

Paróiste Naomh Fionán

16Ú LÚNUSA 2026 - AN FICHIÚ DOMHNACH - A

Reflection

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:

Eamon McGinley, Station Road and Inishboffin, whose funeral took place in Gortahork on Tuesday.

John Hannah Gallagher, Mansfield, Nottingham, and formerly Upper Dunmore. (Brother of Mary Carton and Margaret Ford).

Sheila Geaney, Ballinass and Gerry McKenna, Craigtown and Glengormley, whose Month's Mind Mass is on Saturday.

Anniversaries:

Mary Sweeney, Ballyboes. Fr Paul Gallagher, Hill Top. Willie Doohan, Ballyconnell. Susie O'Donnell, Ray and England.

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday 15th	10: 30 am	Mass of the Assumption	
	7: 00 pm	Sheila Geaney	Month's Mind
		Gerry McKenna	Month's Mind
		Mary Sweeney	Anniversary
Sunday 16th	9: 00 am	Aifreann don Phobal	
	10: 30 am	Fr Paul Gallagher	Anniversary
Monday 17th	9: 30 am	Private Intention	
Tuesday 18th	9: 30 am	Private Intention	
Wednesday 19th	9: 30 am	Willie Doohan	Anniversary
Thursday 20th	9: 30 am	Private Intention	
Friday 21st	7: 00 pm	Susie O'Donnell	Anniversary
Saturday 22nd	11: 00 am	Latin Mass	
	7: 00 pm	Mass	
Sunday 23rd	9: 00 am	Aifreann don Phobal	
	10: 30 am	Mass	

Confessions

6:15pm—6:45pm

Saturdays

Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesday:

Holy Hour: 9- 10 pm

Thursday: 10: 00 am – 9: 00 pm.

Thursday adoration includes the

Divine 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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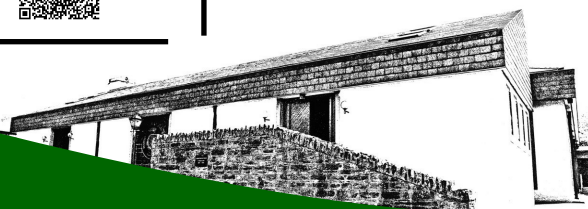


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Go mola na ciníocha thú, a Dhia; go mola na ciníocha go léir thú.

HOW TO REPORT CLERICAL ABUSE

If you have a concern, or complaint of child abuse, either current or historical, please contact:

Designated Liaison Person, Margaret Northage on: 086 2183 011 or by email: safeguarding@raphoediocese.ie.

You are advised also to contact statutory authorities:

Tusla (Child & Family Agency) - Tel: 074 9102233

Gardaí National Protective Services Bureau - Tel: 01 6663430/6663435 or email: GNPSB_SCMU@garda.ie.

Free Counselling & Support is available through Towards Healing:

Freephone - Rol: 1800 303416

Freephone - N.Ireland & UK: 0800 0963315

Freephone - Hearing Impaired: 085 8022859

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.

Embrace the Grace—Legion of Mary Young Adult Catholic Conference

Saturday 29th August 2026 9:30 am—6: 00 pm, De Montfort House, Dublin. Special ticket price €15 for full day. Contact Manus 087 3720740.

Donegal Pro Life Church Gate Collection

Donegal Pro Life Church Gate Collection will take place this weekend 15th and 16th August. All support is greatly appreciated.

Last month, Dail Eireann voted by 86 votes to 70 to advance a Bill that would remove the three-day or 72-hour waiting period between a mother seeing her GP and proceeding with an abortion. This waiting period creates a small but vital space for the mother to reconsider her decision and thereby save the life of her unborn child. We know that the waiting period has saved lives, because between 2019 and 2024 more than 10,000 expectant mothers did not proceed with an abortion. That number, having contacted their GP and begun the abortion process, did not return after the three-day period had elapsed. Two of the 86 TDs who voted to remove the three-day waiting period are from our constituency. We voted for them. You and I must now persuade them to change their minds before the Bill returns to the Dail in the Autumn for the final vote. It is the least that mothers and their unborn children deserve.

Tullaghobegley Ecumenical Service

Tullaghobegley Ecumenical Service will be held at the historic site of Tullaghobegley at 3 pm on Sunday 16th August. Bigí linn.

Donegal Down Syndrome

Annual Church Gate Collection 29th and 30th August.

Every contribution helps provide vital support, services and opportunities for individuals with Down Syndrome and their families in Donegal.

Kerrytown

Rosary procession at Kerrytown Shrine on August 15th in honour of the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Begins with the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3 o'clock. All welcome.

Food Bank Appeal

The Food Bank is in dire straits at the moment, very low on supplies, so non perishable goods are very urgently required. Food bins have been left in the 4 porches for any goods donated. If anyone needs help please contact us on 085 7560177 or call on Thursday mornings between 10am and 12pm.

Mass for Expectant Families

Tuesday 8th September 2026 at 7pm in St Eunan's Cathedral.

Celebrated by Bishop Niall Coll.

TheWay.ie

This is a new digital platform set up by the Irish Bishops Conference dedicated to sharing the 'Good News' and the witness of the Catholic Church in Ireland. It is intended to help people discover the faith, live the faith and pass on the faith. It is for both seekers and followers. Use the QR code to access the site.



Lough Derg

One Day Retreats – Guided Days of Prayer and Reflection - places available on August 18th, 22nd, 23rd, 29th and 31st. September 5th, 6th, 9th, 12th, 15th, 19th and 20th. Admission €50. Advance booking essential.

Becoming Peacemakers

Starting in August 2026, we will be gathering on the 2nd Saturday of every month to begin our own journeys toward becoming peacemakers. We invite everyone who is interested in healing inner wounds and finding peace. Together over the first 5 Saturdays we will walk the path of inner healing and peace, sharing together, offering a Mass for Peace, and engaging in creative activities.

Pobail Le Chéile CDP

DLDC FREE 6 week Healthy Eating Course

Learn how to cook delicious, healthy meals on a budget! Starts on Tuesday 8th September 11am-1.30pm at Ionad Garradh Cholmille F92 W2H7. Places are limited, get in touch with Laura McGoran at DLDC 086 833 9548

Ionad Naomh Fionnán

Congratulations to George Cox who was this week's winner of €1090.

Well done George, enjoy your winnings.

Tickets available with Patsy at the hut and in all businesses locally and online.

Next weeks Bingo jackpot is €5050. Join us every Monday night at 8p.m.

Thank you all for your continued support.

Congratulations to the Banna Cheoil Cloich Cheann Fhaola agus Buíon Cheoil Sinsear Chloich Cheann Fhaola who were crowned All Ireland Champions at Fleadh Cheoil na h-Eireann 2026. A fantastic achievement for both bands.

CLG Chloich Cheann Fhaola

The numbers drawn were 8,16,19,12,18,3! We had 1 match 6 winner. Massive congratulations to Anne Harley, Carrowcannon who wins our jackpot of €5,750!!! The jackpot is now €3,000. Tickets are available in various outlets throughout the parish and online at the following link <https://clubforce.com/clubs/gaa-clg-chloich-cheann-fhaola/>

The Natural Family Planning Teachers Association of Ireland

An overview of the evidence-based symptom-thermal double check method of natural family planning for healthcare professionals, teachers and others interested in learning about fertility appreciation and care.

Venue: Ely House, 8 Ely Place, Dublin 2

19th September 2026 10am-4pm. Cost €50.

To book your place or for further details contact deirdregleeson@medvise.ie/ 045 854022.

EMPOWER Cumasú Programme

Applications are now open.

Are you a female living in the Gaeltacht looking to start or grow your own business? Whether it's food, farming, crafts or a service business, we want to hear from you. Apply now: <https://empowerprogramme.ie/>

Places are limited. The closing date for applications is 5:00PM on Friday, 4th September 2026. Further information: 091 742851 / michelle.lee@atu.ie



St. Vincent de Paul: Local number: 087 1443464

Cloughaneely Food Bank: 085 7560177

MABS Gweedore: 0818 072650