

Parish of Keady, Derrynoose and Madden Sunday 9th July 2023

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CHURCH NOTICES

From Monday 10th July – Sunday 16th July 2023

KEADY

Monday: Novena Mass at 7pm

Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday Mass at 10am

No Mass Thursday.

Saturday Vigil: Mass at 6.30pm

Sunday Mass at 11.30am

Confessions: Saturday 5.45 -6.15pm

Eucharistic Adoration: Monday & Friday 3-6pm in the main church

SICK & HOUSEBOUND – Will be visited during the month by Clergy & Lay Ministers of Holy Communion

DERRYNOOSE

Thursday 13th July No Mass

Sunday 16th July No Mass

SICK & HOUSEBOUND – Will be visited by Canon Crawley during the month.

MADDEN

Thursday 13th July Mass at 7pm

Eucharistic Adoration Thursday from 6pm

Sunday 16th July Mass at 10am

SICK & HOUSEBOUND – Will be visited during the month by Clergy & Lay Ministers

LATELY DECEASED

Canon Philip Connolly – Doohamlet & retired PP of Clontibret, Paul Van de Water - New York (son of Colette Van de Water (Rafferty), Kathleen Gorman – Dunlargo, Martin Conlon, Seamus Treanor, Fr Owen O'Donnell PE, Joan McEntee.

MONTHS MEMORY

Joan McEntee – Sunday 9th July at 11.30am, Keady

Seamus Treanor -Sunday 16th July at 11.30am, Keady

BAPTISM SCHEDULE: PLEASE NOTE NEW DATES

St Mochua's Derrynoose: Saturday 15th July at 3pm. **Fully Booked**

St Joseph's Madden: Saturday 19th August at 3pm

St Patrick's Keady: every 2nd & 4th Sunday of the month at 12.30pm.

BAPTISM COURSE- The next course is on Wednesday 2nd August at 7.30pm in the Upper Room above the sacristy at St. Patrick's Church Keady. Parents of children who are due to be baptised are asked to attend. Contact the Parish Office for further details.



This Tuesday is the Feast of St Benedict, the founder of Western monasticism. He was well known for his ability to overcome the devil. There are many sacramentals in the life of the Church which help us grow in grace and resist evil. The most commonly known and best used are holy water, blest salt, scapulars and the miraculous medal. There is however, a powerful sacramental in the form of the St Benedict's Medal which has various inscriptions upon it to ward off the Devil. Saint Benedict was known for his power over the Devil, with the Holy Cross as his powerful instrument to make the Devil flee.



Surrounding the figure of Saint Benedict are the words *Eius in obitu nostro praesentia muniamur!* ('May we be strengthened by his presence in the hour of our death'), since Benedictines regard him as a particular patron of a happy death. On the other side of the medal is a cross, containing the letters C S S M L - N D S M D, initials of the Latin words *Crux sacra sit mihi lux! Nunquam draco sit mihi dux!* ('May the holy cross be my light! May the dragon never be my overlord!'). The large C S P B stand for *Crux Sancti Patris Benedicti* ('The Cross of Holy Father Benedict'). Surrounding the back of the medal are the letters V R S N S M V - S M Q L I V B, which stand for, *Vade retro satana: Vade retro Satana! Numquam suade mihi vana! Sunt mala quae libas. Ipse venena bibas!* ('Begone Satan! Never tempt me with your vanities! What you offer me is evil. Drink the poison yourself!') and finally, located at the top is the word PAX which means 'peace.' When we make and renew our baptismal promises we reject the devil, all his works and empty promises. St Benedict inspires us to fight against the lies and poison of the Evil One, and to live rather in the grace and love of the Holy One: Jesus Christ.

DO YOU WANT TO LEARN MORE ABOUT YOUR FAITH?

If you are interested, why not consider joining our Theology programme. The course takes two years with one night per week and two weekends over the academic year and is accredited by St Patrick's Pontifical University, Maynooth. There are no educational entry requirements, and completion of the course is based on submitted work and does not include sitting exams. Our Theology course will be continuing this year and starting on 12th September. If you are interested and would like more information contact Milanda on 00353 429351316 or milanda@parishandfamily.ie (9am – 2pm). All are welcome.

ANNUAL NOVENA ESCORTED PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK SHRINE

Date : - 14th August 2023. £599.00 per person sharing. Price includes return bus transfer from Northern Ireland, 4 nights' in Knock House Hotel with full board. Single supplement £150.00. Contact Patricia on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com.

HOSPITAL VISITS - Parish clergy can once again visit patients in Craigavon and Daisy Hill Hospital at the patient's or their family's request. Please contact Fr McKeever or Fr McCann if you require a sacramental visit to either of these hospitals. The one exception is Covid patients in a red zone ward. As before, parish clergy cannot visit patients in red zones under any circumstances – ask the ward to contact the hospital chaplain. If a priest is needed urgently for the Last Rites, again please ask the ward staff to contact the priest chaplain of the hospital immediately as parish clergy may not be able to make it to the hospital in time.

YOUTH SUMMER FESTIVAL -Join young people between 16 and 35 this August at the Youth 2000 Summer Festival. The festival takes place in Clongowes Wood College, Clane, Co Kildare from Thursday 10th August to Sunday 13th August 2023. The festival includes inspiring talks, music, prayer, concert, workshops, dramas, share groups, reconciliation and healing service and Mass. Donation only and we have buses going from all over Ireland. For more information and to book your place go to www.youth2000.ie

DERRYNOOSE COMMUNITY CENTRE

Community Fun Day Sunday 13th August

We are seeking interest for any business that would like to showcase their work on the day, these could include local business, other small specialty business, entertainers, crafts or anyone who would be willing to showcase their talents. Anyone interested, please send us a PM to our Facebook page or contact Elaine on 07564468958 to express your interest. This will be a fun day for the whole community, and we look forward to planning an exciting day for all .

KEADY MICHAEL DWYERS GFC

Dogs Night - Saturday 5th August. Just over a month to go to our night at the races at Dundalk Racecourse. There are many ways for our loyal supporters to contribute. Please get in touch to order your tickets and / or organise sponsorship.

PARISH OFFICE

Closed for Annual Leave from Thursday 20th July – Friday 28th July. Re-opens Monday 31st July. Anyone booking an anniversary for those dates should **contact the sacristans of each Church or email before 20th July.**

STAND

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Your merciful love, O God,
we have received in the midst of your temple.
Your praise, O God, like your name,
reaches the ends of the earth;
your right hand is filled with saving justice.

PENITENTIAL ACT (I)

Brothers and sisters, let us acknowledge our sins,
and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

A brief pause for silence follows.

I confess to almighty God
and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned,
in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done and in what I have
failed to do,
And, striking their breast, they say:
through my fault, through my fault,
through my most grievous fault;

Then they continue:
therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,
all the Angels and Saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord our God.

Priest: May almighty God have mercy on us,
forgive us our sins,
and bring us to everlasting life.
People: Amen.
Priest: Lord, have mercy. **People:** Lord, have mercy.
Priest: Christ, have mercy. **People:** Christ, have mercy
Priest: Lord, have mercy. **People:** Lord, have mercy.

GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.
We praise you,
we bless you,
we adore you,
we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer,
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.

SIT

FIRST READING Zechariah 9:9-10

A reading from the prophet Zechariah:
The Lord says this:
"Rejoice heart and soul, daughter of Zion!
Shout with gladness, daughter of Jerusalem!
See now, your king comes to you;
he is victorious, he is triumphant,
humble and riding on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.
He will banish chariots from Ephraim
and horses from Jerusalem;
the bow of war will be banished.
He will proclaim peace for the nations.
His empire shall stretch from sea to sea,
from the River to the ends of the earth."

The word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Psalm 144

[R] I will bless your name for ever,
O God my King.
[1] I will give you glory, O God my King,
I will bless your name for ever.
I will bless you day after day
and praise your name for ever.**[R]**
[2] The Lord is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in love.
How good is the Lord to all,
compassionate to all his creatures.**[R]**
[3] All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord,
and your friends shall repeat their blessing.
They shall speak of the glory of your reign
and declare your might, O God.**[R]**
[4] The Lord is faithful in all his words
and loving in all his deeds.
The Lord supports all who fall
and raises all who are bowed down.**[R]**

SECOND READING Romans 8:9, 11-13

A reading from the letter of Saint Paul to the Romans:
Your interests are not in the unspiritual, but in
the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his
home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit
of Christ you would not belong to him, and if the Spirit
of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in
you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will
give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit
living in you.
So then, my brothers, there is no necessity for us
to obey our unspiritual selves or to live unspiritual
lives. If you do live in that way, you are doomed to
die; but if by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds
of the body you will live.
The word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.



ALLELUIA (Stand)

Alleluia, alleluia!
Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth,
for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom
to mere children.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL Matthew 11:25-30

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew:
People: Glory to you, O Lord.
Jesus exclaimed, "I bless you, Father, Lord of
heaven and of earth, for hiding these things from the
learned and the clever and revealing them to mere
children. Yes, Father, for that is what it pleased you
to do. Everything has been entrusted to me by my
Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father,
just as no one knows the Father except the Son and
those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.
"Come to me, all you who labour and are
overburdened, and I will give you rest. Should my
yoke and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble
in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. Yes, my
yoke is easy and my burden light."

The Gospel of the Lord.
People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

HOMILY (Sit)

THE CREED (Stand)

I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
(At the words that follow, up to and including 'and became man', all bow.)
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
and became man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

INTERCESSIONS (Stand)

PREFACE DIALOGUE

Priest: The Lord be with you.
People: And with your spirit.
Priest: Lift up your hearts.
People: We lift them up to the Lord.
Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: It is right and just.

SANCTUS

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. ...

KNEEL

THE MYSTERY OF FAITH (I)

Priest: The Mystery of Faith.
People: We proclaim your Death, O Lord,
and profess your Resurrection
until you come again.

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

Priest: Behold the Lamb ...
People: Lord, I am not worthy
that you should enter under my roof,
but only say the word
and my soul shall be healed.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Taste and see that the Lord is good;
blessed the man who seeks refuge in
him.



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Readings: Zechariah 9:9-10, Psalm 144, Romans 8:9,11-13,
Matthew 11:25-30; Next Week: The Power of Word.
Sat 8 Jul Killian : Sun 9 Jul Ordinary 14 : Mon 10 Jul Weekday
: Tue 11 Jul Benedict, patron of Europe : Wed 12 Jul Weekday :
Thu 13 Jul Henry : Fri 14 Jul Camillus : Sat 15 Jul Bonaventure
: Sun 16 Jul Ordinary 15.



LOVE IS SIMPLE

The French mystic, Madame
Guyon (1648-1717) wrote,
"Through being given a rule and
method on how to love God,
people have in great measure
been estranged from God. How
unnecessary it is to teach an art
of loving! The language of love,
though natural to the lover, is
nonsense and barbarism to one
who does not love. The best
way to learn the love of God
is to love God.

*The ignorant and simple,
because they proceed with more
heart and greater simplicity,
often become better at it.
The Spirit of God needs none of
our arrangements and methods;
when it pleases him, he turns
shepherds into prophets.
And so, far from excluding any
from the Temple of Prayer, he
throws wide the gates that all
may enter, while Wisdom cries
aloud in the streets:*

'You that are simple turn in here'
(Proverbs 9:4)."

Summary

*If we neglect our feelings and
will, we will never learn
to love.
I have known people who
were intellectually gifted but
incapable of looking after
themselves, or anyone else.*

Question

*How do I keep my emotions
properly nourished?*

Prayer

*Lord, help me to love you
naturally.*

SUNDAY
LETTER

Series: Spirituality; Fourteenth Sunday of Year A; 9 Jul 2023



When I was in Iceland some years ago I
asked an 8-year-old American girl how
long it took her to learn the Icelandic
language (she was the best in her family
at it). She replied, "A day, or two days ...
or a week." In other words she didn't
think about it at all; she just played with
her Icelandic friends. Children learn
spontaneously, but adults proceed "by
rule and method." Because we have lost
the capacity for direct experience, we
need handbooks for everything. While an
adult stands back to analyse something, a
child just becomes one with it.

Unreal Gifts

We have so venerated the analytical
mind that our other faculties are scarcely
taken into account. I have known people
who were intellectually gifted but
incapable of looking after themselves, or
anyone else for that matter. Far from
seeing this as an embarrassment, we
almost make it a badge of honour: we
may laugh at the absent-minded
professor, but secretly we revere him.
However, as Chesterton said, "A
madman is not someone who has lost his
mind; he is someone who has lost
everything except his mind."

Violence on TV

Neglecting our other faculties costs us
dearly. If we neglect the mind to the
same degree that we neglect the other
faculties, we would be called barbarians.
But we tolerate, we even cultivate, a
barbarism of feeling and will. Look at the
depravity that is frequently held up
before us in the entertainment industry.
Is it not barbarism?

Children Taken Apart

If we neglect our feelings and our will,
we will never learn to love; we will learn
only a caricature of love: greed. To love
is to respect, to care about. Its deepest
meaning is "to become one with"
someone. The word "analysis" means
just about the opposite: "to take apart".
Sometimes, unintentionally, our
education system "takes apart"
something that children are born with,
and we give them instead whatever it
takes for them to fit into society, leaving
many as damaged as the society itself.

Keep it Simple

It was only when the towns of Chorazin,
Bethsaida and Capernaum had rejected
Jesus that he exclaimed,

*I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and
earth, because you have hidden these
things from the wise and intelligent, and
have revealed them to infants.* (Mt 11:25)

Perhaps there were many intelligent
people in those towns, but Jesus was tired
of arguing with them. Their intelligence
left no mark on the history of the world.
Of Chorazin and Bethsaida there is no
trace left; Capernaum is only a couple of
ruins. But the extraordinary love that Jesus
embodied will never be forgotten. ■

