

Please pray for the following for whom Mass will be offered during the coming week:

Sat 7<sup>th</sup> 7.30p.m. (Vigil) Patrick Hession, Gortadooley.  
Pat O'Connell, Cregboy (1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary).

Sun 8<sup>th</sup> 9.00a.m. John Paul Kearney, Knockdoe.  
11.00a.m. Christina Flaherty, Carnmore West (1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary).

Mon 9<sup>th</sup> 9.30a.m. Kathleen & Michael Kenny, Carnmore.

Tues 10<sup>th</sup> 9.30a.m. Paraic Hynes, Carnmore.

Wed 11<sup>th</sup> 9.30a.m. No Intention.

Thurs 12<sup>th</sup> 7.30p.m. Nora, John & Thomas Murphy, Ballymurphy  
& deceased members of the Duggan & Cahalan families.

Fri 13<sup>th</sup> 9.30a.m. The people of the Parish.

Sat 14<sup>th</sup> 9.30a.m. Malachy Keaveney.  
7.30p.m. (Vigil) Mary Mannion, Lydican.  
Vincent Feerick.  
John & Katie Fox and deceased members of the Fox family,  
Ballincregg.  
Andy & May McDonagh, Gortatlewa.  
Paddy & Rita Walsh, Carnmore Road.

Sun 15<sup>th</sup> 9.00a.m. Denise Gallagher, Loughgeorge.  
11.00a.m. Tommy Nolan, Loughgeorge (1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary).



**Volunteers**  
We always require volunteers for various Church Ministries - Ministers of Holy Communion, Church Cleaning, Stewards etc. Please contact the Teresa at the parish office. All help appreciated.



**ALTAR SOCIETY (GROUP B)**

Monthly calls to the sick of the parish will take place on Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> October after 10am for the normal First Friday calls and Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup> October for the monthly Thursday calls. If unavailable please contact Teresa at the parish office.

**St. James's Choir.** Practice Monday nights at 8.00p.m. in the Church.  
**Folk Choir.** Practice on Wednesday nights at 8.00p.m. in the Church.  
If you are interested in joining any of the choirs, call in on any of the nights or contact the parish office.



**The Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will take place in the Church** every Wednesday from **10.00a.m. until 7.00p.m.** Rosary at 2.00p.m. for families. Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3.00p.m. Rosary at 5.00p.m. for Priests. Rosary at 6.00p.m. for the unborn. **At least 2 people should be present at all times during the Exposition.** Please sign in & out. If unavailable contact Anne at 0872950896



**Cenacle of Marian Movement of Priests.**  
Every Thursday at 10.30a.m. in Cairdeas. All are welcome to attend.



**Holy Hour with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament for Vocations** to the Priesthood & Religious life will take place Thursday evenings from 6.00pm ending with the Rosary in the Church.



**Offertory Collection last weekend was €1,990. Thank you** for your continuous help in the upkeep, maintenance & renovation of the church buildings & grounds. **Thanks too for your Autumn Dues Contributions.** If you would like to be included in the parish listings, please contact the parish office.

**Creideamh agus Spraioi.** Children's Liturgy for school-going children aged approximately 4 to 7 years at the 11 o'clock Mass every Sunday. The children's artwork can be viewed on the facebook page.



**Growing Together in Faith** **Claregalway Youth Mass.** Mass will take place Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30p.m. If you are interested in taking part in any of the Youth Masses, please contact 0879966445 or the parish office. Youth Masses are aimed towards secondary school students and those who are in their final year in primary schools.

**Apostolic Workers Association.** Annual Bring & Buy Cake & Goods sale & Display of items made for the missions will be held in Cairdeas Meeting Room this Saturday, October 7<sup>th</sup> after 7.30p.m. Mass and Sunday after the 11.00a.m. Mass. Please support this very worth cause and your help is very much appreciated.

**Month's Minds & all Anniversary Masses.**  
If families of the deceased would like to take part in any of the Mass e.g. Readings, Prayers of Faithful, Offertory procession, you are more than welcome to do so. Please contact the parish office a week before the Mass.

**Sacrament of First Holy Communion 2018**  
Reminder to the parents/guardians of children who are preparing for the Sacrament of First Holy Communion that a short meeting will take place in the Church on Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30pm. Please bring consent form & baptismal certificate on the night.

**Ministers of Holy Communion**  
A new date for training of new Ministers of Holy Communion will take place on Thursday, 26<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30pm. in the pastoral centre, Newtownsmith, Galway. If you are interested in attending, please contact Teresa at the parish office.



**Rotas 2017-2018 for the various ministries in the Church** are available in the Sacristy this weekend or from the parish office during the week. It is not always possible that you may get your preferred month but every effort was made to accommodate your preference. If you are unavailable for a particular month, please ask a person from your rota to cover that particular day for you. Thank you for your commitment.

**Week three extract from Amoris Laetitia/The Joy of Love.**  
"The weakening of faith and religious practice in some societies has an effect on families, leaving them more isolated amid their difficulties. The Synod Fathers noted that "one symptom of great poverty of contemporary culture is loneliness, arising from the absence of God in a person's life and the fragility of relationships". **Chapter 2 p.43**

**Rosary at the Grotto** every evening for the month of October at 7.30pm. Except for Thursday evenings it will be said in the Church before the 7.30pm. Mass. All are welcome to come and join in the rosary .



**Propagation of the Faith Collection 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> October.** Proceeds from this collection are forwarded to the Propagation of the Faith to be used in Missionary Countries. The aim of the Pontifical Society for the Propagation of the Faith is to stimulate interest in Missions at every level, to promote & to encourage spiritual and material aid especially for Missions in greater need. The society helps support 135,000 foreign missionaries as well as over 13,000 local Priests, Sisters & Catechists. Your support as always would be very much appreciated.

**Disabled Drivers Association.** Church Gate Collection this weekend. Your support would be most appreciated.

**Church Gate Collections.** As per permit granted by An Garda Síochana, Church gate collections are to be held outside Church gates and not in Church grounds. **Please do not obstruct entrances to church.** Thank you for your co-operation.

**Claregalway/Carnmore Senior Citizens** Cards & Bingo every Monday at 8.00p.m. in Cairdeas. New members are always welcome.

**Claregalway/Carnmore Active Retirement** meeting every Friday at 10.30am in Cairdeas. If you have recently retired call in and meet the group.

**A Life in the Spirit Seminar** will be held in the Abbey Hall, Newtownsmith, Galway, starting on Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> October, at 8pm, for 8 consecutive weeks until 29<sup>th</sup> November. This is being organised by the Secular Franciscan Order, and all are welcome to attend. Among the speakers, Marie Beirne, former national chairperson of Charismatic renewal in Ireland, Dr. Jessie Rogers and Mr Pat Cregg. Please bring a Bible with you. Enquiries to Franciscan Abbey Galway 091 562518.

**Compántas Lir** Presents "The Autumn Theatre" on October, 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> 20<sup>th</sup>. In Carnmore Community Centre. Doors at 7.30pm. Tickets 0851154715 or email [compantaslir@gmail.com](mailto:compantaslir@gmail.com).

**Women & girls with ADHD.** Seminar October 16<sup>th</sup> 2017 in Silver Springs Hotel Athlone  
Keynote Speaker: Dr. Laura Muggli "Links with ADHD and Eating Disorders"  
Dr. Pdraig MacNeela: Dr. Ryan O'Neill Dr. Michael Keane: Ms Heather Blackmore  
Information and bookings email [info@incadds.ie](mailto:info@incadds.ie) Ph.091755090.

**Have you had a cardiac event?** Do you want to improve your lifestyle and overall health? Then we have the programme for you, call us here at Croi on (091) 544310.

**The Galway Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes Annual Social** will be held in Salthill Hotel, Galway on Saturday October 21<sup>st</sup> at 8.30pm. Tickets are available from Committee Members and from Fr. Martin Moran Killannin, Rosscahill, Co. Galway. 091-550106

**New Autumn Courses.** Croi Nua Spirituality Centre, Galway  
[www.croinua.com](http://www.croinua.com) (091) 520960. Email [croinuacentre@gmail.com](mailto:croinuacentre@gmail.com). Mobile [0872980564](tel:0872980564)

**Easter Pilgrimage 28<sup>th</sup> March to 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2018 to Fatima in Portugal** for 6 days ex Dublin, Led by Fr. Kevin O'Boyle. Also included is Mass in Saint Anthony's Church in Lisbon where Saint Anthony was born. Station of the Cross and mass in Fatima. For Brochure contact James 0860572216 or 061921470 after 9pm

**Notices for newsletter.** Please email or hand in notice to parish office before Wednesday at 5p.m. to be included in the Sunday newsletter. Notices for newsletter are not for profit or political gain. Notices should be short as there is not always enough space. **Church notices will always take first preference.**

**Claregalway Parish Facebook.** 1154 likes. Thanks to all of you who have liked the page. Newsletter is now available on facebook.

**The Assumption & St James Church** is committed to the Safeguarding of children and young people in the parish. Names of parish representatives on church noticeboard.

**Church of The Assumption & St James**  
**Lakeview, Claregalway, Co. Galway**  
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**Sunday Masses:** Saturday: 7.30 p.m.  
Sunday: 9 a.m. & 11 a.m.

**Weekdays:** Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday & Saturday: 9.30 a.m.  
Thursday 7.30 p.m.  
Additional Mass first Friday at 7.30 p.m.

**Holy Days:** 7.30 p.m. (Vigil) & 11a.m.

**Confessions:** 6.45 p.m. - 7.15 p.m. 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of each month and on request.

**Baptisms:** 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month at 12.00 p.m.  
3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month at 4.00 p.m.

**Baptismal preparation meeting:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of every month at 7.30p.m.

**Fr. Ian O'Neill P.P. Tel: 091-798104**

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**Radio Mass.** FM 106.4

**Facebook:** [claregalwayparish.](https://www.facebook.com/claregalwayparish)



**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2017 (27<sup>th</sup> Sunday in ordinary time).**

Today's Gospel follows directly after last Sunday's Gospel in which Jesus was questioned by Jewish religious leaders about the source of his teaching authority. After refusing to answer their questions, Jesus tells the parable of the two sons and then criticizes the priests and elders for their lack of belief in John the Baptist. Jesus once again speaks to the priests and elders with a parable. In this parable, the landowner leases his vineyard to tenants and sends his servants to collect the portion of the harvest that the tenants owe to him. Several times the servants are sent to collect payment, and each time they are beaten and killed by the tenants. Finally, the landowner sends his son to collect his rent. The tenants, believing that they will inherit the vineyard if the landowner dies without an heir, plot together and kill the landowner's son.

After telling the parable, Jesus questions the chief priests and elders about what the landowner will do to the wicked tenants. They all agree that the landowner will kill the wicked tenants and give the land to new tenants who will pay the rent. In telling the parable, Jesus is clearly drawing upon Isaiah 5:1-7, which is today's first reading and one that the priests and elders would have known well. Jesus doesn't, therefore, have to explain the symbolism of the parable; the Pharisees would have understood that the vineyard represented Israel, the landowner represented God, the servants represented the prophets, and the bad tenants represented the religious leaders. Yet Jesus nonetheless explains the meaning of the parable for his audience: the Kingdom of God will be taken from the unbelieving and given to the faithful. The chief priests and elders have condemned themselves with their answer to Jesus' question. Today's Gospel has a parallel in Mark 12:1-12. There are some notable differences, however. In Matthew's version, the religious leaders condemn themselves; in Mark's Gospel, Jesus answers his own question. Matthew names the religious leaders as Pharisees and chief priests. Clearly this Gospel shows the tension that was mounting between Jesus and the Jewish religious leaders who thought that his message was dangerous. Matthew's Gospel was written about 70 years after Jesus' death and reflects the conflicts and tensions found in the Christian community for whom Matthew was writing. Many biblical scholars believe that the tension between Matthew's community and their Jewish neighbours can also be heard in today's reading.