

*Anniversaries for Week Ending  
7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> September*

*Ballymurphy:*

**Ann Marie Murphy nee Ralph Kyle**

*Rathanna: Anniversary Mass:*

**Anastasia & Michael Furlong Knockroe**

*Borris: Anniversary Mass*

*Thomas Quinn Spahill*

*Maura Holly (sister of Thomas) 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary*

**Annie Lalor Headfield**

**Ben Dalton Headfield Ballymurphy**

**Patrick O'Higgins Crannagh**

**Ron Harrison Cournellan**

**Ellen Murphy Coonogue**

## *Autumn/Harvest Collection*

The **Autumn/Harvest Collection** for the **support of the Priest of the Parish** is taken up during the month of September. For those who have boxes of envelopes there is a special envelope for this purpose.

It is also possible to make a donation at any of the masses in the envelopes available in the churches. Alternatively they can be dropped into the Parish Office at any time in an envelope marked Support of the Priest.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your generous support to me throughout the year both spiritually and financially. Fr. Rory

## *Yearly Parish Envelopes '24-'25*

It is that time of year again when the Boxes of Parish Envelopes are ready for distribution. For those who distribute these boxes in their area I would kindly ask that you pick them up from the Parish Office any morning during the week from 9.30am onwards.

I would like to thank sincerely those who distribute these envelopes each year, your help is greatly appreciated.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all who contribute to the financial support of the parish throughout the year, it is greatly appreciated. Fr. Rory

## *Season of Creation 2024 Prayer*

Triune God, Creator of all, we praise you for your goodness, visible in all the diversity that you have created, making us a cosmic family living in a common home. Through the Earth you created, we experience love and nourishment, home and protection.

We confess that we do not relate to the Earth as a Mothering gift from you, our Creator. Our selfishness, greed, neglect, and abuse have caused the climate crisis, loss of biodiversity, human suffering as well as the suffering of all our fellow creatures.

We confess that we have failed to listen to the groans of the Earth, the groans of all creatures, and the groans of the Spirit of hope and justice that lives within us.

May your Creator Spirit help us in our weakness, so that we may know the redeeming power of Christ and the hope found in him.

May the groans of the Spirit birth in us a willingness to serve you faithfully, so that we may hear and heal Creation, to hope and act together with her, so that the first-fruits of hope may blossom.

Loving and Creator God, we pray that you will make us sensitive to these groans and enable us to have the same compassion as that of Jesus, the redeeming Lord.

Grant us a fresh vision of our relationship with Earth, and with one another, as creatures that are made in your image.

In the name of the one who came to proclaim the good news to all Creation, Jesus Christ.

Amen.

## *Lough Derg One Day Retreat*

Lough Derg one-day retreat, Saturday 21st September 2024. Experience the beauty and peace of the holy island of Lough Derg in Co. Donegal.

Return bus from Monasterevin, Kildare, Newbridge, Naas, Sallins, Clane, Maynooth, Kilcock and Dunboyne Park and Ride.

Cost: €45 for island (includes lunch) and €35 bus return.

Further details: [deirdregleeson@medwise.ie](mailto:deirdregleeson@medwise.ie) or 0872467594 after 6pm. [www.loughderg.org](http://www.loughderg.org)

## *Visit of the Relics of St. Bernadette*

Visit of the relic of St Bernadette, Cathedral 7th  
October, Portlaoise 8th October.

More details to follow later.

For further information visit [www.kandle.ie](http://www.kandle.ie) or  
[www.stbernadette.ie](http://www.stbernadette.ie)

## *Catholic Marriage Encounter*

Catholic Marriage Encounter in Ireland is a Weekend experience is for married couples who want something more in their marriage - more fun, spontaneity, excitement, communication, understanding, romance, intimacy, passion, joy.

**Our next Marriage Enrichment Weekend:**

Friday 8 - 10 November 2024

**Venue:** Focolare Centre, Prosperous, Co. Kildare

**Online Booking Only:** [www.marriageencounter.ie](http://www.marriageencounter.ie)

## *Medjugorje Irish Centre Pilgrimages April to October 2024*

7 Nights Apartment B&B from €273 per person sharing. Airport transfer available on request. Contact us for details and book the dates that suit you.

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## *Mortgage Arrears/Abháile Scheme*

If your mortgage is in arrears and you are worried about your mortgage repayments, there is help.

You may be entitled to free financial advice under the Abháile Scheme, which is a State funded service.

For more information, please contact Tatiana McGreal on 085 867 4883 or visit [www.fsireland.ie](http://www.fsireland.ie)

Wednesday 11th to Friday 13th September

## *Portlaoise Parish*

### *Visit of the Relics of Blessed Carlos Acutis*

*Carlo Acutis (3 May 1991 – 12 October 2006) was an Italian website designer who documented Eucharistic miracles and approved Marian apparitions, and catalogued both on a website he designed before his death from leukaemia. Acutis was noted for his cheerfulness, computer skills, and devotion to the Eucharist, which became a core theme of his life.*

*He was beatified by Pope Francis on 10 October 2020, and in 2024 his canonization was approved. He will be canonized at a yet unannounced later date.*

The relics of Carlos Acutis will visit the Church of St's Peter & Paul, Portlaoise on 11th and 12th September

#### **Wednesday 11th 7pm**

Reception of the Relics with talk on the life of Blessed Carlow by Fr. Marco (Parish Priest of Assisi)

#### **Thursday 12th and Friday 13<sup>th</sup>**

Masses at 7.30am, 10am & 11.30am. Bishop Denis will celebrate the 10am on Thursday.

Throughout Thursday and Friday there will be talks on the life of Blessed Carlow, streaming of a video on his life, periods of quiet prayer and blessing with the relic.  
3pm

## **Friday 13th - Farewell**

Sacrament of Penance-Confessions on Thursday 12th and Friday 13<sup>th</sup> after the 10am and 11.30am Masses

## ***Beginners Jiving Classes***

**Adult Beginner Jiving & Social Dance** 4 week course commencing **Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September 8-9pm** at **'The Academy of Dance Carlow'**, Carlow Youth Centre, Green Lane R93 V327.

No partner required, registration and payment in full on first night @€40/person.

Children's Ballroom & Latin classes  
age 4+ every Thursday.

Contact Fiona on 0872727315 for more information.