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Your prayers please: list to 27 Apr. by date List of anniversaries, past 20 years, since '05. **Pope Francis**, Jorge Mario Bergoglio, who died on Mon. 21 Apr.

Kitty Lavin née Lane 89, Mullen, Frenchpark, Thurs. 1 May (motor accident); son Gerry is married to Yvonne, sister of Emmet Cooney. Mary Christie, who died in N.Y.; First Anniv. sister of the late Tommy Scanlon of Taverane. Jimmy Hannon, of Greyfield & Sallins, 4.5.'20 Patrick McPartland, Drumshanbo, 4.5.'19 father of Martina McGrath, Killaraght.

Tommy Casey, Dooballa, 4.5.'13

Mary Cawley, Carn, 4.5.'12

Madge Taheny née Flynn, Mullaghroe, 5.5.'23 Nicholas Feehan, of The Brown Trout,

Mahanagh & Boyle. 6.5.'23

Paddy Redican, of Townaghmore, who died in Sydney; brother of the late Francis, 10.5.'23 & Margaret Davey, Killavil.

Jimmy Hannon, of Greyfield & Sallins. 4.5.'20 William Liam O'Gara, of Drumlistna, 7.5.'21 resident at Cloonamahon.

Tommy Drury of Mullaghroe & Wales. 7.5.'20 Brendan O'Connor, Cloonsilla. 7.5.'18

Anita (McDonagh) Taylor, Killavil, 7.5.'10

Tommy Mulhern, of Ardlona & Boyle; First Anniv. 8 May.

Bridie Melody of Foxford & Gurteen, 8.5.'20 James Dowd, Gurteen Cross, 8.5.'14

Padraig Leyden, of Cuilmore, 8.5.'10

Sean Brennan, Cliffoney, 9.5.'19,

brother of Margaret McDermott, Tivanagh.

Rev. Bro. Joachim Seamus Connolly, 9.5.'18

Kathleen Mullooley, Lisselough, 9.5.'12

Sr. Attracta Kilcawley, of Harristown, 10.5.'19 & Mercy Convent, Ballymote; sister of the late Bernadette McDonagh, Killavil.

Canon Christy McLoughlin, 11.5.'19,

retired P.P. of Tourlestrane.

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Third Sunday of Easter

All Masses in Gurteen, Sundays & weekdays, are online at www.churchtv.ie/gurteen & also on radio 106.5 FM The latest Newsletter is also available on www.churchtv.ie/gurteen on **Gurteen Parish Facebook & Instagram**

St. Patrick's Church, Gurteen.

Sun. 11.30 Madge Taheny, 5.5.'23 husb. Seán, son Shane, d. in law Letitia & Joe McKeon.

Brendan O'Connor 7.5.'18 - Durrow & decd. of the O'Connor & Finn families.

Mon. **10.30** Nora Sherlock, who died 25 Mar., Month's Mind, husb. Jimmy 20.3.'11, & decd. of the Gray & Sherlock families.

Tues. 10.00 Bro. Joachim Seamus Connolly, brother Bro. Thomas 5 Feb. \9.5.'18, parents Bridget & James, sister Mary, & decd. of the Connolly & Conroy families.

Wed. & Thurs. 10.00 Mass. Fri. 7.00 No Mass.

Sat. 10.30 Paul Gaffney, First Anniv. 20 May.

Sun. 11.30 Joe McDonagh, Moydoo, 13.5.'23

Bridie Melody, of Foxford, 8.5.'20

Adoration of Holy Eucharist, Wed. 7 - 8pm

St. Joseph's Church, Cloonloo.

Sat. 7.00 For Pope Francis, died Mon. 21 Apr.

Sat. 7.00 Decd. of the Kelly family, Cornacarta.

St. Attracta's Church, Killaraght.

Sun. 9.30 For the Community, Living & Decd.

Fri. 10.00 No Mass, painting of church inside.

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Killaraght New Cemetery - annual Mass on Sun. 1 June at 9.30am - Feast of the Ascension.

St. Attracta's Church, Killaraght will celebrate its 150 Anniv. later this year. Painting of the church inside started last Tues. Until finished, there will not be Mass on Friday mornings.

Confirmation Bishop Kevin Doran will give the Sacrament next Sat. Ballaghaderreen 11am.

Best wishes to 6 former pupils of Mullaghroe now, Monasteraden Orla Molloy, Ryan O'Gara, Jennie Coyle, Conan O'Gara, Gavin Flannery, John O'Grady. Also, in Bunnanadden at 3pm.

Blood Donation Clinic - Thurs. 8 May,

at St. Nathy's College, from 4pm to 8pm.

Easter Collection for the Priest's Support at this time, the purple envelope or, if using any other please put your name on envelope. Thank you for envelopes received & for your faithfulness by weekly envelopes to the church.

Trocaire Lenten Campaign to Guatemala, food crops badly affected by climate change, causes poverty. Thank you for boxes/ envelopes given in, it shows your solidarity for climate justice. For these families it's not just a box, a lifeline! Trocaire is also giving help to victims of the earthquake in Myanmar. www.trocaire.org

Book of Condolences for Pope Francis RIP on www.catholicbishops.ie website of the Irish bishops is still open. There, too, below 'Media Statements' Bishop Dempsey remembers Pope Francis as 'A Pilgrim of Hope'.

Lough Derg One Day Retreats - Mon. 5 May, Sun. 11th, Tues. 13th, Sat. 17th, Sat. 24th, Mon. 26th. Also, from Tues. 19 Aug. & in Sept. Quiet days - Sat. 10 May & Fri. 12 Sept. Three day pilgrimages begin Fri. 30 May. until Fri. 15 Aug. Residential Retreats - Fri. 16th to Mon. 19 May; & Thurs. 10th to Sun. 13 July. See www.loughderg.org & to book online. Booking essential, & to 071-9861518.

Achonry & Elphin dioceses' 3-day pilgrimage to Lough Derg Fri. 13th to Sun. 15 June. Contact Justin Harkin 087-6171526

See also on www.achonrydiocese.org/lough-derg

Expressions of Interest - invited for Little Scholars Breakfast & Afterschool Club.

How to Register: click the link below & the committee will be in touch. <https://forms.gle/XVUVyr4DZsurRnDSA> For more information, feel free to contact us through our Facebook page or via email gurteenchildcarecommittee@gmail.com

Shaskeen in concert, Coleman Music Centre, Sat., 10 May at 8pm. Tickets €20. 071-9182599 or www.colemanirishmusic.com

Lotto Gurteen Celtic 5, 19, 24, 28. Not won. €50 to Ethna Sharkey. J'pot €2,800, Mon. 5th - Dapper.

Eastern Harps 50/50 draw last Mon. 28 Apr. Jackpot €565 to Adrian Brehony, Ballinafad.

Bingo each Fri. at 8pm, in the Parish Hall. Jackpot €2,600 in 47 calls. Lotto Jackpot €600.

Vocation Good Shepherd **Sunday** next Sunday Day of prayer for Vocations. "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send labourers into his harvest" (Mt. 9:38; Lk. 10:2). In Feb., Pope Francis made a short video telling of his own vocation <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Yi6QluCX2DA> & www.catholicbishops.ie **Vocation Sunday Collection** next Sunday.

The Conclave It will take at least 89 cardinals to elect Pope Francis' successor, the 267th Bishop of Rome. That's the two-thirds supermajority of the 133 men who will enter the Sistine Chapel on Wed. 7 May for the largest conclave in history. Two cardinal-electors absent due to illness. In the morning, they will join with the entire College of Cardinals (including those over the age of 80 who cannot vote) for a Eucharistic liturgy in St. Peter's Basilica. In 10 consistories over the course of his 12-year-long pontificate, Pope Francis appointed just over 80% of the 133 men who will choose his successor. But during those 12 years, he called the entire College of Cardinals together for only two meetings -- one in 2014 during his first consistory and one in 2022. Since that last gathering, another 37 more cardinals have been added to the body of electors.

Birth Congratulations to Stacey (Farrell) & Justin Murray for baby Ruairí James, born 18 April; a sister to Erin & Jane, their home at Moydoo.

Gurteen Church is open until dusk. Many pass by when going for evening walk. Suggestion to come in, light a candle, sit a while in the quiet space. Reflect, pray.

Killaraght Hall great progress with perimeter walls built. Tiling, flooring & painting inside to begin soon. The roadside wall is being prepared for gate & railings, from John Keville.

Killaraght school photo late 1800's - early 1900's posted on Gurteen Parish Facebook.

Can you help identify any of the faces?

Bus to March for Life, Dublin, Mon. 5 May, meeting point: St. Stephen's Green. To draw attention to rapidly increasing abortion rates in Ireland, & call for support for pregnant women & their babies. To book a seat, bus travelling from Roscommon, Westmeath, Offaly, contact Siobhan 087-993 5055. www.marchforlife.ie **www.messenger.ie** read 3 free articles, May issue.

Thank you for envelopes & donations to the Basket Collection for the Holy Places on Good Friday - support to Christian parishes in dire need due to war - no pilgrims, hotels closed. Donations still to come are most welcome.

The celebration of Easter is prolonged throughout the Easter season. The 50 days from Easter Sunday to Pentecost Sunday are celebrated as one feast day, 'the great Sunday'. This sacred period concludes with Pentecost Sunday when the gift of the Holy Spirit to the apostles, the beginnings of the Church, and the start of its mission to all tongues and peoples and nations are commemorated.

Stations of the Cross - in each church the Lough Derg booklet that you might use for the Stations.

ICatholic Videos - a series of short 10 minute videos available on website of Elphin Diocese www.elphindiocese.ie See tribute by Bishop Paul Dempsey, also 'Becoming Pope Francis'.

Lourdes, Elphin & Achonry Diocesan Pilgrimage, leader Bishop Kevin Doran, Fri. 29 Aug. to Thurs. 4 Sept., ex Knock Airport. 5 nights, full board. Prices from €969- (single supplement applies). All bookings to be made through Joe Walsh Tours: 01-2410800 or info@joewalshstours.ie. No booking is definite until a non-refundable deposit of €350 per person (plus insurance premium if applicable) is paid. Balance due 12 weeks before departure. Pilgrims, who wish to travel with the Special Assisted Section, should apply to Fr. Ray Milton, Parochial House, Lecarrow, Co. Roscommon, F42 P840. (090) 6661115.

Closing date for applications is Mon. 16 June.

Postponed due to funeral of Pope Francis - The 10th anniv. of Pope Francis' encyclical *Laudato Si': On Care for Our Common Home* will be marked at Knock Shrine with a special event titled 'Raising Hope for Our Common Home' on Sat. 26 Apr., 10am to 4pm, in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel, a rich programme of dialogue, reflection, & discussion, featuring 3 special guests. www.knockshrine.ie Tkts €15 Contact Nicola Mitchell 094-93 88100 ext 408

First Holy Communion for 13 of Carn pupils, Sligo. 18 May, at 11.30; & 2 of Cloonloo pupils on Sat. 17 May, at 11am.

Accord Marriage Preparation No courses in Sligo July & Aug. Places available Sept., Oct. & Nov. Courses in Castlebar in Sept. & Oct. Advisable to book well ahead. www.accord.ie

Swimming Pool, B'derreen Splash Swim School will take over running of the pool, re-opened last Mon. 28 Apr. 089-4965795 www.swimphony.net