

# PARÓISTE Naomh Fionán

23ú Iúil 2023 - AN SÉÚ DOMHNACH DÉAG - A

## Reflection

### The Kingdom of Heaven

In today's Gospel, we hear many parables about the 'Kingdom of heaven' and what it is like. This might move us to think about the afterlife, but Jesus was describing God's kingdom in the here and now, 'on earth as in heaven.' Jesus, through parables, is trying to describe what is difficult to comprehend. Parables allow our minds and hearts to ponder, to imagine, to move beyond the constraints of language. Jesus is describing what God's vision for this world is like, in the here and now! Taking one of these parables, the mustard seed, we can explore a little more. There is an ancient text which forbade planting mustard seeds in Palestinian gardens because the shrub would take over. It can go wild, out of control, and attract unwanted birds. Author Shane Claiborn compares it to kudzu, a wild vine that could blanket entire mountain areas and even crack cement buildings. I like the idea of something so small causing so much mischief, holy mischief! The Kingdom of Heaven is like this. Yes, growing even where it is not wanted. People in authority during Jesus' time might have had images of the 'lofty cedars of Lebanon' representing the 'reign of God.' Theirs was a grand vision. As with most of Jesus' parables, he turns things on their head. It is through the smallest of seeds that God's grace affects the world, silently making its way through the cracks.

'Might I,' quavered Mary, 'might I have a bit of earth?' 'Earth!' he repeated. 'What do you mean?'  
'To plant seeds in – to make things grow – to see them come alive.' Frances H. Burnett, *The Secret Garden*  
Jane Mellett



### Cuimhneacháin Báis:

Grace Ellen Hill (Tandy), Rocktown, whose funeral took place here on Wednesday.  
Sarah Doogan, Cashelnagor, whose funeral took place in Gortahork on Monday. (Mother of Grace McFadden, Balliness and Theresa Mc Hugh, Rocktown).  
Mickey McGee, Oldtown, whose funeral took place in Gortahork on Sunday last.

### Anniversaries:

Enda Barrett whose 1st Anniversary Mass is on Saturday.

## MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday 22nd	7: 00 pm	Enda Barrett	1st Anniversary
Sunday 23rd	9: 00 am	Aifreann don Phobal	
	11: 00 am	Mass	
Monday 24th	9: 30 am	Mass	
Tuesday 25th	7: 00 pm	Mass	
Wednesday 26th	9: 30 am	Mass	
Thursday 27th	9: 30 am	Private Intention	
Friday 28th	7: 00 pm	Mass	
Saturday 29th	11: 00 am	Mass	
	7: 00 pm	Mary Frances Doogan	Anniversary
Sunday 30th	9: 00 am	Aifreann don Phobal	
	11: 00 am	Mass	

### Confessions

Available on request

### Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesday:  
Holy Hour: 9- 10 pm  
Thursday: 10: 00 am – 9: 00 pm.  
Thursday adoration includes the  
Diving Mercy @ 5: 30 pm and  
concludes with Rosary  
@ 8: 30 pm

### All Masses are available live

#### on:

www.naomhfionan.com  
& Parish Radio @ 106.5 FM

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# FÓGRAÍ

## Freagra an tSailm:

Tá tú go maith is go ceansa, a Thiarna.

## Prayer

**Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil; May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; And do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan and all evil spirits who wander through the world for the ruin of souls.**

## Ways to donate to parish funds

You can now make a donation to the Parish online by scanning the QR codes on the front of this newsletter, with your mobile phone camera. One QR code is for the Sunday Collection and one QR code is for the Graveyard Collection. You can also make donations by going to the parish website and clicking on the DONATE button. All donations are gratefully accepted.

## Sick and Housebound

I will visit the sick and housebound of the parish on the following days:

Tuesday 25th July : Carrowcannon, Ray and Ballyboes.  
Wednesday 26th July: Errarooey, Forth, Drumnatinney, Balliness and Well Brae.  
Thursday 27th July: Ballina, Station Rd, Rocktown, Ballintemple, Clonbara, Drumfin and Dunmore.

## Cemetery Sunday

Mass will be celebrated in the graveyard on Sunday 6th August at 1pm. Please note there won't be 11am Mass on this day. Families are encouraged to do their best to clear family plots of withered flowers and ensure that your family plot is prepared for Cemetery Sunday. Please do not dispose of wreaths, flowers and other grave items within the graveyard itself or on the periphery outside the walls. Thank you for your cooperation.

## Parish Ministers

Could all previous Eucharistic Ministers and Readers make contact with the parish office with a view to returning to active ministry. Thank you for your commitment and service to the church.

## Mary's Meals

There will be a get-together for all walkers, collectors, drivers and helpers for the Mary's Meals Step by Step to Feed the Next Child walk. The get-together will take place in the Divine Mercy Centre (behind St Eunan's Cathedral), Letterkenny on Sunday 23 July at 7pm. Everybody welcome.

## Donegal Pro Life

Donegal Pro Life welcomes Fr. Stephen Imbarrato (Life Ministries, USA) and Bernadette Smyth (Precious Life, Belfast) to Letterkenny on Wednesday evening the 26th July.

Fr. Imbarrato will celebrate "Mass for Life" in St. Eunan's Cathedral at 7pm.

Immediately followed by a presentation on "The Way Forward" in Dillon's Hotel, Main Street, Letterkenny @ 8pm.

Please make every effort to support this important Pro Life event .

## Catholic Marriage Encounter

This is a weekend experience for any Sacramentally married couple. Every relationship is a journey, and the grind of everyday life can cause you to lose touch with your spouse. This is a space for you and your spouse to pause, reflect, and reconnect privately.

Our next Marriage Enrichment Weekend is Friday 3rd to Sunday 5th November 2023.

At "The Cork International Hotel" Cork.

To book your place visit our website: [www.marriageencounter.ie](http://www.marriageencounter.ie)

Tel. 087-2162436

## Coiste Glan agus Glas.

Beimid buíoch as achan chuidiú!! Our next tidy up will take place Wednesday next 26th July from 11 -12 noon. Meeting in car park below Strand bar. Every help appreciated. Cupán tae i gCafe go Leor ina dhiaidh

## Fundraising Fair

Cloughaneely Food bank CLG will host a 2 day fundraising fair on August bank holiday weekend, Saturday 5th & Sunday 6th. Street stalls, Street Art competition, Lucky Dip, Bouncing Castle and much much more. To book a stall or get involved please contact any of the following: Lynda 0868774078, Sally 0833489749, WhatsApp 0833489749 or email [ccffoodbank@gmail.com](mailto:ccffoodbank@gmail.com)

## Cloughaneely Junior Band

There was no Jackpot winner. Next Week's Jackpot €5,250. Winning numbers 1-3-11-12-13-14. Match 4 Winner: Aine Gallagher €100 . Good luck to both bands junior and senior who are competing in the Ulster Fleadh in Co Tyrone on Sunday.

## Pobail Le Chéile

Club Óige Tuatha Dé Dannan FREE one day summer camp on Monday 24th July 11am-3pm at Ionad Garradh Cholm Cille. For children aged 10+. Camp is facilitated by ASPIRE Donegal Youth Service. Games, Arts and Crafts, Challenges etc. Spaces are limited. To book call Rosemary 0749180111/086 455 7519

## Pobal Eascarrach

Tá Campaí Samhraidh Eascarrach ag dul ar aghaidh faoi láthair. Tuilleadh eolais cuir teachtaire nó glooch ar 074-918057. Campaí Samhraidh Eascarrach are ongoing at the moment. Ages 4 – 12, from 10am-3pm. Further information call 074-9180571 . Numbers are limited, therefore booking is essential.

## Ionad Naomh Fionnan

Congratulations to Grace McFadden who won the 50/50 prize this week of €830

Summer Camps continue this week, please call in to complete registration forms if possible.

Gymnastics summer freestyle sessions will take place in August on Wednesday afternoons. Still a few spaces remaining. Contact us for more information. 0749165750/ionadnf@gmail.com

Summer Craft Fair at Ionad Naomh Fionnán on Saturday 29th July from 12 - 4pm €20 per table. For more information on any of the above contact 0749165750/ionadnf@gmail.com

## CLG Chloich Cheann

The numbers drawn were 12,18,20,5,1,16! We had 2 match 5s. Congratulations to Gerry Muldowney and Liam Coyle who win €50 each! The jackpot is now €6,050. Tickets are available in various outlets throughout the parish and online at the following link <https://clubforce.com/clubs/gaa-clg-chloich-cheann-fhaola/>

## Parish Newsletter

All notices for inclusion in newsletter to be in by 12 noon on Thursdays. Thank you.

## Dates for your diary :

Graveyard Sunday - Sunday 6th August, 1pm.



**St. Vincent de Paul:** Local number: 087 1443464

**Cloughaneely Food Bank:** 083 348 9749

**MABS Gweedore:** 0818 072650