

Naomh Fionán An Fál Carrach nuachtlitir



SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR B 14TH FEBRUARY 2021

Mass Times and Intentions for the Week

Mass from the Church is available live on:
<https://mcnmedia.tv/camera/falcarragh-parish-church>
 & Parish Radio @ 106.5 FM

ALL MASSES ARE AVAILABLE VIA OUR PARISH RADIO OR ONLINE VIA WEBCAM

Sat. 13th	7:00 pm	Private Intention	
Sun. 14th	11:00 am	Joe Kelly	Anniversary
Mon. 15th	10:00 am	John, Nellie & Dan Harkin	Anniversary
Tues. 16th	10:00 am	Kathleen Lynch	Anniversary
Ash Wed. 17th	10:00 am	Private Intention	Anniversary
	7:00 pm	Sally O'Regan	Months Mind
Thur. 18th	10:00 am	James, Paddy & Sophie Gallagher	Anniversary
Fri. 19th	10:00 am	Julia Carr	Anniversary
Sat. 20th	7:00 pm	John (Sarah) Ferry	Months Mind
Sun. 21st	11:00 am	Connie Doogan	Months Mind

CHURCH OPENING TIMES: The Day Chapel in the church is open each day for private prayer
 from 1:30 pm – 7:00 pm

CONFESSIONS: Available by request only

Jesus the Healer

'Stretched out his hand...'

Jesus, in today's Gospel, cures a leper by the healing touch of his hand. A leper was completely outcasted from society due to the huge stigma surrounding the disease, which was highly contagious but was also seen as a punishment from God in Jesus' time. Jesus is moved with pity for this man and reaches out to him. Jesus sends the man to the priests, as a testimony to them. Jesus' 'pity' also conveys anger at the leper's situation. It is the religious hierarchy of Jesus' time who have alienated this man. What they are incapable of doing (healing him), Jesus has done by 'stretching out his hand' in love.

A question for us from this Gospel today might be: who are those who are outcast in our society? Who is alienated in our communities? What moves you with pity? Who is it that we need to reach out to at this time?

Jesus, in Mark's Gospel, is forever asking people to keep quiet and not tell anyone about what he does. Yet, after such a radical encounter with God which frees this man from all that keeps him trapped, of course he wants to shout from the roof tops. Why would Jesus want his miracles to be kept a secret? Jesus wants to be able to fulfil his mission without attracting the wrong kind of attention. Eventually those who are against him will use encounters like this one to compile evidence against him. For now, the less they know the better. We might think today of those who bravely speak out, even if it means they are punished in some way. May all of us have the courage, like the man who is healed in the Gospel today, to proclaim the truth, even if it costs us.

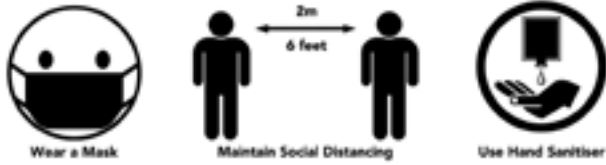
'There is a need for paths of peace to heal open wounds. There is also a need for peacemakers, men and women prepared to work boldly and creatively to initiate processes of healing and renewed encounter.'

(Pope Francis, Fratelli Tutti, 225) - Jane Mellett



NOTICES / FOGRAÍ

POINTS TO REMEMBER WHEN VISITING THE CHURCH FOR PRIVATE PRAYER.



(Use wipes provided and ensure your hands are dry from the sanitiser before lighting candles)

It is VERY IMPORTANT to also remember: Remain safe at home:

- If your health is vulnerable or you feel unsure about coming out
- If you have Covid-19 or have had contact with someone who has
- If you are awaiting results of a Covid-19 test
- If you have a flu or cold like symptoms

ASH WEDNESDAY – 17TH FEBRUARY

Mass broadcast from the church on the day @ 10:00 am & 7:00 pm

Ash Wednesday begins a penitential time of forty days or so of preparation for the great feasts of Holy week & Easter. The application of ashes is a symbol of the beginning of that journey, but not vital or necessary for it to start - many of us observe and keep Lent each year without getting any ashes on Ash Wednesday.

As there are no public Masses or gatherings at this time there will be no ashes administered in the church, however, a limited number of envelopes with blessed ashes will be left in the church porch for people to take home and administer themselves to those in their own household. One envelope per household. Please do not administer ashes to those outside your own household – observe all the Covid -19 guidelines. You do not need to mark the cross on the forehead of a person receiving the ashes, just sprinkle a few over them instead, saying, 'Turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel'. Ashes will be available when the church is open from 1:30 – 7:00 pm on Ash Wednesday.

SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN - DIOCESE OF RAPHOE

If you have a concern about the welfare and safety of a child, please contact any of the following:

Safeguarding Children Office, Diocesan Pastoral Centre, Monastery Avenue, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal. Phone 074 9125669 or email: raphoesafeguarding@gmail.com

Designated Liaison Person: Margaret Northage 086 2183011. Tusla - Child and Family Agency 074 9123672 / 9123770.

Gardaí National Protective Services Bureau 01 6663420 / 01 6663435.

PARISH CONTRIBUTIONS

I would like to sincerely thank and acknowledge all who are contributing to the parish at this time by dropping in their church envelopes or making payments online or through the bank at this difficult time to help keep the parish going. It is greatly appreciated.

Ways by which you can contribute:

- Placing your parish envelope through the letterbox in front door of the parochial house or to the letterbox on the wall beside the Sacristy door. All these are checked and

cleared each day.

- Direct Debit / Standing Order: Account details: Falcarragh Parochial Account. BIC: BOFIE2D. IBAN: IE09 BOFI 9051 1744 9468 50.

- Online using the idonate button at the top of the Diocesan website, raphoedioces.ie and then choosing Falcarragh Parish.

DONEGAL ETB - COURSES

Donegal ETB are offering FREE Courses across Donegal in welding, Business Admin, Bus Driving, Healthcare support, Hairdressing, etc. Training Allowances payable to those in receipt of a Social Welfare Payment. For more information Contact: Donegal ETB course recruitment: Claire or Tara on (074) 91 20542 or email: coursesdonegal@donegal.etb.ie

WISE – WOMEN'S INTEGRATION, SKILLS & EMPLOYMENT

FREE Online Customer Service starts again on Tuesday 2nd March. Why not receive a certificate from the comfort of your home for FREE. Places are limited so book early to avoid disappointment. If you are interested or know any ladies who may benefit from this, please contact us. T & Cs apply. You can contact us by phone or by our Facebook page – (<https://www.facebook.com/WISE500/>) or call us on 086 145 2252 for Grainne (Letterkenny area), 086 145 2249 for Michelle (Dungloe area). This is a FREE service for Donegal women to assist them into education and/or employment through personal and/or career development. This project is part supported by the Irish Government and the European Social Fund (ESF) as part of the ESF Programme for Employability, Inclusion and Learning (PEIL) 2014-2020.

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Congratulations to Eamon Dolan, Dunmore who won the 50/50 prize this week of €800. Thank you to everyone for your continued support.

THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Local contact number: 087 1443464

SUPPORT LINES FOR OLDER PEOPLE DURING COVID-19

ALONE Open every day: 8:00 am – 8:00 pm, by calling 0818 222 024.

SeniorLine: Open every day from 10am-10pm. Freephone 1800 80 45 91

Parish Newsletters is available online on our Facebook site: @falcarraghparish & at: <http://www.parishpress.net>.

Cuimhneacháin Báis:

Sally O'Regan, Ballina, whose Months Mind takes place on Wednesday evening @ 7:00 pm.

Anniversaries:

**Brigid Gillespie, Joe Kelly, John, Nellie & Dan Harkin,
Kathleen Lynch, James, Paddy & Sophie Gallagher
& Julia Carr.**

May They Rest In Peace