

## Glounthaune Parish

Newsletter – Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> July

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### ‘Priest’s Martyrdom a Warning to the West’

On Tuesday July 26, the feast day of St James, less than two weeks after a rampaging Islamic terrorist killed 84 civilians with a truck in the south of France, Fr. Jacques Hamel was celebrating Mass in a quiet Normandy church in Sainte-Etienne-du-Rouvray. Two ISIS militants burst through the doors and forced the 86-year-old priest to his knees. They stabbed him in the chest and slit his throat while shouting *Allahu akbar*, (God is Great). Though their cries do not proclaim the greatness of the true God, they do proclaim a great warning to the West. The threat of militant Islam is come again, as it has in ages past, and it is sounding a warning to the Western nations to cling to the God of life and love in the face of death and hatred...

It is a terrible truth that jihadists are willing to die for their religion. It is an even more terrible truth that Westerners barely have a religion to live or die for. There can be no confidence in comatosed lethargy, contentious communities, concentrated materialism, or collective atheism. In the wake of the Nice

attack, French Prime Minister Manuel Valls alarmingly said that France had better get used to living with terror, and that is the only conclusion for a civilization that has surrendered to a falsehood posing as the truth - and forcing itself upon others as the truth. ***(adapted from longer article ‘Priest’s Martyrdom a Warning to the West’ by Sean Fitzpatrick)***

### Atheists mostly found in cities

“Fr. Connor Danstrom... poses the idea that atheism is most rampant in cities because everything a person encounters there is created and rarely natural. During his time fighting forest fires in Northern California, Fr. Danstrom, (a former Fireman), noticed that those surrounded by natural beauty rarely espoused the atheistic worldview: With all that beauty around you, I never ran into an atheist. I ran into a lot of unchurched people who didn’t know what they believed about God, but if you pressed them ... they knew they didn’t make that beauty. It’s in the urban center, where everything is man-made, where we think we made the world. The urban, anti-transcendent attitude, as a result, tends to give people an impression that everything valuable *must* be created and innovated. But when one gets outside their normal purview - taking in Montana’s glaciers, the myriad of stars in the rural night sky, or the vastness of an ocean - it’s easy to see that humanity has, in fact, created very little.” ***(Godlessness of Cultural Uniformity – Matthew Sewell)***

### The Eucharist

The bread used during Mass is called “the host”, coming from the Latin word “Hostia”, meaning “victim”.

The Host is placed on the paten and is elevated and offered to the Father by Jesus.

The priest pours wine into the Chalice and adds a drop of water. The wine stands for Christ and the water for humanity. The image here is that our humanity is totally immersed in Christ’s divinity. We are truly in Christ. The Priest invites those assembled to offer this sacrifice, the sacrifice of Christ on the cross with all of their own sacrifices, pain and hurt. Then the climax of the Mass, Christ takes our seemingly worthless gifts and through the words of the Priest the Holy Spirit unites our gifts with the gift of Jesus Himself to God.

This makes each Mass, even with defective participation or homily infinitely meritorious before God.

**Fr. Kevin Mullan, P.P., Drumquin, Diocese of Derry is seeking to contact the family of Jeanette O’Gorman from Cork who has died in Yonkers, NY City, USA. All he knows is that she is from Cork. If she is from your parish and has relatives there he would be obliged if you could contact him on 028 82831225.**

 **Joe Callanan**, Ballytrasna Park who died on Friday. Removal this Sunday at 4pm from Barry Bros. Glanmire to St Joseph’s Church, Little Island.

Requiem Mass at 12 noon on Monday followed by burial in St Joseph’s Cemetery, Little Island. We offer our sympathy to his wife Josie, to Michelle, Paul, Tracy & Wanfred, extended family, neighbours and friends.

**Tiernan Hunter McGowan**, Ballinglanna House whose funeral took place last Monday. We extend our sympathy to his parents Thomas and Winifred, his brother Cillian and sister Caoimhe, grandparents, extended family, relatives and friends.

**Margaret Barrett**, Douglas whose funeral took place on Tuesday. We extend our sympathy to her son Niall & family, Annmount.

**Eileen Kavanagh**, Dalkey whose funeral took place Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July. We offer our sympathy to her sister Dolores Soden & family, Kilcoolishal.

**May they rest in peace.**

 **Cemetery Mass in Ballyvinny Graveyard on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> August at 8pm.** This will take the place of 7.30pm Mass in St Mary’s, Knockraha.

### Masses for the week ahead

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> Glounthaune @ 10am:**

Private Intentions

**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> Glounthaune @ 10am:**

Private Intentions

**Wednes 3<sup>rd</sup> Glounthaune @ 10am:**

Tom & Peg Gregory Anniversary

**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> Little Island @ 10am:**

Mass for the people of the parish

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> Little Island @ 10am:**

Joanne Harris Anniversary

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> Ballyvinny @ 8pm:**

Danny Gleeson Anniversary

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### Mass Intentions 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup>

**Saturday, Glounthaune @ 6pm:**

Dan Fitzgerald Anniversary

**Sunday, Glounthaune @ 9am:**

Cyril Moore Anniversary

**Sunday, Knockraha @ 10am:**

Mary O’Connor Anniversary

William Hogan Anniversary

**Sunday, Little Island @ 11am:**

George, Margaret & William

Farrell Anniversary

Kathleen O’Flynn Anniversary

**Sunday, Glounthaune @ 12 noon:**

Gerarding Aherne First Anniv.

Betty Lambe Anniversary

**St Killians Candle Burning System – Part Time Vacancy available.** Due to the growth and success of the St Killian Candle burning system in your area we are delighted to inform you that we have a new vacancy available. Duties: General cleaning and maintenance of candleabras (full training provided). Requirements: You will need your own transport and a certain amount of storage facility. For further

information please contact Linda on 087 2760477.

**Parish Office will be closed from Monday 1<sup>st</sup> and will reopen on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup>.**

**St Vincent de Paul Helpline  
021 4270444 or 087 1520360**

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is held in our Parish on**

Tuesday 7pm – 9pm in the Church Centre

Wednesday 10am – 6pm in the Church Centre

Friday 10am to 3pm in Little Island

First Friday: Knockraha - Rosary at 7pm, Mass at 7.30pm and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after Mass.

**Rosary** every weekday morning before 10am Mass.

**Eucharistic Service** in Glounthaune Church, Saturdays at 10am.

**The Legion of Mary** meet on Thursday nights at 7.30pm in the church centre. New members welcome. Contact 086 2524718 for information.

**Need help?** For immediate support call Samaritans’ 24-hour helpline: **116 123.**

**Erin’s Own Lotto Results – 27<sup>th</sup> July.** Numbers drawn: 5,9,12,14. No winner. €30: Joan O’Mahony, Margaret Foley, Caoimhe O’Callaghan. Next week’s jackpot: **€1,390. JAHC v Cobh Sat Aug 6th at 6:30 in Ballinacurra**