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Kilronan Parish Newsletter

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"In times of darkness tend
your fire: it will give light
until the morning" St. Brigid

Sunday 2nd February

Mass Times

Ballyfarnon 7p.m. *Blessing of St. Brigid's Crosses*

Arigna 10.00a.m. *Blessing of Candles*

Keadue 11.30a.m. *Blessing of Candles*

Keadue 10am *(Blessing of Throats)*

NO MASS

Keadue 7pm

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Arigna 10.00a.m.

Ballyfarnon 7p.m.

Saturday 1st

Sunday 2nd

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Monday 3rd

Tuesday 4th

Wednesday 5th

Thursday 6th

Friday 7th

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Grow in Love Communion Mass Sunday 9th Feb @ 11:30am Keadue

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Prayer to St Brigid

Oh Brigid, Mary of the Gael, may your protection never fail. Spread your mantle over me, where 'ere I am, where 'ere I be.

Cover me with God's joy and peace, let my faith and hope never cease. Shine your light where there is darkness, strengthen me in any weakness. Heal all within that may be ill, give me the desire to do God's will. "Till I rest, my journey o'er, with God and you forever more. St Brigid, Pray for us.



REFLECTION Simeon didn't seem to tire of his prayer life. Sometimes we feel in prayer as if we've said it all to God - our problems, sins, failings seem the same today as last year. We may feel God is tired of it all, tired of us. But Simeon didn't tire of praising and thanking. Maybe that's part of the prayer of old age and perhaps there are times when that is all God wants of us. A lot of prayer is letting the past go, whether it is only yesterday, a generation ago or almost a lifetime ago. The older years can bring us into the wider expanse of God's love and care over the years. Like Simeon we praise God's glory, like Anna we just look at Jesus and praise God. Maybe we can do that in prayer today, no matter what our age. The Holy Spirit 'rested on' Simeon. Is my heart at peace and open, or am I so full of problems and requests that I have no resting space for the Spirit? [Extract: Irish Jesuits Sacred Space]

WORLD DAY FOR CONSECRATED LIFE SUNDAY 2nd FEBRUARY - Instituted by Pope St. John Paul II in 1997 to be celebrated on Candlemas Day because men and women in consecrated life are meant to reflect the light of Christ to all peoples.

Anniversary Masses

Sun. 2nd, Arigna Helen Earley 8th Anniv. (Strabraggan)

Fri. 7th, Arigna 10am Loretta Earley (1st Ann.) Paddy Earley (Lislea)

Fri. 7th, Ballyfarnon 7pm Frank (2nd Ann.) Frank & Bretta McDonagh

Sun. 9th, Arigna Michael & Mary McPartlan & DM McPartlan & Harrison Families

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Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes celebrated on Tues. 11th Feb. This is a World Day of Prayer for the sick, instituted in 1992 by Pope John Paul II now Saint John Paul. The Sacrament of the Anointing will be celebrated during Mass. Tues. 11th Feb 10am Keadue

PARISH OFFERTORY Collections: Thank you for your very generous support of the various Church Collections last weekend 26/1/25 . Arigna €270.00, Ballyfarnon (No Mass), Keadue €180

ROSCOMMON UNDERWATER SEARCH & RESCUE CLUB Thank you for your very generous support last weekend at our annual church gate collection. As a voluntary organisation we depend on community support to continue to provide an underwater search service to the county of Roscommon. Ballyfarnon €41.10 Arigna €174.90 Keadue €177.20

LOTTO There was no winner of the lotto jackpot when the draw was held at the weekend. The numbers drawn were 15,18,23 and 27. Consolation prizes were won by the following €70 B. Lavin, c/o Killorans, €30 Owen Heslin, Geevagh, €20 Jack O Donnell, Keadue, €20 Vincent Cullen, Tarmon, €20 Barry Mc Nama, Arigna. The jackpot next week will be €11,000 and the draw will be held on Sunday evening. lotto can be played online at stronansgaa.com.

STORM LESSONS We pride ourselves overly (at times) on being independent. The last few days have taught us (again) the importance of small things, human connection, a place to live, heat, light, water. It will be for others to make judgements on our climate resilience and preparedness— but we have learned how much we need each other and that people are basically kind and decent. We are not independent— we are inter-dependent. Thank you to all.

CANDLEMAS This feast, dating back to the fourth century is known also as 'Candlemas' because of the words of greeting uttered by Simeon when he greeted the child Jesus in the Temple. The old man prophesied to Mary and Joseph that Jesus would be 'a light to enlighten the Gentiles and give glory to your people Israel'. Hence, the blessing of candles on this day.

Deadline for Newsletter Items Thursday afternoon 4p.m.