

Annual Novena in Honour of St. Maria Goretti  
Church of the Assumption, Collooney, F91 CK24 - June 28<sup>th</sup> – July 06<sup>th</sup> 2025

*Maria Goretti: Finding Gog in Ordinary Lives*

Rosary each evening at 7:30pm followed by Mass at 8:00pm  
Confessions available before mass each evening (7:30pm – 7:50pm)

Sun 28<sup>th</sup> June: Fr Michael Gilroy – Parish Priest of Templeboy, Skreen & Dromard

Mon 29<sup>th</sup> June: Fr T Surlis – Rector of the Seminary, St Patrick's College, Maynooth

Tue 30<sup>th</sup> June: John Pridemore – Former London Gangster, Catholic Evangelist & Author

Wed 01<sup>st</sup> July: Fr Chris Garrett – Adm Sligo Cathedral

Thu 02<sup>nd</sup> July: Teresa Talbot – Co-Ordinator of Little Way Healing Ministries

Fri 03<sup>rd</sup> July: Teresa O'Malley – News Editor, Mid-West Radio

Sat 04<sup>th</sup> July: Sarah Kelly – Fulltime Carer, Ballaghaderreen

Sun 05<sup>th</sup> July: Eddie Stones – Healing Ministry, Emmanuel House, Clonfert

Mon 06<sup>th</sup> July: Fr Christopher Clarke, Prior of Carmelite Monastery, Loughrea

**An Imaginative Empathy** – written by Fr John Cullen Diocese of Elphin. In a letter by the late Pope Francis titled, *On the Role of Literature in Formation* that was published in July 2024, you get a deep insight into his appreciation for literature. He says that reading novels & poetry is valuable in “one’s path to personal maturity” and should be encouraged in the training of priests and “all those who are engaged in pastoral work and all Christians.” The work of novelists CS Lewis, JL Borges, Marcel Proust, and of poets TS Eliot & Paul Celan, and the writings of Karl Rahner SJ, Pope St Paul VI, Pope St John Paul II, René Latourelle SJ, & Vatican Documents such as *Gaudium et Spes*, all reveal the literary tastes of Pope Francis. Her writes, “I, for my part, love the tragedians, because we can all embrace their work as our own and as expressions of our own personal drama. In weeping for the fate of their characters, we are essentially weeping for ourselves, for our own emptiness, shortcomings and loneliness.” Pope Francis writes that literature is often thought of as a “minor art” – merely a form of entertainment and considered unnecessary for the formation of future priests. He calls this approach “unhealthy”, adding that it can lead to “the serious intellectual & spiritual impoverishment” of priests and calling for a “radical change of course.” Pope Francis wants seminarians (and all of us) to veer away from our “obsession with screens and with toxic, superficial fake news” by deepening our attention to literature. Pope Francis refers to his own time as a teacher of literature at a Jesuit school in Sante Fe in Argentina. He writes that there is nothing more counterproductive than reading something out of a “sense of duty”, making “considerable effort simply because others have said it is essential.” The letter mentions a number of benefits of reading, including increasing vocabulary, stimulating imagination & creativity, improving concentration, reducing cognitive decline and anxiety, & enabling the reader to prepare for & “deal with” a variety of situations. Pope Francis also writes that a good book “can provide an oasis that keeps us from other choices that are less wholesome”. He continues that another benefit of literature is that it lets us see life from the perspective of others, allowing readers “an imaginative empathy.” Pope Francis writes, “We must never forget how dangerous it is to stop listening to the voice of other people when they challenge us. We immediately fall into self isolation. We enter into a kind of “spiritual deafness” which has a negative effect on our relationship with ourselves as well as our relationship with God, no matter how much theology or psychology we have studied.” The letter by Pope Francis tells us that a good book opens the mind, stimulates the heart and prepares us for life. He encourages “a renewed love of reading” leading us to “the free & humble exercise of our use of reason” & to “a fruitful recognition of the variety of human language “that broadens sensitivity and leads to a greater spiritual openness. For Pope Francis, a good literary work is “a living ever fruitful text. “In this letter, Pope Francis invites us to “respond adequately to people’s thirst for God, lest they try to satisfy it with alienating solutions or with a disembodied Jesus. The desire of this letter is to endeavor that “everyone is able to encounter Jesus Christ as a person and as a result of this encounter – the person grows, deepens & flourishes in a loving friendship with the Lord and with one another.

**Knocklone Traditional Music Festival - 20 -21 June 2026, Maugerow Co. Sligo**

## Parish of Ahamlish and Inishmurray

Grange ✠ Cliffoney ✠ Mullaghmore

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Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2026

### TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



#### Online Mass

Every Mass from Grange Church available on our Facebook Page

#### Adoration

Every Thursday, 7-9pm, Grange Church

Every Wednesday, 7-9pm Cliffoney Church

#### Weekend Mass Times

Saturday – Mullaghmore 6:30pm

Saturday - Grange 8:00pm

Sunday – Cliffoney 10:30am

Sunday – Grange 12noon

## Mullaghmore Masses

<b>Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> June</b>	6:30pm	<b>John Brennan</b> (10 <sup>th</sup> Anniv) Deceased of Herrity, Harrison, Oates & Moores families
<b>Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> June</b>	6:30pm	Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
<b>Monthly Eucharistic Healing Service: 7.30-9.00pm Mon 13<sup>th</sup> July 2026</b>		

## Cliffoney Masses

<b>Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> June</b>	10:30am	Twelfth Sunday - Father's Day
<b>Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June</b>	10:30am	
<b>Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> June</b>	10:30pm	Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
<b>Collection 7<sup>th</sup> Jun €670   Peters Pence €44   14<sup>th</sup> Jun €284</b>		

## Grange Masses

<b>Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> June</b>	1:00pm	<b>Damien Carroll Funeral Mass</b>
<b>Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> June</b>	8:00pm	<b>Rose Hoey</b>
<b>Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> June</b>	12noon	Twelfth Sunday - Father's Day
<b>Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June</b>	9:30am	<b>Feast of Ss Thomas More &amp; John Fisher John Leonard</b> , Newtownward (4 <sup>th</sup> Anniv)
<b>Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June</b>	9:30am	<b>Sean Brennan</b> , Urlar
<b>Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June</b>	9:30am	Feast of the Birth of John the Baptist For the People of the Parish
<b>Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June</b>	7:00pm	Anniversary evening Mass
<b>Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> June</b>	8:00pm	Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
<b>Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> June</b>	12noon	<b>Jean Drugan</b> (11 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary) <b>Angela Drugan</b> (3 <sup>rd</sup> Anniv) <b>Siobhan Drugan</b> (6 <sup>th</sup> Anniv) <b>Bernadette Eames</b> (4 <sup>th</sup> Anniv)
<b>Collection 7<sup>th</sup> Jun €925   Peters Pence €   14<sup>th</sup> Jun €880</b>		

### Pope Leo XIV's Intention for June:

"That each one of us might find consolation in a personal relationship with Jesus, and from His Heart, learn to have compassion on the world."

**Summer Retreats: Star of the Sea Retreat Centre, Mullaghmore, Co. Sligo** –  
Fr. Seamus O'Connell: Scripture Retreat 28<sup>th</sup> June – 4<sup>th</sup> Jul;  
Fr. Aelred Magee: Preached Retreat 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> July; Fr. Patsy Kelly: Preached Retreat 19<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> July. Further details: [www.staroftheseacentre.com](http://www.staroftheseacentre.com)

**Prayer for Father's-** Heavenly Father, we ask for Your divine guidance for all fathers. Help them lead their families with wisdom, love, and patience, reflecting Your will in every decision. Grant them strength to be compassionate and steadfast, and fill their hearts with Your Holy Spirit so they may guide their children toward righteousness and truth. May their actions be a testimony of Your grace and love in their homes.

**Bingo every Saturday night in Cliffoney Hall @ 9pm. All Welcome!**

**Please remember in your prayers: Damien Carroll**, 15 Glenview Park, Grange; died on June 15<sup>th</sup>. Our sympathy to his wife Valerie, son Dean, sister Jacqueline McDonagh. Funeral Mass was offered in Grange Church on Sat June 20<sup>th</sup> with burial in Sligo Cemetery.

**Residential Retreats** - De La Salle Retreat Centre, Castletown, Co. Laois, R32 N6D8, led by Fr. Prince Clarence SJ. 3-Day Retreats: July 7<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> and July 14<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup>. 5-Day Ignatian Retreat: July 20<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup>. Further details [www.ruachcatholicministry.org](http://www.ruachcatholicministry.org) Oonagh 086 1736181 or Phyllis 085 7733037.

**Fr. Mike Schmitz Parables Tour** - US priest Father Mike Schmitz, the well-known digital evangeliser who uses his platform *Ascension Presents* to spread the Gospel, will be hosting the only European leg of his *Parables Tour* show in Dublin's National Stadium on 20<sup>th</sup> July.

For tickets: <https://ascensionpress.com/pages/content-hub/frmiketour>

**Sligo will welcome the spectacular Galeón Andalucía**, the world's largest replica Spanish galleon, for a two week visit from 30 June to 13 July 2026. - Weather permitting, the Galeón Andalucía, will sail into Sligo Harbour on 30 June and prior to this it will pause offshore at Streedagh Beach, honouring the site of the 1588 Spanish Armada sinkings and acknowledging Sligo's deep historical connection to the story. Sligo is home to remembering the Armada Festival, and the group will launch its 2026 festival during this week. *For full information on the visit go to [www.sligo.ie](http://www.sligo.ie)*  
**Spanish Armada Visitors Centre Grange opens every Sat & Sun 2-6pm.**

**Sligo Co. Co. special collection at Young's Quarry Ballisadare** – Sat June 27<sup>th</sup> 9am – 1pm. Drop your Hazardous Waste for Free. Booking is essential on [www.mywaste.ie](http://www.mywaste.ie)  
See Sligo Co. Co. website for details [www.sligococo.ie](http://www.sligococo.ie)

**The Grange Players Present MOLL 3 Priests and a housekeeper!  
Cliffoney Hall - Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> June @ 8pm. Entry €10**

**North Shore Shed: Cairde Festival July 8<sup>th</sup> More details later.**

### FUNDRAISING FOR THE MISSIONS:

Old spectacles, Rosary Beads, stamps  
send in to church porch & our Diocese of Achonary & Elphin Apostolic Work  
will repair and send to the missions. Box in church for same.

**Father Christy Mc Hugh is celebrating the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of his Ordination to the Priesthood. To Mark this special occasion, the Parish of Ahamlish will offer a Mass of Thanksgiving in the Church of Mary Immaculate, Grange on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June at 7pm.**

**All are warmly invited to share in this joyful Parish Celebration.  
Refreshments will follow afterwards in Scoil Naomh Molaise.**

Any donations of food – Hot pots, Sweet and Savory treats are most welcome  
Contact any of the team if you would like to help out!

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Rosaleen Foley: 087-631 0100 | June Woulfe: 083-140 7614  
Imelda Gilroy: 087-287 0677 | Ann O'Dare: 087-646 3473**

At Fr. Christy's request, no gifts or cards. Donations if desired to  
St. Theresa's our local Conference of St. Vincent de Paul.

**Donations can be placed in the box provided on the night!**

**North Sligo Agricultural Show August 1<sup>st</sup> 2026**