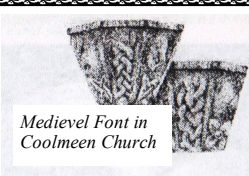


Cranny/Coolmeen Newsletter

5th/6th March 2016

Radharc na nOileán

Fr. Albert McDonnell : 065 6832155 or 085 7811823 www.kilfidaneparish.com - Twitter@CoolmeenCranny Email: a.mcdonnell@killaloediocese.ie



Community Office
e-mail: 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 28th/29th €582.
Mass Cards: Available from Community Office, Coolmeen and Margaret Haugh.
Cranny Alter Society for March: Birrinfadda/Shessive.

Masses Times	
Cranny -Saturday 7pm Coolmeen -Sunday 9.45am	
Mass Times for this week.	
Monday	No Mass
Tuesday	9.30am (Cranny)
Wednesday	10am (Kildysart)
Thursday	10am (Kildysart)
Friday	10am (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 11th March, 7pm St Benedict's Church Coolmeen. Ms Cora Guinnane, Clarecastle 'Hope & Compassion – A story of mercy for our time';**
- **Friday 18th March, 7pm St Mary's Church, Cranny— Fr Vincent Sherlock, Kilmovee, Co Mayo 'The splinters that we carry, finding peace in the shadow of Calvary'.**

Trócaire Lenten Campaign 2016: "...whoever honours a mother is like someone amassing a fortune..." *Ecclesiasticus/Sirach 3:4*. On this Mothering Sunday we remember mothers in the developing world who struggle, through no fault of their own, to care for their children. Mothers like Teresina Karimi in Kenya who skips meals so her children can eat. We pray that with Trócaire's support Teresina will be able to look forward to a brighter future. Find out more at www.trocaire.org.

The Grouped Anniversary Masses for March.
Cranny - Saturday 26th March at 7pm. Names to be given to Mary O'Dea, Susan King or written into the book in the Church.
Coolmeen - Sunday 27th March at 9.45am. Names to be given to Margaret Haugh or written in to the book in the Church.

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

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock: Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock this year will take place on Sunday 3rd July, sharing with Ferns as we have in previous years. This year Killaloe diocese will lead the ceremonies.

St Senan: Tues 8th March is the feast of St Senan, patron of West Clare. He was born in Moylough near Kilrush and studied at the monastery of St Natalis in Ossory. He established a church at Enniscorthy. The Book of Lismore states that Senan went to Rome and Tours. Returning to Ireland, Senan established a church and monastery at Inniscarra, in Cork. He then moved back to Clare and began his work on the islands and finally, about 534, he established himself at Scatterry where he is buried.

Consultation on Education: The National Council of Curriculum and Assessment invite submissions on the teaching of ethics in schools. Written proposals may be sent to *ERB and Ethics Consultation, National Council of Curriculum and Assessment, 35 Fitzwilliam Square, Dublin 2* or emailed to info@ncca.ie or www.ncca.ie/consultation.erbe. The closing date is 31st March, 2016. Catholic schools currently make provision for inter-religious and inter-cultural learning and awareness in terms of their policies, ethos, leadership, the programme in religious education and across other curricular areas. This commitment to inter-religious and inter-cultural dialogue is clearly outlined in the new religious Education Curriculum for Ireland and in the Veritas programme Grow in Love.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes: This year Killaloe Diocese is celebrating 60 years of pilgrimage to Lourdes. The pilgrimage from 26th June to 1st 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: 28th March to 3rd 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

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

A ***Tidy Towns*** information evening will take place on Tuesday, 8th March from 5.30pm to 7.30pm in the offices of Clare County Council. Please confirm your attendance to Ailish McMahon on (065) 6846476 or email aimcmahon@clarecoco.ie

GAA News

Coolmeen GAA would like to thank the ***Clondrina Wren Boys*** for their generous donation to the Players Injury Fund. The support is greatly appreciated. Thank you.

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 31st. 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 16th 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 7th March. At: Tír na n-Óg
 JACKPOT €4,000
 LAST WEEK'S WINNING NUMBERS:01 - 05 - 21 - 28.
 €50 Sinead O'Connell Clondrina
 €30 Mikey Finn Kildysart
 €30 Theresa Tighe Ballynacally
 €30 John Kennedy Effernan
 €30 Mary Browne Crossderry
 €30 Eileen Casey Labasheeda
Cùil Mìn GAA Club appreciates your support.
Remember On-line lotto 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.

Marie the Chiropodist will attend the Senior Citizens club on 9th 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 this service in the village.

Kildysart Drama Society: present Martin McDonagh's classic, "The Cripple of Inishmaan" in the Community Centre, Kildysart on Saturday March 12th and Sunday March 13th. Doors open at 7.45.m. and Curtain goes up at 8.30 p.m. sharp. A great nights entertainment is guaranteed!

Coolmeen Tidy Towns Committee: would like to thank the Clondrina Wren Boys for their generous donation. This money will go towards the cost of summer bedding plants and the cost of the maintenance of the picnic area and the flower pots.

Coolmeen National School - Proclamation Day - 15th March 2016. We will be raising our Tri-Colour at 11am on Tuesday 15th March 2016. Our school is fortunate to have a direct link with the Easter Rising in that Martin Lynch, Daughnivee, Coolmeen (a past pupil and son of a former principal in the school), took part in the rising in the G.P.O in 1916. His family are presenting Coolmeen National School with a plaque in his honour. We would like to offer an open invitation to all members of our community to join us from 11am on the morning of 15th March. Everybody welcome.

Little Pals Montessori Pre School , Kilmurphy McMahon: Registrations are now being taken for Sept 2016 and Sept 2017.Contact Pauline at: 086 8103801.

Unislim: continues at Kildysart Community each Thurs from 7pm to 8pm. Contact Miriam 087 9854610.



Sunday March 20th 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**