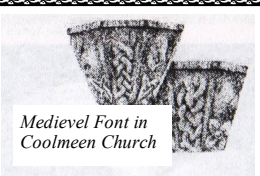


# Cranny/Coolmeen Newsletter

## 27th/28th Feb 2016

### Radharc na nOileán

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**Community Office**  
e-mail: [cranny@eircom.net](mailto:cranny@eircom.net)  
**Opening Hours: 9.30am - 1pm Mon-Fri.**  
**Afternoons 2pm - 5pm on a limited basis.**  
**Contact: 065 68 32070 / 086 8513077**

**Basket Collection:** Feb 13<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup> €414.  
Feb 20<sup>th</sup>/21<sup>st</sup> €507.  
**Mass Cards:** Available from Community Office, Coolmeen and Margaret Haugh.  
**Cranny Alter Society for March:** Birrinfadda/Shessive.

Masses Times	
<i>Cranny -Saturday 7pm Coolmeen -Sunday 9.45am</i>	
<i>Mass Times for this week.</i>	
Monday	No Mass
Tuesday	10am (Kildysart)
Wednesday	10am (Kildysart)
Thursday	7pm (Cranny)
Friday	8pm (Kildysart)

**The Holy Year of Mercy in Our Parishes**  
To help us prepare for Easter to celebrate this Holy Year of Mercy we have invited three speakers to reflect with us on the final three Fridays of Lent:

- Friday, 4<sup>th</sup> March, St Michael's Church, Kildysart. Fr Billy Swan, Enniscorthy, Co Wexford 'Mercy and Joy';
- Friday 11<sup>th</sup> March, St Benedict's Church Coolmeen. Ms Cora Guinnane, Clarecastle 'Hope & Compassion – A story of mercy for our time';
- Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March, St Mary's Church, Cranny - Fr Vincent Sherlock, Kilmovee, Co Mayo 'The splinters that we carry, finding peace in the shadow of Calvary'.

**First Friday:** Next Friday is the First Friday in March. The monthly visits to the sick and housebound will take place on Thursday morning and Mass will be celebrated in St Mary's Church, Cranny that evening at 7pm.

**The Grouped Anniversary Masses for February.**  
**Cranny - Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> Feb at 7pm.** Names to be given to Mary O'Dea, Susan King or written into the book in the Church.  
*Loved ones to be remembered in this Mass*  
John Nihill, Sixmilebridge  
Brid Shannon-Keenan, Maynooth & Cranny.  
Tommy Purtill, Carrowreagh West.  
Deceased members of Purtill family.  
Martin McMahon, Crahera.  
Minnie McMahon, Crahera.  
Nora McMahon, Crahera.  
Maura O'Connor Doyle, Six Crosses & Chicago.  
Martin Lafferty, Miltow Malbay.  
Kitty & Johnny Kennedy, Moyralla.  
Kathleen Keavey, Miltown Malbay.  
The Walsh family Ballydineen.  
Margaret Ryan, Derynidane.  
JJ Donnelly, Cranny.  
Michael Talty, Cragg.  
Jane Crowley, Cragg.  
All the forgotten souls.  
**Coolmeen - Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> Feb at 9.45am.** Names to be given to Margaret Haugh or written in to the book in the Church.  
*Loved ones to be remembered in this Mass*  
Ann & Jack Reidy, Shanahoea.  
Bird McKeown, Kilrush.  
Aggie & PJ Moloney and Brid, Effernan.  
Nora & Joseph Behan, Daughnivee.  
All the forgotten souls.

**Lenten Reflections:** A one-page reflection on each Sunday Gospel called 'Hearing, Happening, Hoping' can be downloaded from the Killaloe Diocesan website [www.killaloediocese.ie/diocesan-news/hearing-happening-hoping-2016](http://www.killaloediocese.ie/diocesan-news/hearing-happening-hoping-2016)

**A Ceremony of Light Celebration:** for our 2016 Confirmation candidates, their parents and families will take place in St Benedict's Church, Coolmeen at 7pm on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March. We pray for the young people in our parish who are preparing to receive the Holy Spirit. Confirmation for the parishes of Kildysart and Coolmeen will be celebrated at 11am on Pentecost Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May in St Michael's Church, Kildysart.

**Pastoral Council:** A joint meeting of the pastoral councils in the three parishes (Kildysart, Cranny-Coolmeen & Lissycasey-Ballynacally) of Radharc na nOileán cluster in the Community Centre, Kildysart on Thursday, 3<sup>rd</sup> March at 8pm. The purpose of the meeting is to plan the future of our parishes.

**Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes:** This year Killaloe Diocese is celebrating 60 years of pilgrimage to Lourdes. The pilgrimage from 26<sup>th</sup> June to 1<sup>st</sup> July flies direct from Shannon costs €687pps full board. Sick/assisted pilgrims can be accommodated at a reduced price of €585. For medical forms for this section please contact Fr Tom Ryan Pilgrimage Director 087-2349816 or 061-364133.

**Five Day Silent Retreat:** 28<sup>th</sup> March to 3<sup>rd</sup> April. 2016. Cost: €380 full board. Theme: "If you but knew the gift of God..." Preached by Fr. Killian Byrne at Esker Retreat Centre, Athenry, Co. Galway. Contact: Helen : 086 1678027, [www.foyerofcharity.ie](http://www.foyerofcharity.ie)

**First Confessions:** for our Cranny & Coolmeen candidates for First Holy Communion will be on Tues 15<sup>th</sup> March at St Benedict's Church, Coolmeen.

**GAA News**

**Coolmeen GAA** invite all members of the parish to become members of the club for 2016. By becoming a member you are supporting all teams who line out in the Black & Amber this year and also qualify to be in draws for all-Ireland tickets in Sep. Membership Fees are as follows; Adult Player €50. College Student €20. Secondary School Student €10. National School Student €5. Non Playing Adults €30.Family Rates available. Closing Date March 31<sup>st</sup>. Please note for insurance purposes, all players at every level, adult and juvenile, must be registered members with the club. Thank you for your continued generous support.

**Coolmeen GAA Mens & Ladies Club** wish to sincerely thank Louise Haugh for the fantastic photos taken at our Victory Social in the West County Hotel on January 16<sup>th</sup> and for her time and patience on the night with all of us. Family and/or team photos are available to order from Louise directly by calling 065 6821666 and are priced at €20 for all 10 x 8 prints or €10 for all 7 x 5 prints for a limited period.

**CÙIL MÌN/KILDYSART G.A.A. LOTTO DRAW**  
Next Draw:Monday 29<sup>th</sup> February  
At: Mitchell's. JACKPOT €3,800  
**LAST WEEK'S WINNING NUMBERS:**  
01 - 12 - 14 - 22.  
€50 Kieran Sheehan Tonlegge  
€30 Martin McMahon Gurtanafrehane  
€30 Deirdre O'Connell Kinlea  
€30 Jennifer O'Neill Labasheeda  
€30 Shane McNelis Blain  
€30 Anna Marie Meaney Cranny  
**Cùil Min GAA Club appreciates your support.**  
**Remember On-line lotto [www.localotto.ie](http://www.localotto.ie)**

**West Clare Mini Marathon Cancer Care Centre:** The West Clare Cancer Centre offers a range of supports, including palliative aids for patients home use, which can be accessed by calling into the Centre. For more info visit our website or facebook page or drop into the Cancer Centre in Corry Lane. Alternatively, call 065-9060762.

**Pilgrimage to Medjugorje:** Departing Shannon Wed 7<sup>th</sup> & Wed 14<sup>th</sup> Sep 2016.€649—€100 deposit secures after 17<sup>th</sup> Feb. Price of €699 applies. Info: James Considine 065 9059328 or 085 738 5385.

**Marie the Chiroprapist** will attend the Senior Citizens club on 9<sup>th</sup> March. To make an appointment you can contact Sheila 087-1862291 or Marie 085-1232723. Appointments are for anyone that would like to avail of his service in the village.

**Lack – School & People:** To coincide with the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the closing of the school in 1975, James Hehir has updated his book, 'Lack – School & People' Due to great demand, the first book sold out very quickly, however, all articles plus info on developments and events in the area since first published, together with additional photographs are featured in this edition. It will be of interest to parishioners and people from Kildysart, Coolmeen/Cranny and beyond and a treasure for Lack people at home and abroad. The historical details will be a valuable asset to students of history as it portrays an authentic picture of the lives and survival of one small community in the heart of West Clare since the 1950's. A limited number of copies are available at €15. To obtain one, call Patricia on 087 2949469 or 065 6832006.

**ICA:** meeting Wed 2<sup>nd</sup> March at Coolmeen NS at 8.30pm.

**Trócaire Lenten Campaign 2016:** '...but no one who drinks the water I shall give will ever be thirsty again...' John 4:14. Millions of farmers in Kenya suffer from a lack of rain due to the effects of climate change. Trócaire is installing irrigation systems and piping in drinking water to ensure farmers can grow enough to feed their families and there is clean water to drink without having to rely on the rain. Join the fight for justice at [www.trocaire.org](http://www.trocaire.org)



**Sunday March 20<sup>th</sup> 2016**

*Proceeds to The Mater Hospital  
With Gerry McNerney, Coolmeen.*

**Starts & Finishes at Griffins Bar. Refreshments served.  
Entertainment with "The Fake McCoys"**  
**All Other Vehicles Welcome. Line Up at 12 noon.**  
**Info: Aidan Kelly 086 3935249, Joe Kelly 086 2675094  
or Francis King 086 8238099**