**Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time 8th September 2024**

**Recent Death:** Marie Karas (nee Dennehy), formally of Ballybeg & Chicago

**Anniversaries & Masses:**

**Saturday 7.30pm Currans** Joan Griffin, Kilfalney

**Sunday 10.00am Currow** Billy O’Shea and deceased members of the O’Shea family,

 Rossanean

**Saturday 7.30pm Currans** Deceased members of the Brosnan family, Inchabee and the

 Kerrisk family, Killeentierna

**Sunday 10.00am Currow** Kathleen, Danny & son Sean (Sonny) O’Sullivan, Dicksgrove and

 Ranalough

**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 are journeying on pilgrimage to Ireland for the very first time, visiting every diocese in the country from September 4th to November 5th this year. This special, once-in-a-lifetime event will provide an opportunity for people of all ages and backgrounds to experience the special gifts and charisms of Lourdes in our diocese. The Relics will be brought to St Brendan’s Church, Tralee on Friday September 13th, and Saturday September 14th.

**FRIDAY PROGRAMME:** 12 noon: Veneration begins, 3pm: Stations of the Cross, 6.30pm: Mass, 8.30pm: Rosary and Veneration concludes.

**SATURDAY PROGRAMME:** 9.30am: Parish Mass, 12 noon: Mass for the sick with the Sacrament of Anointing, 4pm: Rosary, 6.30pm: Vigil Mass, 9.pm: Torchlight procession and Veneration concludes.

**Eucharistic Adoration** in Currow Parish Centre Tuesday from 1pm to 9pm and in Currans Church Thursday from 6-9pm.

**Offertory Collection** last weekend was €1,199.00. The Diocesan Collection for Diocesan Needs takes place this weekend. Envelopes in both churches. Thanks to all. **Donate Button:** To make a payment or donation go to <https://www.dioceseofkerry.ie/parish/killeentierna> and click our donate button.

**Season of Creation 2024 “**Creation is groaning in the pains of childbirth”.

This biblical image pictures the Earth as a Mother, groaning as in childbirth. The times we live in show that we are not relating to the Earth as a gift from our Creator, but rather as a resource to be used. Saint Francis of Assisi understood this when he referred to the Earth as our sister and our mother in his Canticle of Creatures. How can Mother Earth look after us if we do not look after her? Creation is groaning because of our selfishness and the unsustainable actions that harm her.

**Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine**.  The annual Legion of Mary pilgrimage to Knock Shrine takes place on Sunday 29th September. Bus leaves Killarney at 7 a.m. for more information. Contact: Pat Breen.

086 851 0423.

**70th Anniversary** of the Religious Profession of Sister Anna Dennehy, Parknasmuttane & London took place recently. Congratulations to her on this milestone in her life.

**Our Lady of Fatima Statue**: Members of the Legion of Mary will lead the rosary, the Divine Mercy Chaplet, & singing next Friday the 13th at 3 p.m. on Main St, Killarney opposite the Clock. We would love to meet you there.

**Poor Clares Galway, Monastic Experience Day**for women 18-35. An opportunity to explore and experience Poor Clare life and spirituality. The event will take place from **10am to 5pm on Saturday the 21st of September.** Contact: vocations@poorclares.ie to book a place. For more information:

[poorclares.ie/monastic-experience-days](https://poorclares.us17.list-manage.com/track/click?u=1e9ace59ca406953904b45720&id=46470a7ca3&e=5551087504)

**Community Notice**

**Rambling House** at Heritage Centre Scartaglen Monday September 9th at 8pm. Refreshments served; all are welcome.

**Saints of the Week:**

**Monday** St. Ciaran, abbot, early Irish Saint

**Tuesday** St. Peter Claver, priest, born 1580 – 1654

**Thursday** The Holy Name of Mary

St. Ailbe, bishop, early Irish Saint

**Friday** St. John Chrysostom, bishop and doctor of the Church

**Saturday** The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

**The Sacrament of Holy Orders:**

The one priesthood of Christ

Everything that the priesthood of the Old Covenant prefigured finds its fulfilment in Christ Jesus, the "one mediator between God and mankind. The Christian tradition considers Melchizedek, "priest of God Most High," as a prefiguration of the priesthood of Christ, the unique "high priest after the order of Melchizedek" "holy, blameless, unstained," "by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified," that is, by the unique sacrifice of the cross.

The redemptive sacrifice of Christ is unique, accomplished once for all; yet it is made present in the Eucharistic sacrifice of the Church. the same is true of the one priesthood of Christ; it is made present through the ministerial priesthood without diminishing the uniqueness of Christ's priesthood: "Only Christ is the true priest, the others being only his ministers.

 (Catechism of the Catholic Church Para 1544 & 1545)

 **Lord, we exalt Your Holy Cross, upon which You redeemed the world.**