

MASS INTENTIONS

(Saturday 21st January to Sunday 29th January 2023)

MYNA CHURCH

SUN 11.30am. Mick and Mary Jo O'Donnell and deceased family members, Carrowbeg.

Paddy Gannon, (A) Roslaher and deceased family members.

TUE 9.30am Mass for the People of the Parish.

WED 9.30am Mass.

FRI 8.00pm Mass.

SUN 11.30am. Pakey Moore (A) and deceased family members, Carrowholly.

Tess Mullee (A), Fox Hill.

Paddy and Nellie O'Malley and deceased family members, The Point, Roscahill.

FAHY CHURCH

SAT 7.00pm Nuala Keane (nee O'Donnell, Gurteen), Galway.

MON. 8.00pm Mass.

THU 9.30am Mass.

SAT 7.00pm Patrick Conway (A), Fahy.

CHRISTIAN UNITY WEEK (18th to 25th January):

The Universal Week of Prayer for Christian Unity began in 1935. Not only do Christians of all denominations join together in prayer for unity but they are also involved in projects aimed at changing the world by teaching respect for the rights and needs of everyone especially the poor, the lonely and the defenceless. This year's theme is "Do Good, Seek Justice". As we join with other Christians around the world for the Week of Prayer we pray that our hearts will be open to see and hear the many ways in which racism continues to destroy lives and to discern the steps we can take as individuals and communities to heal the hurt and build a better future for everyone.

WORLD YOUTH DAY 2023 - World Youth Day is a Catholic international event, attended by Pope Francis, and held every three years. It will take place next August 1-6, 2023, in Lisbon, Portugal. The Archdiocese of Tuam will participate in this exciting pilgrimage and is inviting young adults (18-35) to join with us for a week of prayer, faith and friendship. If you are interested or would like more information, please email: tuam2lisbon23@gmail.com

KILMEENA - FAHY PARISH

NEWSLETTER

Sunday 22nd January 2023

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



ST. BRENDAN'S CHURCH, MYNA.



CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAMILY, FAHY.

Jesus said to Peter and Andrew, "Follow me and I will make you fishers of men". Today's Gospel reminds us that it is Christ alone who calls us and gives us life and hope. In his name we were baptised. It is Him we must follow.

Fr. Jim Walsh, P.P.

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PARISH NEWS

SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD:

In instituting this third Sunday as the Sunday of the Word of God on 30th September 2019 Pope Francis said “the relationship between the Risen Lord, the community of believers and Sacred Scripture is essential to our identity as Christians. Without the Lord who opens our minds to them it is impossible to understand the scriptures in depth. Yet the contrary is equally true; without the scriptures the events of the mission of Jesus and of his church in the world would remain incomprehensible”. St. Jerome rightly said: “Ignorance of the Scriptures is ignorance of Christ”.

ST. MATTHEW'S GOSPEL:

The semi-continuous reading of St. Matthew's Gospel on each Sunday begins today with the calling of the first disciples. It seems the author was a Greek-speaking Christian scribe writing between 80 and 90 AD. He emphasizes more than the other Gospel writers how Jesus was the Jewish Messiah descended from King David, how he opposed the Pharisees as “hypocrites” and emphasised a “righteousness” that goes beyond that of the Jewish leaders of the day. He portrays Jesus as the one who fulfils the law and the Prophets and calls on his followers to spread the good news not only among the Jews but also to Gentiles of all nations.

FEASTS OF THE WEEK:

- Tuesday:** **St. Francis de Sales, bishop, and doctor of the church (1567-1622).** He was bishop of Geneva. He founded the Visitation Sisters. He worked with gentleness and love to rebuild the Catholic faith after the Reformation.
- Wednesday:** **The Conversion of St. Paul, apostle.** He preached the power of God working in the life of each of us. His own conversion showed that out of a persecutor God made a preacher and teacher of peoples out of a persecutor of Christians.
- Thursday:** **Sts. Timothy & Titus, bishops.** They were disciples and helpers of St. Paul. The New Testament has letters St. Paul wrote to each of them. Timothy was the first bishop of Ephesus and Titus was bishop of Crete.
- Friday:** **St. Angela Merici (1474-1540).** She founded the Ursuline Sisters. She immersed herself in Christian education based on love, kindness with firmness and concern for the individual.
- Saturday:** **St. Thomas Aquinas, priest and doctor of the church (1224-1274).** He was born in Italy and was probably the greatest theologian of all time and was known as ‘the angelic doctor’.

FAMILY CENTRE:

The Family Centre in Castlebar continues to offer a wide range of supports for individuals, families and communities. Should anyone need any support please contact 0949025900 particularly during these testing times.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK Jan 22nd to Jan 29th):

This theme for Catholic Schools Week this year is “Walking Together in Faith and Love”. Each of us is on a journey in life beginning with God and ending with God. On that journey God is with us every step of the way. The Church is currently in the process of Synodality. Catholics are called to come together and discern what the Holy Spirit is calling the Church to do and to be. We celebrate this week the unique contribution our schools make to the lives of our pupils, community, and Church.

DIOCESAN YOUTH NIGHT - The Archdiocese invites young adults to attend a Diocesan night on Saturday February 4th in Tuam. The evening will begin with Vigil Mass at 6pm in the Cathedral celebrated by Archbishop Francis. This will be followed by talks, testimonies, prayers, music, and social time, which will take place at 7pm in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. The event is for over 18s. Further information from Mark @ 093 24250 or markquinn@tuamparish.com

KNOCK YOUTH LEADERSHIP PROGRAMME - This programme aims to train leaders to volunteer within their parish to journey with children and young people as they explore and deepen their faith. On completion of the programme (2 weekends and 11 Saturdays over an 18-month period) participants will receive two certificates: A certificate in Youth Ministries (accredited by Queens University Belfast). A certificate in Practical Youth Work/Ministry Skills (accredited by The Open University, Northern Ireland). The deadline for application is January 31st For more information contact Knock Youth Ministry on youthministry@knockshrine.ie or 094- 9375321.

PRIESTS' CHRISTMAS COLLECTION:

Envelope for the Priests' Christmas Collection is the Christmas Day envelope in your box of Sunday envelopes. The collection at Christmas, Easter, Summer and Autumn are the only collections used to support the priests. Some envelopes for the Christmas Collection have still to be returned. Should you wish to pay on-line, the Priests' Revenue account - (iban IE95AIBK93716917205014). Please remember to include your name and envelope number.

DEATHS:

Please remember in your prayers: -
Marie McDonagh, Cloonkeen, Carrowholly.
Paddy Moran, Castlebar (brother of Mary O'Malley, Gortawarla.
Martin Phillips, The Crescent, Westport.
Celia O'Malley, Cherry Tree Ave, Westport.
Fr. Micheál MacGréil S.J., Loughloon, Westport.

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE