**Priest on duty** this **Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> August is Fr Eamonn Mulvihill In** the event of an emergency please call 066 7139145.

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Altar Society Volunteers – prior to Covid we had a group who looked after the Sanctuary/Altar (hoovering, dusting etc) If you would like to volunteer, please contact Bernie in the parish office and we will set up a rota system. Tel 066 7139145.

A big thank you to everyone who supported the second collections at our Sunday Masses over the summer. We thank you most sincerely with a special thank you to our visitors for your generous support. We wish you well and hope you enjoyed your visit to the parish.

Baptism Preparation the next preparation evening will take on <u>Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September @ 7.30pm</u> <u>in the Clubrooms.</u> If you are planning a baptism, please call the parish office on 066 7139145. This preparation is a requirement.

We appreciate your continued financial support of our parish. Donations can be made on the Tap2Donate terminal at the back of the church or the QR code on the front of the newsletter. Donations can be made on the Tap2Donate terminal at the back of the church or the QR code on the front of the newsletter. Second Diocesan Collection will be taken up at the Masses next weekend for the Pastoral Centre in Killarney.

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Be part of the St Bernadette Relic Pilgrimage in Ireland - In 1858, Our Blessed Lady appeared 18 times to a young girl, Bernadette Soubirous in Lourdes. Bernadette died in 1879 and was later canonized in 1933.

Her relics will journey on pilgrimage to Ireland for the first time, from September 4<sup>th</sup> to November 5<sup>th</sup>, taking in every diocese in the country. <u>In Kerry, Our Lady & St</u> <u>Brendan's Church, Tralee will be</u> <u>where the relics can be venerated</u> <u>on Friday September 13<sup>th</sup> and</u> <u>Saturday September 14<sup>th</sup>.</u> More details later.

We have Eucharistic Adoration every day in the parish between St Mary's and St. Brendan's. Please check overleaf for the times. Please consider spending some time with Jesus. It is time well spent.

**Active retired dinners** in the Clubrooms every Tuesday. New members are always welcome. Any cancellations to Michelle on 085 2432251.

Thought for the Week "Human history is the long terrible story of man trying to find something other than God which will make him happy." C.S. Lewis

# Parish Life Newsletter

25<sup>th</sup> August 2024

Twenty First Sunday of Ordinary Time – Year B



St Therese of Lisieux

"For me, prayer is a burst from my heart, it is a simple glance thrown toward heaven, a cry of thanksgiving and love in times of trial as well as in times of joy."

#### **Office Hours**

Mondays & Holy Days - Closed Tuesdays - 11.00am to 3.00pm Wednesdays - 11.00am to 4.00pm <u>Thursday - Working from home text or</u> <u>phone mobile number 087 1438060</u> <u>between 11.00am to 4.30pm</u> Friday - 11am to 4.30pm. Closed 1pm to 1.30pm for lunch. Weekend Mass Times St. Mary's Castlegregory Sunday 11.30am St. Brendan's Cloghane Saturday Vigil 6.15pm (alternating with St. Mary's Camp) (see newsletter)

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| Fr Eamonn Mulvihill |  |

Parish Secretary Bernie Dowling

#### Confession

St. Mary's – First Fridays after 7.00pm Mass St. Brendan's – Tuesdays closest to First Fridays after the 7.00pm

# **Daily Parish Eucharistic Adoration**

# St. Mary's

Monday – 10.00am to 11.00am Wednesday - 10.00am to 11.00am and 5pm to 9pm Friday – 10.00am to 11.00am Sunday – 12.20 (after Mass) 1.20pm



### St. Brendan's

Tuesday – 11.15am to 12.15pm Thursday – 2.00pm to 3.00pm Saturday – 11.15am to 12.15pm Sunday – 9.15am to 10.15am Week beginning 25th August 2024 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time B



Today again we read from St. John's Gospel Chapter 6. Jesus tells us in no uncertain terms that the Eucharist. the Bread of Life is His Body and Blood, soul and divinity, truly present to us, transformed into food to nourish our souls. If we want to have eternal life, we must live in Him and He in us and to do this He has given us Himself to receive in the living Bread "come down from Heaven." Upon hearing this some of His followers couldn't take it and walked away. Today many people walk away too because they do not have faith and there are many reasons for this as we live in a materialistic and imperfect world: they do not allow themselves to be open to the Holy Spirit and are not willing or want to believe. We all have the spark of faith within us given by God, but we need the

Holy Spirit to set it aflame. Only the Holy Spirit can help us to believe and have faith, to really see that Jesus is the Way the Truth and the Life. For most of us followers our faith is weak; if it were strong we would be flocking to our churches for Holy Mass and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, spending as much time as we could in his wondrous presence. lf we want to get closer to Jesus and have a relationship with Him, we need to spend time with him in prayer, by going to Holy Mass and spending time in Adoration. Jesus tells us "I am the Resurrection and the life, he who believes in me will never die and I will raise him up on the last day." We pray today that we will give Jesus everv opportunity to strengthen us with His graces and blessings for a renewed faith and a new commitment to the Holy Mass and the Eucharist: in the words of Blessed Carlo Acutis who will be made a saint later this year: "The Eucharist is Our Highway to Heaven." \*\*\*\*\*\*

# Intentions for this Weekend

St. Mary's – Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> August @ 11.30am – Intentions – (1) Norma Galvin, Lisnagree – Months mind. (2) Terry Boden, Maharees and Belfast – First Anniversary (3) Eileen Joyce, Cloghanenanode & Sarah Kelly (4) PJ & Nora Butler, Carrigaha.

<u>St. Brendan's</u> – No Vigil Mass this weekend. Vigil Mass will be in Camp Church this Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> August @ 6.15pm.

#### We Pray For

Joe O'Sullivan, Martramane & Ardfert Norma Galvin. Lisnagree Months Mind Sheila Hanway nee Rohan, late of Shauntallive who died in England recently Terry Boden, Maharees & Belfast First Anniversary Eileen Joyce, Cloghanenanode -Anniversary Sarah Kelly, Anniversary PJ & Nora Butler, Carrigaha, Anniversarv Mary O'Donnell, Cloghane & **Dublin - Anniversary** Jim Coughlan & Margaret Coughlan, Cork – Anniversary Aughacasla Jim Horgan, Anniversary Eileen Keane, Aughacasla Anniversary

WEEKDAY MASSES - ST. MARY'S

<u>Monday 26th August @ 7.00pm –</u> <u>Private Intention</u> \*\*\*\*\*\*

<u>Tuesday 27th August @ 10.00am</u> <u>Intention:</u> Sheila Hanway nee Rohan, late of Shauntallive who died in England recently.

<u>Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> August</u> – No Parish Mass

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Friday 30th August @ 7.00pm – Intention: Eileen Keane, Aughacasla, Anniversary

Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> August @ 2.00pm Baptism

Sunday1stSeptember@11.30am-Intention:CaitBrowne, Fahamore, Anniversary

St. Brendan's

Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> August @ 7.00pm <u>No Intention</u>

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Saturday 31st August Vigil Mass @ 6.15pm – Intentions: (1) Jerry & Teresa Greaney, Glen (2) Michael Houlihan, Teer (3) Helen Griffin nee O'Connor, London and Faha.