

# PARÓISTE Naomh Fionán

20ú LÚNASA 2023 - AN FICHIÚ DOMHNACH - A

## Reflection

### A Woman of Faith

Today's gospel recounts an unusual exchange between Jesus and the unnamed Canaanite woman who challenges him. She has seen what Jesus can do, she has faith, and she is advocating for her daughter. She is persistent, shouting out to Jesus and apparently also badgering the disciples, to the point where they plead with Jesus to 'give her what she wants.' Jesus' rebuke seems shockingly unkind: 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the house-dogs'.

But the woman doesn't give up. It is a matter of justice for her, as is evident in her witty response about the dogs getting the scraps from the master's table.

It's a strange story, with Jesus at first appearing cold in his response to the woman. But as we know, he has a tendency to test his followers. His disciples, who know him well and have seen lots of miracles, often fall short. But this woman passes with flying colours. Jesus can see that she is a person of strong faith, clever and determined. She is not easily dismissed. In allowing her to state her case, Jesus also presents a challenge to the religious and social status quo. This pagan woman (Jesus' reference to 'house-dogs' tells us a lot about her status) exhibits more faith than his own disciples.

Jesus does not want us to be silent, compliant or complacent. He rejoices in those who are brave and persistent, and eager to challenge the injustices they see around them – those who have the gift of changing minds and hearts. We might call it the gift of prophecy.



Triona Doherty

### Cuimhneacháin Báis:

Breid McGinley, Main St., Dunfanaghy and formerly Meenderry, whose funeral took place in Dunfanaghy on Tuesday. Thomas Keegan, Glasgow, who died recently.

### Anniversaries:

Seamus Deeney, Ballina and Marjorie McGee, Moyra, whose 1st anniversaries occur at this time. Tom and Josie Murray. Mary McNulty. Brodie McLean. Patrick, Grace, Rose and Danny Cannon.

## MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

<b>Saturday 19th</b>	<b>7: 00 pm</b>	Tom and Josie Murray. Mary McNulty. Brodie McLean and Patrick, Grace, Rose and Danny Cannon. Anniversaries
<b>Sunday 20th</b>	<b>9: 00 am</b>	Aifreann don Phobal
	<b>11: 00 am</b>	Seamus Deeney 1st Anniversary
<b>Monday 21st</b>	<b>9: 30 am</b>	Mass
<b>Tuesday 22nd</b>	<b>7: 00 pm</b>	Marjorie McGee 1st Anniversary
<b>Wednesday 23rd</b>	<b>9: 30 am</b>	Mass
<b>Thursday 24th</b>	<b>9: 30 am</b>	Mass
<b>Friday 25th</b>	<b>7: 00 pm</b>	Mass
<b>Saturday 26th</b>	<b>11: 00 am</b>	Mass
	<b>7: 00 pm</b>	Paddy O'Grady Month's Mind
<b>Sunday 27th</b>	<b>9: 00 am</b>	Aifreann don Phobal
	<b>11: 00 am</b>	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](http://www.naomhfionan.com)

& Parish Radio @ 106.5 FM

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# FÓGRAÍ

## Freagra an tSailm:

**Go mola na ciníocha thú, a Dhia;  
go mola na ciníocha go léir thú.**

## 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.

## Thanks

I would like to thank everyone who prepared for and participated in the Mass of Installation for myself as Parish Priest on Sunday last. Thanks to the Ministers of the Word and Eucharist and those who brought forward the gifts during the Mass. Thanks to Patricia and Pierce for preparing the Church. I'd also like to thank the Catering Group for providing such a beautiful spread of refreshments in Aras Begley after the Mass. Buíochas mór daoibh uilig ar shon an obair.

## Graveyard Skip

Unfortunately, as a result of misuse, the skip in the graveyard was removed some time ago. It has come to our attention, once again, that wreaths etc. are being dumped along the outer walls of the graveyard. We kindly ask of people, when removing wreathes etc. from family graves, to bring them home for disposal. Please keep our graveyard and surrounding areas tidy.

## Saturday Vigil Mass

The custom of bundling together intentions for Saturday evening Vigil Mass will continue but no stipends are to be paid. Instead donations for the St Vincent de Paul Society in the parish will be gratefully received and should be deposited in the SVP box near the Sacristy. Thank you.

## Church Gate Collection

Donegal Pro Life Annual Church Gate Collection will take place this weekend 19/20th August. Please excuse the short notice. Your support is greatly appreciated.

## CURSILLO

The Cursillo national pilgrimage to Knock Shrine is on Saturday 2nd September. There is a bus traveling from Letterkenny and picking up in Ballybofey, Donegal town, Ballyshannon and Bundoran. To book a seat please contact Clare on 0871375567.

## Mass for Expectant Families

St Eunan's Cathedral - Tuesday 5th 5th September, 2023.

Celebrant - Most Rev. Alan McGuckian SJ DD, Bishop of Raphoe.

*"It was you who created my inmost part and knit me together in my mother's womb".*

## Divine Mercy Centre Letterkenny

Saturday 26th August - 2:00pm-5:30pm - How to pray as a family. Retreat will consist of talks, time of prayer and reflection and sharing our experience of faith (also around a cuppa). Contact the Divine Mercy Centre at: 074 916 9934 or [dvmlatterkenny@gmail.com](mailto:dvmlatterkenny@gmail.com).

## Bible reading and Catechism Study groups

Ards Friary will be running the following Catholic faith-development groups during the Autumn and Winter: Catechism of the Catholic Church:

Adult Studies	Mondays 7:30 pm - 9:00pm
Reading the Bible, men's group	Tuesdays 7:30pm - 9:00pm
Reading the Bible, women's group	Thursdays 7:30pm - to 9:00pm
Starting in the first week of September. (4th, 5th and 7th days)	
Contact Br. Jeremy: 087 6355 062	<a href="mailto:jeremiah.henehan@yahoo.ie">jeremiah.henehan@yahoo.ie</a>

## 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

## CLG Chloich Cheann

The numbers drawn were 5,7,10,15,18,19! We had 2 match 5s. Congratulations to Isobel Ní Chuireáin and Marcus Ó Dubhgáin who win €50 each! The jackpot is now €6,250 Tickets are available in various outlets throughout the parish and online at the following link <https://clubforce.com/clubs/gaa-clg-chloich-cheann-fhaola/>

## Cloughaneely Junior Band

Lotto Results There was no Jackpot winner Next Week's Jackpot €5,400. Winning numbers 1-4-8-12-15-20 2 Match 5 Winners Michael McCausland Barry Quigley €50 each Pota Óir an tSeachtain seo chugainn €5,400 Play lotto online [https://www.klubfunder.com/Clubs/Cloughaneely\\_Junior\\_Band/](https://www.klubfunder.com/Clubs/Cloughaneely_Junior_Band/) Please note that the cut off time for purchasing online lotto tickets is 4pm on Thursdays. Any lotto tickets purchased online after this cut off time will be entered into the next draw.

## Folúntas ar Scéim Shóisialta Tuaithe Cloich Cheannfhaola

There currently are vacancies for general workers on the Rural Social Scheme in the Cloughaneely area. To be eligible to participate on the Rural Social scheme you must meet the criteria as laid down by the Department of Social protection. If you are interested please contact Joe for further information on 0871605930, before midday on Friday 1st September 2023.

## Ionad Naomh Fionnan

Congratulations to Brid Gallagher, Meenlaragh who won the 50/50 prize this week of €874. Thank you to everyone for your continued support. Our Gymnastics Freestyle Fun Classes for the month of August continue on Wednesday.

We have a drop in option available for class from 5:30-7 Cost €13 per class.

Bingo @ Ionad Naomh Fionnán on Mondays @ 8pm following our 50/50 Draw. Snowball €4200. Lucky Number every week.

Our next Social Dancing Night with Josie Cannon will be Friday 18th of August. Join us for a night of dancing & a cup of tea. €5 Admission.

Saturday & Sunday afternoon slots are available for children's parties - call 0749165750 for more information.

## Parish Newsletter

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



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

**Cloughaneely Food Bank:** 083 348 9749

**MABS Gweedore:** 0818 072650