

# PARÓISTE Naomh Fionán

27ú LÚNASA 2023 - AN tAONÚ DOMHNACH FICHEAD - A

## Reflection

*In today's gospel, Jesus presents us with two images that tell us that if we decide to follow him, it is going to require some effort on our part. We will have to squeeze through the 'narrow gate' and face the 'locked door.' The path that we are called to follow as we become followers of Jesus is demanding, but it is equally rewarding. It will test us, but it will also strengthen and encourage us. When we say yes to follow Jesus, it is never a single yes made once. We are asked to recommit ourselves every day.*

*Each day, in often seemingly small ways, we are asked to take up our cross for the sake of the gospel and others. This is how we pass through the 'narrow gate' and enter through the 'locked door.' When we put our faith into concrete action, our yes to Jesus becomes real, not only in our lives, but in the lives of others. In short, being a follower and disciple of Jesus today requires some effort and commitment from us; we can't do it online! It is through the quality of our daily lives with others that we show that we are willing to enter through the 'narrow gate' and pass through the 'locked door.'*



Michael Moore OMI

### Cuimhneacháin Báis:

Martha Gallagher, Baltoney.

Chrissie Columb, Ardsbeg, whose funeral took place in Gortahork on Friday.

Paddy Joe Brogan, Rockhill, whose funeral took place in Dunfanaghy on Thursday.

John Kilcullen, whose funeral took place in Letterkenny on Wednesday.

Paddy O'Grady, Balliness, whose Month's Mind Mass is on Saturday.

### Anniversaries:

John O'Donnell.

## MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday 26th	7: 00 pm	Paddy O'Grady	Month's Mind
Sunday 27th	9: 00 am	Aifreann don Phobal	
	11: 00 am	Mass	
Monday 28th	9: 30 am	Intention	
Tuesday 29th	7: 00 pm	Mass	
Wednesday 30th	9: 30 am	Mass	
Thursday 31st	9: 30 am	Mass	
Friday 1st	7: 00 pm	Mass	
Saturday 2nd	11: 00 am	Mass	
	7: 00 pm	Mass	
Sunday 3rd	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](http://www.naomhfionan.com)

& Parish Radio @ 106.5 FM

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# FÓGRAÍ

## Freagra an tSailm:

**AThiarna, maireann do mhaitheas go síoraí;  
na tréig obair mo lámh.**

## 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 29th August: Carrowcannon, Ray and Ballyboes.

Wednesday 30th August: Errarooney, Forth, Drumnatinney, Balliness and Well Brae.

Thursday 31st August: Ballina, Station Rd, Rocktown, Ballintemple, Clonbara, Drumfin and Dunmore.

## September Rota for Ministers of The Word and Eucharist

Ministers of the Word:	Saturday 7 pm	Anne Harkin Gallagher
	Sunday 9 am	Brid Doohan
	11 am	Michelle Murphy
Eucharistic Ministers:	Saturday 7 pm	Kathleen McCallion and Stephanie Green
	Sunday 11 am	Denise O'Leary Kelly and Rose Anne Rodgers

If you are unable to cover your specified Mass, please make arrangements for a replacement minister.

## 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 wreaths 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

A Church Gate Collection in aid of Down Syndrome Donegal will be held next weekend 2nd/3rd September. Your support will be very much appreciated.

## Buíochas

The Donegal Pro Life Annual Church Gate Collection taken up last weekend amounted to €853. Many thanks to everyone who supported this worthy cause and to all who helped in any way. SVP wish to acknowledge a donation of €150. Thank you.

## 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 9th September - The Image of God

The retreat starts at 2 p.m. and continues until 5:30 p.m. Please note: it is necessary to book for all our retreats. To do so, or for more information please 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 [jeremiah.henehan@yahoo.ie](mailto:jeremiah.henehan@yahoo.ie)

## RI-OGA Dance Academy

Dancing classes resume on Monday 4th September and Wednesday 6th September in Aras Begley Hall. Beginners class is on Wednesday at 4pm. For further information contact Maureen on 9165541.

## Pobal Eascarrach

Toraigh Day in Ionad Acmhainne Bhéal an Átha, Na "Cottages", An Fál Carrach, Thursday 31st of August 1.30pm to 3.30pm. Launch of the book "Ceol ón Chreig" by Joe Thomas and Presentation of a new Toraigh map and public consultation on place names. Music, Fun and Refreshments too! Everyone welcome. Contact at 085 8670762 or [pobaleas@gmail.com](mailto:pobaleas@gmail.com)

## CLG Chloich Cheann

The numbers drawn were 16,7,14,19,4,15! We had 1 match 5. Congratulations to Patrick McClafferty who wins €100! The jackpot is now €6,300. 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

There was no Jackpot winner. Next Week's Jackpot €5,500. Winning numbers 3-8-14-16-19-20. 1 Match 5 winner Breege McVicar 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 Helena Uí Ghallachóir, Gortahork who won the 50/50 prize this week of €844. 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 €4225. Lucky Number every week. 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