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For those who love nothing is hard.

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6th Sunday in Ordinary Time Seeing your Life through the Lens of the Gospel John Byrne osa **1.** We are told that Jesus 'fixed his eyes on the disciples' before speaking. It suggests that he was about to say something that he really wanted them to take in. Surprisingly he then tells them it is no bad thing for us to be poor or hungry. But perhaps you have recognised the truth in what St. Augustine said: 'You have made us for yourself, O Lord, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you.'

**2.** 'Blessed are you who weep' is not an encouragement to be miserable. Rather it is an affirmation of the importance of loving relationships in life. We are blessed to have such people in our lives, but there may also be pain. Yet is it not true that the blessing of loving and being loved is worth the price you pay?

**3.** Jesus said that his followers would be open to opposition and ridicule because of him, - and they are blessed when this happens. Unpleasant it may, but have you not been grateful on those occasions when you had the courage to stand by something that you believed in?

Readers Keadue: Sun. 13th Readers: Mary McCabe/Edel McMorrow Sunday 20th Rosaleen & Arthur Boyle.. Sunday 27th Eileen Barry. 6th March Irwin family. 13th March: Paul/Margaret Kelly.

St. Ronan's Lotto ; Congratulations to our club chairman Patrick Mc Tiernan who was a linesman in the All Ireland club Intermediate Football Final played in Croke Park on Sunday last.

There was no winner of the lotto jackpot when the draw was held at the weekend. The numbers drawn were 6,10,23 and 28. Consolation prizes were won by the following €70 Robert Coen, Ballyfarnon, €30 Martin Lavib/Cathriona Conlon, c/o Roddy's, €20 Jenny Bruen, Knockvicar, €20 Mary E. Moosa, London, €20 Bea Foy, Arigna. The jackpot next week will be €4,100 and the draw will be held on Sunday evening. You can purchase your ticket online. at www.stronansgaa.com.

**Thank you** for your generous support of the various **Church Collections** on 6th February 2022. Offertory Collections Arigna €521.70; Ballyfarnon €121.00. & Keadue. 252.00.

Priests Dues, Arigna, Ballyfarnon & Keadue €1,219.50

Keadue Tidy Towns: Bonus Ball Draw. Buy a line for €2 in Roddy's Harp and Shamrock, Credit Union, and O'Donnell's. February 5th Bonus Number 40 winner Teresa Hennessey Thanks to everybody for their support.

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Oswald Lynch Altagowlan, Arigna, whose funeral Mass took place during the week.

Anniversary Masses Ballyfarnon Sat. 12th Michael Lynam, Kilmacroy. Sat 19th Tommy Gaffney

& Florrie & Jim Langan Sat. 26th Pat & Kate Ann Travers & John Joe Travers.

Anniversary Masses Keadue Sun. 20th Molly Guihen . Sun 20th Roisin Walsh

Anniversary Masses Arigna Michael, Mary & John McPartlan & D.M. of the McPartlan & Harrison Families.

**Sun 27th :** Christina Flynn (Months Mind) Wed. 2nd : March Vincent Waters

March 6th Bridie Cottle, Nee Gallagher & D.M. of Gallagher Family

This weekend may each of us be willing to set aside some time to learn a little more about human trafficking and slavery in the world today. May we individually, or in our families, also decide on one or two practical actions we will take to play our part in helping to eliminate slavery. Every small action and each purchase we make can make a difference and help bring healing and hope.

May God who is good and who binds up all wounds, transform us through the example of Jesus and the story of **St Josephine Bakhita**, so that we will be ready to do our part in bringing an end to all forms of slavery in the world today. Josephine once said, "Be good, love the Lord, pray for those who do not know God, for what a great grace it is. to know God!" Josephine Bakhita died in 1947 and was canonized in 2000.

