **Herb and Flower Growing for Healthy Living. With Richard Kennedy**

Galilee Spirituality Centre Quiet Garden, Wednesday June 16<sup>th</sup>, 7.30pm. Cost €5. Booking [info@galilee.ie](mailto:info@galilee.ie)

This series was interrupted in March last year – so we finally hope to be able to hold the second two evenings! It will be relaxed, fun and practical – with time for planting and growing. Richard Kennedy is a gardening expert and owner of Courtdale Horticulture, and a Christian lay minister. He will combine these roles to lead us in a journey of discovery in the world of gardening and spirituality.

*NB booking is essential for these evenings. They are dependent on the COVID restrictions and we may have to postpone at short notice.*

### **Star of the Sea Retreat Centre - Mullaghmore**

Upcoming Events in Star of the Sea, Retreat & Conference Centre, Mullaghmore, are available to view on [www.staroftheseacentre.com](http://www.staroftheseacentre.com). For more information and bookings please contact Louise or Frank at [staroftheseacentre@gmail.com](mailto:staroftheseacentre@gmail.com) or on 071 9176722. Additional events will be added over the coming weeks.

### **The Poetry of Loss (before we go back...) With Anne Francis (online)**

A morning to acknowledge the losses of the past year through poetry and reflection. June 19<sup>th</sup>, 10.30am-12.30pm. €10 All welcome. Booking and link [info@galilee.ie](mailto:info@galilee.ie)  
Anne Francis is Director of Galilee Spirituality Centre.

### **Tarsus Scripture School**

The Tarsus Scripture School Pentecost Programme consists of 3 pre-recorded presentations: "Babel to Jerusalem and beyond: Acts 2:1-11" (Jessie Rogers), "There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit: 1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13" (Kieran O'Mahony), "Breathing new life: John 20:19-23" (Sean Goan). The programme is free of charge. To register visit [www.tarsusscriptureschool.ie](http://www.tarsusscriptureschool.ie)

### **Grange Tidy Towns**

Congrats to Grange Tidy Towns completing the painting project of Costello's Shop.

### **Lough Derg 2021**

Lough Derg regrets that it will not be possible in 2021 to reopen Station Island for the Traditional Three Day Pilgrimage or even for the autumn programme of Day Retreats. Lough Derg will again offer the opportunity to "Do Lough Derg from wherever you are" on 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> July. The outdoor *Pilgrimage on the Lough Shore Pilgrim Path* will also be available as the summer goes on. Further information from Lough Derg office 071-9861518 or [www.loughderg.org](http://www.loughderg.org)

Masses Grange - All these masses available on Facebook		
Sat 12 <sup>th</sup> June	8pm	Feast of The Immaculate Heart of Mary Jim Costello Carol McGowan Months Mind
Sun 13 <sup>th</sup> June	12.00	Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Feast of St. Anthony of Padua Patsy Barry Months Mind Mary McMahan Grange (4 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary)
Mon 14 <sup>th</sup> June	9.30am	Feast of St. Darnet, JOD
Tue 15 <sup>th</sup> June	9.30am	Rody Hayes, Glencolmcille + Killaloe
Wed 16 <sup>th</sup> June	9.30am	Brendan McCreanor Mass Bouquet
Thur 17 <sup>th</sup> June	9.30am	Deceased Priests of The Parish 65 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Priestly gift by Grange GAA to Fr. Cyril of his chalice
Sat 19 <sup>th</sup> June	8pm	Donal Connolly's Months Mind Mai Sheerin (1 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary)
Sun 20 <sup>th</sup> June	12.00	Annie + Jimmy McSharry John Brennan (5 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary)
<b>Sunday Collection:</b>		<i>Grange Collection: €1000 Diocesan Needs: €155</i>

### **Please remember in your prayers:**

**Christopher Stewart**, Woodtown Lodge, Sligo died 5<sup>th</sup> June. Our sympathy to his wife Louise, (St. Molaise Early Learning Centre, Grange) his parents, siblings + extended family. Funeral took place at St. John's Church, Carrroe on June 7<sup>th</sup> at 1pm with burial in Sligo Cemetery.

**Maisie Kershaw (nee Currid)**, Watford, England formerly Mount Edward, Grange died 9<sup>th</sup> June. Predeceased by her husband Tommy + brother Paddy. Our sympathy to her children Patricia, Sharon, Stephen + Tommy Joe, sons-in-law, daughters-in-law, grandchildren, brothers Jimmy, Dom + Joe + sister Delia (Kilcar).

**James (Jimmy Joe) Sexton**, Mullagh, Co. Clare died 6<sup>th</sup> June in his 93<sup>rd</sup> year. Our sympathy to his wife Mary, children Dymphna, Moira, Ann Waters, Streedagh, Therese, Tony, Paul + Senan, grandchildren, extended family. Funeral Mass took place on 8<sup>th</sup> June at St. Mary's Church, Mullagh with burial in adjoining cemetery.

Welcome back to County Sligo to **Fr. Vincent Sherlock** as the newly appointed P.P. of Tubbercurry. Wishing God's Blessing on you and your ministry. Also, to another fellow Maynooth man, every blessing to **Fr. Ger Nash** of Co. Clare who has been appointed Bishop of Ferns (Wexford).

### **Back to Church**

Everyone is welcome to come to Mass. There will be an upper limit of 50 people in attendance. Please maintain social distance when in the church, sanitise your hands on the way in and the way out and wear a mask.

### **Knock Shrine**

Believing and Belonging: Biblical perspectives on the Community of Faith. The popular Scripture Summer School will take place online from June 1st to 22nd 2021. This year's theme is Believing and belonging: biblical perspectives on the community of faith. The Scripture school will consist of 15 pre-recorded lectures that you can follow at your leisure. Online registration is necessary to attend. The flexible structure of these online events means that you can take part at your own pace, at a time that is suitable to you. Register at [www.knock-shrine.ie](http://www.knock-shrine.ie)