

Accord – Relationship Counselling

Accord is open for relationship counselling in these difficult times. Professional Counsellors are available to help explore any difficulties you may have in your relationship in a safe and friendly atmosphere. Please contact Ann at 087-6765425 for more information. All HSE guidelines observed for Counselling.

St Ignatius Loyola

After being wounded badly at Pamplona, Ignatius was brought home for a prolonged period of convalescence. Here we can see an amazing example of how much this period of convalescence had transformed Ignatius' life. We only have to think back to the chivalric courtier who gloried in self-advancement, whose entire life was focused on himself, and now we see him in quiet contemplation, looking at the stars. As he wrote in his Autobiography, 'The greatest consolation he received at this time was from gazing at the sky and stars, and this he did for quite a long time. The result of all this was that he felt within himself a strong impulse to serve the Lord.'

This seems to be the best image we have to chart the difference that has taken place in Ignatius. The life that was once so full of noise has now been replaced by something simple. His satisfaction now came from something so pure, looking at the stars, and from this, Ignatius derived great pleasure and a sense of peace. We know, at this point, Ignatius began to consider entering religious life. There is a certain irony given the apostolic nature of the order he eventually founded, that Ignatius was initially attracted to life as a Carthusian. The Carthusians are a strict order which operates almost entirely in silence. The monks live in independent cells within their communities, spending their days working and praying in silence. Such a life seems very distant from that of a Jesuit; the missionary spirit seems very much at odds with the Carthusian experience. However, both orders have at their roots the essential desire to find God and each member to live out their life as God demands. From some, God requests silence, and for others missionary zeal. The attraction to Carthusian life dimmed for Ignatius, but never wholly left him. When he had put aside an immediate desire to enter the Carthusians, he wondered what he would do to serve God. After long contemplation and recovery in his brother's house, he knew the answers to this question would have to be sought elsewhere. Consequently, Ignatius was to set off to find where God was calling him in the world.

Out into the World

Ignatius' family could see that he was a changed man, and it startled his worldly brother, in whose house he was staying. When he announced that he was leaving and planned to collect some money owed to him by a noble man, his brother requested that some servants travel with him. So it was Ignatius left his family home after nine months in recovery and set out for Navarrete. En-route Ignatius stopped off at the chapel of Aránzazu, where he spent the night in prayer before a statue of Our Lady. Here Ignatius made a personal vow of chastity, a big step for the former womaniser. An all-night prayer vigil was in marked contrast to what he would have done previously and must have confused the servants accompanying him.

Ignatius was moved by what had happened to him at Montserrat and would need time to process what he had experienced; consequently, he would go to Manresa rather than head directly to Jerusalem.

Arriving in Manresa

Manresa has an essential place in Jesuit vocabulary. It is a place of beginnings. My novitiate building was named Manresa because this was a point of origin for new Jesuits. The Irish province retreat house is also called Manresa, this too can be a place for new beginnings, but can also be the place where people can reconnect to the source and summit of their lives. For Ignatius, his time in Manresa would be a chance for these things to happen. Not only would he perfect his relationship with God, but he would also formulate his spiritual thoughts, which would later become the basis of his Spiritual Exercises.

Reek Pilgrimage on Croagh Patrick

The annual Reek Sunday Pilgrimage on Croagh Patrick, which was cancelled last year due to the Covid-19 pandemic, will be going ahead this year albeit in a much extended format from Wednesday to Saturday, 1- 31 July. The Masses (Wednesday – Saturday) will be limited to the numbers permitted for outdoor gatherings at that particular time, which currently apply to 100 people up to 4 July and 200 people from 5 July. Details of how to fulfil the spiritual requirements of the pilgrimage are available on www.westportparish.ie and on signage in the carpark at the start of the ascent. Pilgrims are asked to plan their trip to Croagh Patrick as early as possible and keep in mind that mid-week is traditionally a quieter time to climb. Please remember that all Covid-19 guidelines and precautions followed on the ground must also be followed on the mountain.

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Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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Adoration every Thursday, 7-9pm Grange Church

Join us for every mass online through our FB Page at Grange Church

Masses Cliffooney

Sat 10 th July	2pm	Baptism
Sun 11 th July	10.30am 1.30pm	Vincent + Mary Wilson + Vincent Jnr. Baptism
Fri 16 th July	10am	Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel
Sun 18 th July	10.30am	Mary O'Connor (4 th Anniversary) Thomas McGee (8 th Anniversary) Paddy Gallagher (7 th Anniversary)
Sunday Collection: <i>Collection: 644</i>		

Pope's Intention (universal) for July 2021

We pray that, in social, economic and political situations of conflict, we may be courageous and passionate architects of dialogue and friendship.

Star of the Sea Retreat Centre - Mullaghmore

New events added at Star of the Sea, Retreat & Conference Centre, Mullaghmore. Details on www.staroftheseacentre.com For information and bookings please contact Louise or Frank at staroftheseacentre@gmail.com or on 071 9176722.

Sligo County Council – Bus Shelters

We have been informed by representatives of Sligo County Council that the bus shelter contracts have been postponed till 2022.

The Faith Café for Grandparents

The Faith Café is an initiative of the Catholic Grandparents' Association which was introduced during the Covid-19 pandemic as a social and spiritual space for Grandparents to meet online once a month to chat, to offer prayers and intentions and to just be together in the spirit of faith. It has been a lifeline for so many people during this time of pandemic and has connected Grandparents across the world from Ireland to the USA, from the UK to Australia. The next Faith Café will be on Tuesday 13th July from 7.30pm to 8.30pm and the speaker is Archbishop Michael Neary. Register for the Faith Café by email to info@catholicgrandparentsassociation.com Once you register for the Faith Café, you will receive the details of how to connect in for the gathering on Zoom. We look forward to welcoming you to the Faith Café

Olympics Tokyo 2020

Team Ireland has the largest swimming team ever in Olympics. Their competition runs from July 24th – Aug 1st. There are Darragh Greene, Newtonforbes, Co. Longford; Danielle Hill, Newtonabbey, Co. Antrim; Brendan Hyland, Tallaght, Co. Dublin; Finn McGeever, Ballina, Co. Tipperary; Jack McMillen, Belfast, Co. Antrim; Mona McSharry, Grange, Co. Sligo; Shane Ryan, Portarlinton, Co. Laois; Ellen Walsh, Templeogue, Co. Dublin; Daniel Wiffen, Magheralin, Co. Down.

We wish Mona + the Irish Swimming Team every good wish + success.

GoFundMe Campaign for Mona & Christopher

Visit <https://ie.gofundme.com/f/chris-and-mona-for-olympics>

Have you see the GoFundMe Page for Mona and Christopher?

Ask your grandchild or your young adult or teenage son or daughter?

A small donation is all.

They have got this far on their own, they have spent the last 16/20 years training and paying for their own gym, hot weather training etc. Tokyo is not cheap and they don't get sponsorship.

Irish Hospice Bereavement Support Line

Many people have experienced the death of someone they love during the COVID-19 pandemic. It may have been a COVID-related death or a death from other causes. In the face of such loss, our Irish Hospice Foundation Bereavement Support Line, in partnership with the HSE, is there to provide connection, comfort and support for anyone grieving in these exceptional times. It is a national freephone service 1800 80 70 77, available from 10am to 1pm, Monday to Friday.

Masses Grange - All these masses available on Facebook

Sat 10 th July	8pm	Catherine + John Rooney + daughter Teresa McCabe + granddaughter Sharon Conway P.J. Gillen, Newsgrange (12 th Anniversary) Nora Madden (10 th Anniversary)
Sun 11 th July	12.00	Feast of St. Benedict Frank + Rose Brennan Dominic + Jane Harte
Mon 12 th July	9.30am	For the People of the Parish
Tue 13 th July	9.30am	Feast of St. Henry
Wed 14 th July	9.30am	Feast of St. Camillus de Lellis
Sat 17 th July	2pm 8pm	Baptism Kathleen Lovell (19 th Anniversary) and deceased of the Lockhart Family
Sun 18 th July	12.00	16 th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday Collection: <i>Grange Collection: €630 Peter's Pence: €35</i> <i>Fund for Formation of Future Priests: €77</i>		

Cardinal Joseph Tobin – New Archbishop of Newark, New Jersey Reflects on what's important in 2021-2022

As Cardinal Joseph Tobin CSsR of Newark spoke from in front of his computer to virtual attendees on day two of the Catholic Campaign for Human Development 50th anniversary celebration, his office windows were closed to limit the outside noise. It was unusual for the 69-year-old Redemptorist prelate, who, in the spirit of St John XXIII, prefers the windows of the church open. "If I open them, you're going to hear all sorts of stuff," Tobin explained. "From boom boxes, to samba, salsa, maybe even the occasional fight, but the church needs that window open to listen."

Invoking Pope Francis' Fratelli Tutti, Tobin was making the point that listening to people from all walks of life is paramount for the church to help address the many "cracks and fissures" in our society displayed by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Tobin spoke about those societal "cracks and fissures" that were brought to light over the past year, and what is most important to address going forward. In addition to listening, a renewal of human interaction and the future of employment were at the top of the list.

In both cases, he considers technology a present and future challenge.

Tobin acknowledged that technology has its perks in allowing people to connect when it otherwise wouldn't be possible (for example, during a global pandemic), but said it's still no replacement for in-person contact between people that he deems a "necessity." The cardinal also noted the fear that exists in his and other dioceses that "people will just get used to being liturgical couch potatoes and watch the Mass every Sunday on video."

As for his concern about the future of employment, he fears that technology, and artificial intelligence, in particular, does more harm than good.

"The technology is taking away jobs and not creating them except for a very elite cohort in society and this is going to continue," the cardinal said.

Congrats to Cliffooney Hall Community on the painting of the exterior of the hall last week.