



Sunday 6th Sep 2026 Mass Times

Saturday 5th September	Ballyfarnon 7p.m.
Sunday 6th September	Arigna 10.00a.m.
Sunday 6th September	Keadue 11.30a.m. (Blessing of Schoolbags)
Monday 7th September	Keadue 10.00a.m.
Tuesday 8th September	NO MASS
Wednesday 9th September	NO MASS
Thursday 10th September	NO MASS
Friday 11th September	Arigna 7pm

PARISH OFFERTORY Collections: Thank you for your very generous support of the Collections on August 30th last: Arigna €365, Ballyfarnon €255, Keadue €200.50.

ST. RONAN'S GAA There was no winner of the lotto jackpot when the draw was held at the weekend. Numbers were 15, 19, 23 & 27. Consolation prizes were won by the following: €70 Maura Prior, Keadue, €30 Gerry Emmett, Boyle, €20 Orin O'Riain, Knockvicar, €20 Brian Sheeran, France €20 Laura Mc Loughlin, Drumshanbo. Jackpot now €2,900 Draw will be held on Sunday evening. Enter online at stronansgaa.com.

KILRONAN CEMETERY SUNDAY A very big thank you to the large numbers who came on this day. Particular thanks to Gabriel Regan and his staff for clearing all the grass cuttings twice this year. To Stewards, An Garda Síochána, a hard working Cemetery committee. This year they ensured enhancements like a new wall and water tap. Which all helped people to maintain and tidy the graveyard. It was heartening to see so many in the past week tackle a near impossible task of ground clearance. From Sound, shelter (lenders of the Tent!), choir, roadside stewards it all contributed to a memorable day- which was thankfully outdoors among our deceased relatives and friends in their resting place. Let's keep it a place we are proud of.

Beginner Computer Course. Last call for registrations, QQI Level 4 Computer Applications, starting Wednesday September 9th at Mohill Computer Training. This fully-funded course offers upskilling opportunity with a strong foundation of skills, and a relaxed, friendly environment to learn with others. Contact us now to secure your place. Email info@mct.ie or call 071 963 2024.

Keadue Tidy Towns: Pick the Bonus Number in the main Lotto on Saturday Night. Entry €2 and win €45, buy in Harp and Shamrock and O'Donnells. June 6th Bonus No 35 Eddie Rogers. June 13th No 24 Paraic Noone. June 20th No 46 Marie McNulty. June 27th No 25 No winners. July 4th No 39 Pearse O'Connor. July 11th No 28 Mary Roddy and Phil Joe Guihen. July 18th No 7 Paraic Noone, Ceara Price. July 25th No 37 Sarah Mc Manus, PJ O'Donnell. August 1st No 26 Margaret Grimes, Peter Haram. August 8th No 11 Cameron Burnside, Anthony Mulligan. August 15th No 20 Liam Bruen. August 22 No 15 Colin Mc Cabe.

Knock Ardagh & Clonmacnois Diocesan Pilgrimage Sept 6th Rosary 2pm Anointing 2:30pm. Concelebrated Mass 3pm

Pattern of St. Ciaran at Clonmacnois All welcome to mark the annual pilgrimage at Clonmacnois Monastic Site, Co. Offaly. Pattern prayers 2:45pm Mass at 3pm.

CULTURE NIGHT An evening of music, song & dance will take place in St. Ronan's Hall, Keadue on Friday, 18th September, 2026 @ 8.30pm hosted by Keadue CCE.

Inaugural Mass of the New Diocesan Adoration Apostolate, St Mary's Church, Rathowen on Monday, September 21st @ 7:30pm. Celebrant Bishop Paul Connell. All very welcome in promoting Eucharistic Adoration (we plan to have Adoration on First Saturdays in Ballyfarnon 6pm)

First Communion Parents Meeting Monday 21st September 8pm Presbytery

Confirmation Parents Meeting Thursday 24th September 8pm Upstairs Room, Keadue Hall

Anniversary Masses

Saturday 5th September Ballyfarnon 7pm	Jim & Annie Mai Gallagher & DFM of Gallagher & Gaffney families
Sunday 6th September Arigna 10am	Seán Wynne, Michael Reynolds
Sunday 6th September Keadue 11.30am	Eugene Tansey & DFM of Tansey family
Friday 11th September Arigna 7pm	Bernie Cooney
Saturday 12th September Ballyfarnon 7pm	Mary Flynn & Tommie Flynn
Sunday 13th September Arigna 10am	John Francis Gaffney & DFM of Gaffney & O'Dowd
Sunday 13th September Keadue 11.30am	Bridget Wynne & Son Gerard & DFM of Wynne & Harte families
	Michael McDermott, Parents Charles & Kathleen McDermott & DFM of McDermott family
	Jimmy & Phillis Gray (Kilgariff)

DIOCESAN INITIATIVES. Preparing the Sunday Eucharist.

Starting Tuesday 8th September in Clonmacnois Room St Mary's Presbytery, Athlone and **Wednesday 9th September** in Family centre, Longford. This will run for 3 weeks in each venue, tea at 7, workshop at 7.30 each night. **Week 1** Why Sunday Matters lead by Mary Connolly, from the Council for Liturgy. This will help us reflect on the role and understanding we have of the Sunday Celebration. **Week 2** will be a step by step journey through the celebration itself, helping us understand what we are actually doing in the liturgy. **Week 3** will be a discerning of how each parish can develop their celebration of the Sunday Eucharist in the context of reduced or no resident priest in their parish. I would ask for 2 parishioners interested to come to me (086—8319500). Further information at **087-9972259, or turlough.baxter@gmail.com**

PARISH FUNERAL MINISTRY TEAMS. As already advertised this is about forming small teams (not Lone Rangers!) who would accompany/assist families in their bereavement journey. This could include: Meeting with the family of the bereaved. Preparing the Liturgy for the Funeral Mass/Service. Leading prayers in the presence of the body in the family home, funeral home, or church. Accompanying the family during the funeral Mass. This will be a gradually developing initiative. The Diocese offers 3 nights of training Sept 30 /October 7/October 14 at 7pm. The Family Centre, Teallach Íosa, St Mel's Road, Longford. You can let me or any Parish Council Member know if interested.

Pope's Intention for September Let us pray for a just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it.

Holiday Cover Fr. Brendan McDonagh has kindly agreed to cover any emergency call 087 930 4857 While I'm away. Fr. Michael Reilly will cover Masses Sept 12/13th

"Misuse of the Internet/ Protecting your Online reputation" An evening with Wayne Denner Speaker, Author, Entrepreneur as part of the the Diocese of Ardagh & Clonmacnois Safeguarding Conference. All welcome on Thursday 24th September 2026 at 7:30pm in Temperance Hall, Longford (N39 R9X8). Light refreshments from 7pm. All welcome including Clergy, Local Safeguarding Representatives, Leaders of Youth, parish volunteers.

Blessing of Schoolbags Prayer

Lord we thank you for your goodness to all your children. Be with these children throughout this new school year. May your blessing be upon these schoolbags, Which the children will carry to and from school each day. Watch over the children in their coming and their going; Keep them safe always; help them to be kind; Bless their learning and their play. Enfold them at all times in your love.

Through Christ our Lord