

KILLINAGH & GLANGEVLIN

March 11th 2018

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St. Patrick’s Day falls on next weekend, a holyday and national celebration of the Christian roots of our nation. It’s a time to remember the Irish abroad and also the countries where Irish missionaries have worked for many years. The offertory collections at the vigils and on the 17th are donated to African missions and Irish Chaplaincy in London. They have always been generously supported in this parish. 2017 - €1,692.22 2016 - €2,237.37

❖ **Loughan House Chapel** (For residents and staff)

Sat. 10th 6.15pm Vigil Mass

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❖ **ST. FELIM’S GOWLAN** eircode F91N932

Sat. 10th 7.30pm Vigil. Anniv. Brigid, Brian Monaghan and family Lismabrack

✚ **Fri. 16th 7pm** Vigil for St. Patrick’s Day

Sat. 17th 7.30pm Vigil Mass Anniv. Michael, Alice Cassidy and family

❖ **ST. PATRICK’S KILLINAGH** (Blacklion) eircode F91YT29

Sun. 11th 10am Anniv. John, Mary Anne Mc Hugh Cornagee /Terry Maguire Manchester

Thurs. 15th 6.30am Morning Prayer

7am Morning Mass

✚ **Sat. 17th 11am** St. Patrick’s Day. Month’s mem. Paddy Mc Cauley Blacklion

Sun. 18th 10am Anniv. Pete Mc Govern Blacklion/Glangevlin

Servers for March 18th Sadhbh Maguire, Ciara Nolan, Megan Guihan

❖ **ST. PATRICK’S GLANGEVLIN** eircode N41Y409

Sun. 11th 11.30am Anniv. Pat Mc Govern Tullyminister

✚ **Fri. 16th 8pm** St. Patrick’s Day Vigil Mass

Sun. 18th 11.30am Anniv. Michael Mc Loughlin and family/Hunt family Cork

Please remember Alice Mc Partlin, Maura Cosgrove, Doobally and Mary Gallagher, Belcoo in your prayers.

March 3rd Gw. €115/£7.22

Kl. 4th €285/£23.95

Barnardos St. Mary’s Tuam Advice and Support Service offers

confidential and professional support to people affected by St. Mary’s Mother and Baby Home.

This service is funded by the Sisters of Bon Secours Ireland. Calls are confidential within Barnardos. .

Helpline number: 091 399 991

Seachtain na Gaeilge 2018 – Turas Treoraithe le Séamus Ó hUltacháin – Páirc Bhoireann an Chabháin – Domhnach 18ú Márta ag 1.45pm. Saor in aisce. Fáilte roimh páistí.

Shannon Gaels GAA:

Lotto draw result: March 4th, 2018 in the “Glan Bar”, Glangevlin. Jackpot €6,000. Numbers drawn were 17, 20, 27 & 28 and there was no jackpot winner. €20’s winners were Stiofain Mullally, Dugout, Blacklion, Gabriel Flanagan, Glangevlin, Philip Feeley, Blacklion and Clive Moffitt, Blacklion. Next lotto draw takes place on March 18th, 2018 in “Melrose Inn”, Dowra.

Membership : Membership for 2018 is now open and members are requested to please complete their membership as soon as possible. Parents with children attending under age training on Saturday morning are requested to have their children’s registration completed prior to training next Saturday morning at 10am

Dear Parishioners,

Today, I have asked the priests to distribute a Pastoral Message that I have written about the upcoming referendum on the 8th Amendment to the Constitution. I am conscious that this is a complex and very sensitive subject to address and that it may touch some people very personally. That is why I have not asked them to read it in the church. However, as your bishop I believe I have an obligation to offer guidance on this very important matter, and so I respectfully ask you to read my Pastoral Message which is available for distribution throughout the diocese from today.

When the people of Ireland voted in 1983 to amend the Constitution in order to protect the lives of unborn children, the words used make it clear that the State was **not conferring** the right to life on children in the womb. It was merely **recognising** a right they already enjoy simply because they are human. And so the Amendment begins: "***The State acknowledges the right to life of the unborn...***"

Just five years ago, in 2012, the government held another referendum **to further protect the rights of children**. This resulted in the very progressive 31st Amendment to the Constitution. Again, it's clear that this Amendment is not conferring any rights, but simply **acknowledging** rights that are already there. To quote: "***The state recognises and affirms the natural and imprescriptible (unchangeable) rights of all children***"

In an extraordinary turn-around we are now being asked to repeal the Eighth Amendment. If this succeeds the State will no longer recognise the right to life of a whole group of children, namely babies in the womb, and among them in particular those with disabilities or life-limiting conditions. If a society is to be judged by the way it treats its most vulnerable members, then what will be the judgement on us if we vote to remove the right to life of children in the womb?

My hope is that every Catholic home in the diocese will receive a copy of my Pastoral Message, read it and discuss it, and that it will help you to come to a well-informed, conscientious decision before you go to vote on this very serious matter.

I ask you to pray that, in our Constitution and our laws, we will continue to cherish and promote the culture of life that has been the hallmark of the care provided by doctors and nurses in Ireland up to now, and of which we can be justifiably proud.

Leo O'Reilly Bishop of Kilmore.

Prayer for World Meeting of Families

God, our Father, We are brothers and sisters in Jesus your Son. One family, in the Spirit of your love. Bless us with the joy of love. Make us patient and kind, gentle and generous, welcoming to those in need. Help us to live your forgiveness and peace. Protect all families with your loving care, Especially those for whom we now pray:(pause) Increase our faith,
Strengthen our hope,
Keep us safe in your love,
Make us always grateful for the gift of life that we share.

