



Sunday 30th Aug 2026 Mass Times

Saturday 29th August Ballyfarnon 7p.m.
Sunday 30th August Arigna 10.00a.m.
Sunday 30th August **Kilronan Cemetery Sunday 11.30a.m.**
Monday 31st August Keadue 10.00a.m.
Tuesday 1st September Keadue 10.00a.m.
Wednesday 2nd September **NO MASS**
Thursday 3rd September Ballyfarnon 10.00a.m.
Friday 4th September Arigna 10.00a.m. (First Friday)
Saturday 5th September Ballyfarnon 6p.m (First Saturday Adoration)

PARISH OFFERTORY Collections: Thank you for your very generous support of the Collections on August 23rd last: Arigna €610, Ballyfarnon €365, Keadue €606. Peter's Pence €440.

ST. RONAN'S GAA There was no winner of the lotto jackpot when the draw was held at the weekend. Numbers were 4;10;14 and 23. Consolation prizes were won by the following: €70 Johnny Beirne, Arigna, €30 Jamie & Lauren Nangle, Geevagh, €20 Shane Mc Nama, Arigna, €20 Bernadette Lynch, Arigna, €20 Bernie Mc Namara, Arigna. Jackpot now €2,800 Draw will be held on Sunday evening. Enter online at stronansgaa.com.

Do you enjoy singing? Would you like to join a choir? Would you consider joining Cór Comáin - Roscommon Women's Choir? To find out more, email corcomain@gmail.com; Open Day on Thursday 3 September. Check us out on FB or Instagram [@roscommonchoir](https://www.instagram.com/roscommonchoir)

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock Sunday September 6th. Ceremonies commence 2:30pm (Anointing) Mass at 3pm

September Blessing of School/College Bags. As the new academic year is getting underway, students, teachers and their families are invited to join us for a blessing of school/college bags during Mass on Sunday September 6th at 11:30am Keadue This is a chance to bring God's blessing on all the hopes and dreams every student and their families have for the year ahead. So please share this with friends, family and neighbours by word of mouth and social media.

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.

Strength and Conditioning classes will resume in St Ronan's Hall Keadue on Wednesday 2nd of September at 8pm. Pilates will resume on Thursday 3rd September. All are welcome.

Anniversary Masses

Saturday 29th August Ballyfarnon 7pm Florence & Don Lean
 Tommy Gunning & DFM of Gunning & McGuinn families.
Sunday 30th August Arigna 10am Rose, Vincent & Pat Gilrairie & DFM
 Deceased members of McManus family & Mary Dolan
Saturday 5th September Ballyfarnon 7pm Jim & Annie Mai Gallagher & DFM of Gallagher & Gaffney families
Sunday 6th September Keadue 11.30am Eugene Tansey & DFM of Tansey family
 Bernie Cooney.

*****KILRONAN CEMETERY Sunday August 30th at 11:30am *****
 (In cemetery weather permitting)



Tom Benson	Breeda Barry	Seán Prior
Malachy Brehony	Peter Kerrigan	Micheál Skeffington
Claire O'Toole	Teresa Gilmartin	Jim Nolan
Carmel Corcoran	Jim Joe Mulhern	Josephine Kirrane
Martin Flynn (Kilmastranny)		Ronan Conlon (Kilmastranny)

On Passing a Graveyard

May perpetual light shine upon The faces of all who rest here. May the lives they lived Unfold further in spirit. May all their past travail Find ease in the kindness of clay. May the remembering earth Mind every memory they brought May the rains from the heavens Fall gently upon them. May the wildflowers and the grasses Whisper their wishes into light. May we reverence the village of presence In the stillness of this silent field. John O'Donoghue

Prayer on Visiting the Grave of a Loved One

As you arrive at the grave of your loved one, take a moment of silence to remember them.

Make the sign of the cross,

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, **Amen.**

Pray together: Father in heaven, as we stand before the resting place of our beloved (name of person), we remember the gift they were and continue to be to each of us here present. We thank you for their life, the love they shared with us and we pray that they are with you now, enjoying the fullness of eternal life. Comfort us in our sadness, strengthen us with your hope, until we are united with them again in the love of Christ and we are with you and our loved one forever. **Amen.**

Sprinkle the grave with Holy Water

Pray together: one Our Father, one Hail Mary and one Glory be.

Finish by making the sign of the cross, In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, **Amen.**

Kilronan Cemetery, as in recent years I ask families to bring their own Holy Water bottle or you can have water blessed on the day in the cemetery (Kilronan Mass). At a fixed point during the prayers, families will be invited to sprinkle their own family plots. The Celebrant will not be blessing individual graves but will lead the prayers in the cemetery. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.