

Glounthaune Parish Newsletter – 7th August 2016

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Today's Scripture

The First Reading is an extract from a long section which recounts God's actions on behalf of Israel during the Exodus from Egypt. It points out how the Israelites benefited from the very things by which the Egyptians were punished and thus sets forth a historical basis for trust in God.

This fits in with the theme of the Second Reading, which deals with faith in God's promises. It extols various figures in the history of Israel, but especially Abraham, as examples of faith.

The emphasis in the Gospel is on readiness for the return of the Lord. Even though the disciples are only a "little flock" in a hostile world, they must not be discouraged, but must look with confidence to the Father who has chosen them for his kingdom. They are like bridesmaids waiting for the bridegroom (Jesus) to return from the wedding feast. Since they do not know the exact hour of his return, they must maintain a constant watchfulness and faithfulness.

Though these words have relevance for all Christians, Luke was thinking especially of leaders in the community, and calling them to a selfless service of their Lord and of their fellow Christians.

Flor McCarthy, SDB

Masses for the week ahead

Monday Glounthaune @ 10am:

Tuesday Glounthaune @ 10am:
Bridie Wren R.I.P.

Wednesday Glounthaune @ 10am:
Chris (Bob) Kelly Anniv.

Thursday Little Island @ 10am:
Joe Callanan R.I.P.

Friday Little Island @ 10am:

Mass Intentions 6th/7th

Saturday, Glounthaune @ 6pm:
Rosemary Dowdall First Anniversary & James Dowdall Anniv.

Sunday, Glounthaune @ 9am:
Gerard Fennell & Brigid Hunt Anniversary

Sunday, Knockraha @ 10am:
Christy Murphy Anniv.

Sunday, Little Island @ 11am:
Edward (Eddie) Collins Anniversary

Sunday, Glounthaune @ 12 noon:
Mass for the people of the parish

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.

St Vincent de Paul Helpline
021 4270444 or 087 1520360

Erin's Own Lotto Results – 3rd August. Numbers drawn: 1,5,21,28. No winner. €30: Tony Kelly, John Kelleher, Pat Barry. Next week's jackpot: **€1,520.**

Parish Office

Summer Opening Hours

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday from 9am to 1pm. Please note no evening opening during July and August.

Autumn Station Masses

Please contact the parish office in the coming week if you are willing to host a Station Mass in your home. Full details of all Masses in all Station Areas will be in next week's newsletter.

Local Girl Fundraising for Charity

Work in Kenya

Jessica Hayden from Knockraha is fundraising for a charity called Friends of Londiani, a Midleton based organisation. She is going to Kenya for November to work within a rural community in Londiani. She will be involved in many different projects improving health, education, access to clean water and economic empowerment. She has to raise €1,000 for Friends of Londiani and will have personal costs of €2,000 to take part in the project. All proceeds will go towards this project. Jessica will be hosting tea/coffee/scones in the Church Centre after 9am Mass on Sunday morning, 21st August. Everyone is welcome to come along and enjoy a sociable cuppa with friends and neighbours while contributing to a great cause. In addition, there will also be a cake sale after 12 noon Mass on the same day.