



A NOTE FROM FR. JIM.....

Many of us have heard the Wolf Tones song called 'Some say the devil is dead'. It goes like this 'some say the devil is dead and buried in Killarney. More say he rose again and joined the British army'. So what do you think? Well I think the song makes a joke of the devil. Many today including many clergy rarely mention him. The idea of the devil has faded from people's consciousness like the leprechauns. I can remember one time in a previous parish mentioning satan at mass to the amazement of one of my parishioners who picked me up on it after and she said 'Fr. Jim don't tell you believe in the devil and hell and all that nonsense?' I think she lost a bit of respect for me because I actually believe in the evil one's existence. For me I can't get my head around the fact that so many don't believe in the evil one. For one Jesus mentions the devil and hell more often than anyone else (just read the four Gospels) and secondly after a very brief glance at any newspaper or news reel should leave you in no doubt that some higher, intelligent evil mind is coordinating all the mayhem going on in the world today. As the movie 'The usual suspects' puts it " the greatest trick the devil has ever played on the world is to convince it that he doesn't exist".

If you are human you're made up of both the material and the spiritual which means, whether you know it or not you are effected by spiritual forces both good and bad. It's so important to be aware of the devil's tactics. They're called the 4 D's. Deception, Division, Discouragement and Diversion. *Deception:* There's a saying, 'there's always a bit of truth in a good lie'. The evil one tricked Adam and Eve when he said "did God really say you can't eat of the tree?" He's sowing doubt to deceive them to think God can't be trusted. How many times are we deceived in our thinking? *Division:* the Greek root of the word Satan or "diabolical" means to cut, tear, or divide. Jesus prays and works to reunify what the devil divides. Division is everywhere, in our hearts, homes, parishes and in our world. He divides and conquers. *Discouragement:* Poor Judas, his biggest mistake wasn't the betrayal but rather his discouragement. He listened to the condemning voice of the evil one and refused to have faith in God's mercy. How many times are we tempted in the same way to lose heart in God's amazing love. And finally *Diversion:* a tactic used very much in Roman times when they had 'Bread and Circuses'. To prevent the people noticing all the failures and corruption of their leaders they distracted them from the real issues by throwing them bread and entertaining them by throwing the Christians to the lions.

Today the evil one has us sedated by over eating bad food and completely distracted with by screens everywhere and hundreds of events but especially sport. We've no time at all to consider what's really important in life - Our eternal soul. So ask yourself do you believe in the reality of the evil one and how he's playing you?

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Masses: Saturday 22nd to Sunday 30th June

St. Agatha's, Glenflesk:

Saturday 22nd	6.00pm	Seamus Morris, Brewsterfield (1st Anni)
Friday 28th	9.30am	Mass for the people of the parish
Saturday 29th	6.00pm	Mass

Our Lady of the Wayside, Clonkeen:

Sunday 23rd	9.30am	Florrie O'Donoghue, Salmon Leap (1st Anni)
Sunday 30th	9.30am	The Healy family, Derrymaclevode

Sacred Heart, Barraduff:

Sunday 23rd	11.00am	Dan Joe Lucey, Lisbaby (Anni) & his son Denis. John & Bridie Hickey, Lisnagrave (Anni)
Wednesday 26th	9.30am	Special Intention
Sunday 30th	11.00am	Mass

PRIEST ON DUTY THIS WEEKEND: Fr. Seán Jones 087 6501998

PRIEST ON DUTY WEEKDAYS: Monday Fr. Kieran O'Brien 087 6501998

Tuesday to Friday Fr. Jim Lenihan 087 1081588

NOTICES

COLLECTIONS: **Offertory:** €1,385. Thank you.

ADORATION: Every Monday in the Sacred Heart Church from 10 am to 1 p.m.
St. Agathas 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. and Our Lady of the Wayside 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.

MUCKROSS ABBEY: Graveyard Mass on Monday 1st July at 7.30pm.

FUNDRAISING CONCERT: Mary Culloty O' Sullivan and her Killarney Community Singers are having a Fundraising Concert for the local Kerry Cancer Bus. A selection of Song and Poetry on Wednesday June 26th in the Methodist Church (near Avenue Hotel) Killarney . Free entry. Donations gratefully accepted.

DESIGNER MINDS STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Maths) Summer Camps start soon in Killarney. For all boys & girls going into 1st to 6th Class this September. All details and online registration: www.designerminds.ie