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Your prayers please: list to 18 Feb. by date. List of anniversaries, past 20 years, since '04.

Fr. John McKeon, of Boyle & Diocese of Brentwood (Essex), who died 17 Jan., uncle to Liz Flannagan, Lismerane. Ordained in 1962 with Fr Kieran Dodd, of Boyle. Preceded by brothers Pat & Owen. Sympathy to sisters Kathleen, Maureen, Bridie in Boyle, brothers Frank, Michael, Tom (Liz), & their families. Repose at his brother Tom's home, Fri. 5-7pm. Funeral Mass Boyle Church, on Sat. at 11am.

Anniversaries - grouped by date of the month: John William, Doon Rock, First Anniv. 12 Feb. Patrick Canacott, of Kilfree & Illford,

First Anniv. 13 Feb.

Martha Johnson Serra, 11.2.'17

of Gurteen & Portugal.

Mary Gilbride née Pallas, Gurteen & Skerries.

12.2.'22

Elaine Quinn, Ross, Castlebar, sister-in-law of Michael Quinn, Seefin. 12.2.'22

Joe Flanagan of Cuilmore & Chorley, brother of the late Thomas & Beatie Keane, 12.2.'20 Peter Kelly of Castleknock, son of the late Matt Boland's sister Breege, cousin of Keith 12.2.'20

Babs Maggie Anne Evans, Rochdale, sister of Martin Joseph O'Grady, the Forge 12.2.'14 Brendan O'Dowd, Rathmadder, 13.2.'22

Bridget Meehan nee Rock, Elphin/ Croghan, sister of Myra McCoy. 13.2.'16

Batty Wynne, Killaturley, Swinford, brother of Martin, Derryknockeran, 13.2.'16. Micheál Kelly, Cloonloo, 14.2.'21

Margaret McGovern, of Ballinaglera & Glan-gevin, mother of John McGovern, 18.2.'21. Margaret Rosaleen Callery, Knockarush, Boyle,

sister of Anna Dwyer, 14.2.'21.

Anne Marie Massaro, Pennsylvania, 15.2.'21, daughter of Cloonloo native - the late Thomas McCoy & wife Helen. John Sherlock, Doon & Manchester, 16.2.'17

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Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

St. Patrick's Church, Gurteen.

Sun. 11.30 John William, Doon Rock.

First Anniv. 11 Feb.

Mon. 10.00 Mass.

Tues. 10.00 Mass.

Ash Wednesday - 14 Feb.

Wed. 7.40 Bless Ashes, Holy Communion.

9.30 Confessions.

Wed. 10.00 Mass, & giving of blessed ashes.

Thurs. 10.00 Mass. Fri. 7.00 No Mass.

Sat. 10.00 Owen Carr, 17.2.'18.

Sun. 11.30 Patrick J. Convey, Kilfree 20.2.'18; reqt. wife Patricia, son Pat, Washington.

Lily O'Grady 22.2.'16, husb. Martin, & son Eamon.

Adoration of Holy Eucharist on Wed. 7 - 8pm.

St. Joseph's Church, Cloonloo.

Sat. 7.00 Evelyn Ganley 12.2.'00, husb. Tom & decd. of the Toolan families. \15.3.'96

Wed. 8.00 Mass for Ash Wednesday.

Sat. 7.00 For the Community, Living & Decd.

St. Attracta's Church, Killaraght.

Sun. 9.30 For the Community, Living & Decd.

Wed. 7.00 Mass for Ash Wednesday.

Confessions before, at 6.30pm.

Fri. 10.00 Mass.

Sun. 9.30 Mass.

Medjugorje Pilgrimage Wed. 9 -16 Oct., direct Knock to Mostar - Medjugorje. Accompanied by Fr. Frank O'Grady & Fr. Michael Ifiora. €855 sharing. Info - Yvonne Igoe 087-4170959

First Confessions - Thurs. 14 Mar. at 7pm.

First Communion Gurteen only, Sun. 12 May.

Owen Carr, Killavil, 17.2.'18

James Keane, of Ragwood & Chorley, 17.2.'18 brother of Kathleen Casey & the late Mick.

Paddy McDonagh, Ballinalack, 17.2.'14

Joe McDermott, Cashel, Cloonloo, 18.2.'04

Ash Wednesday 14 Feb. - start of the Springtime season of Lent. The sign of ashes will be given 2 times in Gurteen, early morning at 7.40am at a Communion Service (20 mins.),

& later at 10am Mass. Evening Masses - in Killaraght at 7pm, & in Cloonloo at 8pm. Ashes can be brought to people at home.

Feastdays - Sixth Week in Ordinary Time
Sun. readings - Cycle B - St. Mark's Gospel.
Sun. 11th Not celebrated this year, being Sunday, Our Lady of Lourdes. This date 1858 the first appearance to Bernadette Soubirous, age 14, who later learned 'I am the Immaculate Conception'. Since 1992 this day - **World Day of the Sick.**

Ash Wed. - 14 Feb. Day of fast, abstinence.
Sat. 17th St. Fintan, Clonenagh, Co Laois. D. 603.

Trocaire Lenten Boxes please take home one of the envelope packs with box inside & info on this year's campaign. Please read about Malita & her 4 children, Malawi much poverty, extremes of flooding, drought. Fetching water a daily struggle, vulnerable to climate change. Your Lenten donation, of any size, now means more families like hers can eat, children can stay in school, lasting livelihoods can be built. Please assemble box & place it in living room.

Day of Prayer for Survivors & Victims of Abuse, on Fri. 16 Feb. Candles are lit in churches across the country - a reminder of the need for atonement & to symbolise repentance.

Gurteen Tidy Towns - meeting in Gurteen Hall, on Mon. 12 Feb., at 9pm. We encourage new members to join our group.

Gurteen Active Age Retirement Group resume meetings on Mon. 12 Feb. at 2pm, in Coleman Centre. New Members mosr welcome.

Text Alert renewal of subscription is requested & new subscribers welcome. No collection was held in 2 years. Please put your name & mobile number on outside of envelope, with €5 inside. It may be given into Centra & O'Grady's Shop.

Eastern Harps 50/50 draw Mon. 5 Feb. €766 won by Jordan Quinn, Aghanagh.

Gurteen Celtic Lotto 2, 16, 22, 23. €50 Renee Wilson, Moydoo. €7,800, Mon. 12th - Mr D's

Bingo Fri. at 8pm. J'pot €3,700 in 49 calls. Lotto Raffle Jackpot €350. Also, 50/50 split.

Engaged & Married Couples with significant anniversaries - Celebration liturgy to be led by Bishop Paul Dempsey, in the Cathedral on Sun. 18 Feb. at 4pm. A blessing of engaged couples & couples who married last year, 10th., 20th., Silver, 30th., 40th., 50th., 60th. All welcome. Refreshments, after, in St. Nathy's College.

ACCORD Pre Marriage Course:

Fri. eve 1st & Sat. 2 Mar. Group programme, delivered in person, at The Ellison Hotel, Castlebar. To book - www.accord.ie

ACCORD Catholic Marriage Care is currently recruiting volunteers to train as marriage preparation programme facilitators. Have a positive attitude towards marriage in the Catholic Church? Have enthusiasm to be part of the Accord team in supporting couples preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage? Successful applicants will receive professional training, be part of a team delivering marriage preparation programmes locally. Contact Aisling on 01-5053112 or www.accord.ie

ACCORD, Ballaghaderreen, offers marriage & relationship counselling in a secure setting, facilitating couples & individuals to explore, reflect upon & work to resolve difficulties that arise in their relationship. Please contact us on 094-9022214 or accordcastlebar@gmail.com

Grásta Preparation for Marriage Courses - fully residential weekend Fri. eve to Sun. afternoon, 26 - 28 April & Fri. 20 - 22 Sept. Run by married couples at De La Salle Pastoral Centre, Co. Laois. www.grasta.org

Achonry Pioneer annual dinner dance - Fri. 8 Mar. at 8pm, at The Yeats County Inn, Curry. Tickets €35, from Thomas 087-2344338 or Caroline 086-1660196. Music by The Duets.

Become a Volunteer Befriender to those living with Dementia, give Family Carers a short break. If you can spare a couple of hours per week. Contact Caroline on 087-3694477 or 094-9364900 Volunteer@westernalzheimers.ie

Carn NS Enrolment for new infants is planned to take place from Fri. 2 Feb. Closing date for applicants is Fri. 23 Feb. at 1.00 p.m.

St Patrick's Day in 5 weeks. Time to start thinking, planning to take part in the Parade.

Day of Prayer for Survivors and Victims of Sexual Abuse - on Fri. 16 Feb., the first Friday of Lent. The Day of Prayer is an initiative of the Holy Father Pope Francis in 2017, & since then dioceses have marked this prayerful event with candles being lit in cathedrals & churches across the country as a reminder of the need for atonement and to symbolise repentance, light in the darkness, and hope.

The lighting of the 'Candle of Atonement', and the prayer, are based on the very moving Penitential Rite composed and prayed by Pope Francis at the final Mass of the 9th World Meeting of Families on 26 August 2018 at Phoenix Park, Dublin, when the Holy Father implored the Lord's mercy for the crimes of sexual abuse, and asked for forgiveness.

5 Step Support Service - if you affected by another's misuse of alcohol or other drugs. The 5 Step Support can help you; it is a free, non-judgemental, one - one consultation service. Puts your needs & wellbeing first, helps you manage stressful, emotional issues. Info 071-9150578 & 085-875 9319. You don't have to be addicted to suffer from addiction!

Father Peyton Centre, Attymass, seeks applications for Manager. Key responsibilities: co-ordinate community services, develop & maintain centre, management of staff. Min. 3 years' experience & in-depth knowledge of community services & funding. For application frpeytoncentreboard@gmail.com Closing date Fri. 23 Feb. by 5pm. See www.frpeytoncentre.ie

Adult Baptism If you have an interest, or someone you know, wishes to be baptized into the Catholic Church, please contact Fr. Joe this week, A course of reparation is to be organised by the Diocese.