Glounthaune Parish Newsletter – 14th August 2016

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A Message from Fr John

I have asked for a little space in this week's parish newsletter to say a goodbye to all in the parish. I am sorry I did not get time to go to each weekend Mass to say a personal goodbye but I am grateful for this opportunity to thank everyone in the parish for your friendship and support in my short 3 year stay among you. My stay in the parish was a good experience and a happy experience and I thank you all for that. I will ask you for your continued prayers as I take up my new appointment this weekend and I would like also to assure you all of my prayers for your intentions. God Bless.

Fr John.

Today's Scripture

The First Reading describes the of the persecution prophet Jeremiah. Having tried in vain to save his people, Jeremiah was now abandoned to his enemies. Christians have always seen him as a figure of Christ. His sufferings remind us of the sufferings of Jesus, and his rescue from the pit reminds us of Jesus' resurrection from the tomb.

The Gospel contains two sayings about the nature of Jesus' mission. His coming marks a time for making decisions. His followers will have to make crucial choices; they will have to choose to be for him or against him. Choosing for him may divide them from family members. In the early Church, conversion was likely to cause a family row. The convert was rejected by the family, and had therefore to make a choice between Christ and the family.

Flor McCarthy, SDB

St Vincent de Paul Helpline 021 4270444 or 087 1520360

Masses for the week ahead Monday 15th August – Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Mass on Monday in Knockraha at 10am, Glounthaune at 12 noon and Little Island at 7.30pm.

Monday Knockraha @ 10am: Jack & Abina Mackessy Anniversary

Monday Glounthaune @ 12 noon: Mass for the people of the parish

Monday Little Island @ 7.30pm: John & Lil O'Sullivan Anniv.

Tuesday Glounthaune @ 10am: Seán Cashman Anniversary

Wednesday Glounthaune @ 10am: Rosemary Dowdall First Anniversary

Bill & Bowdren family Anniv.

Thursday <u>Little Island</u> @ 10am: John Barry Anniversary & Kathleen Barry R.I.P.

Friday Little Island @ 10am: Deceased members of the O'Sullivan family

Mass Intentions 6th/7th

Saturday, Glounthaune @ 6pm: Anna Barry Anniversary

Sunday, Glounthaune @ 9am:

Mass for the people of the parish

Sunday, Knockraha @ 10am: Bess & Hannah Daly Anniv. Sunday, Little Island @ 11am:

Sunday, Glounthaune @ 12 noon: Joe Cunningham Anniv.

John Twomey, whose funeral took place on Thursday. We extend our sympathy to his sister Olive Murphy & family, Caherlag.

Eileen McCarthy, whose funeral took place on 1st August. We extend our sympathy to her sister Hestor Forde and family Johnstown.

Knockraha Mass Path Walk Heritage Sunday August 21st

Following the success of last year's event we will again have a second walk to facilitate people living in the eastern side of the village. The route is the same as last year, starting at Carthy's Cross at 8.30am and travel through the lands of Dr. Denis O'Sullivan (which contains the site

of the first Church in Knockraha) and Mr Con Dennehy (with their kind permission) Don't forget the wellies and a pair of shoes for the Church.

Thank you to all who have agreed to host the Autumn Station Mass.

The Station Mass has been a long celebrated tradition in the Church in Ireland and this parish has played a huge part in keeping this tradition alive. Like many great customs, however, this is yet another that is struggling as a result of the fall-off in religious practice and people getting on with their own lives and business whereby they mightn't even know their neighbour. The Station Mass is not only good for community building but for giving an intimate sense of the Eucharist as well. In recent times we have encouraged a more simplified social element to ease the pressure put on people who host the Mass. A cup of tea and a biscuit is all that is needed. The Station Mass can be a great gathering with a great sense of community and we encourage you to keep the tradition alive. Please contact Trish in the parish office in the coming week if you are willing to host the Autumn Station Mass in your home.

Br. Johnson will share God's Word on Friday 19th August from 6pm to 9pm and Saturday 20th August from 10.30am to 5pm and 7pm to 9pm.in the Church Centre, Glounthaune. Please come along to listen to the Word of God. (Bring your bible) "Wax is hard but that same wax when heated becomes liquid. Likewise, the enemy who appears to be strong and formidable – when we confront that enemy with tools of heaven (Prayer) it will cause the enemy to melt like wax. When we understand this and believe and practice this we do not have to wait to see the result, because we already know that the result is victory in the name of Jesus".

Come to experience the Love of Christ

The Irish Blood Transfusion Service will hold a Blood Donor clinic in the Vienna Woods Hotel, Glanmire from 5pm - 8.30pm on Monday15th August 2016.

Erin's Own Lotto Results – 10th August. Numbers drawn: 13,15,16,20. No winner. €30: K Doherty, E Cotter, P O'Donoghue Next week's jackpot: €1,650.

Don't forget!! You are invited for tea/coffee/scones in the Church Centre next Sunday morning after 9am Mass as Jessica Hayden from Knockraha is fundraising for a charity called Friends of Londiani. 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. 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.

Greeting everyone. My name is John Patrick Doherty, I am a Chaplain for The National Chaplaincy for Deaf People (NCDP). I will be commenting Irish Sign Language classes for the Cork Diocese Clerics, volunteers, pastoral workers, and professionals from parish, school, youth service and other settings. This eight weeks course is designed to give a basic introduction to Irish Sign Language - the first and/or preferred language within the Deaf Community including family, friends and co-workers. A broad range of topics will be covered in the classes including: personal introduction, greetings, numbers, family, food/drink, weather, hobbies/interests, and work/study. You will also learn about Deaf culture and Deaf issues. I am also a qualified Irish Sign Language teacher with B.A honour Degree. I teach ISL courses through QQI (Formerly known as FETAC) ISL that also can be offered for the diocese of Cork (free of charge) for those who wish to participate. For more information please contact John Patrick Doherty Mobile: 087 9062947 (Text only please)Email: johnpatrick@ncdp.ie

Little Island Heritage and History Group Official 'unveiling/launch' of heritage information boards, Playground, Carrigrennan, Little Island, Heritage Sunday, 21st August, 3pm with Paddy Twomey followed by 'picnic around the hill' (who remembers going on a picnic around the hill?!) (BYO picnic).

Pilgrimage to Our Lady's Island in Wexford on Sunday next 21st **August.** There are still some places available on the bus which will leave from the Community Centre in Carrigtwohill at 8.45am. Places will be allocated on first come basis. If you are interested in securing a place please ring Margaret O'Brien at 021 4661414.

VIGIL FOR PEACE

TUESDAY 23rd AUGUST GLOUNTHAUNE CHURCH 8PM TO MIDNIGHT

A vigil of quiet prayer for:

- PEACE IN OUR WORLD
 - PEACE IN FAMILIES
- PEACE IN OUR HEARTS



Mass at 10pm.

Benediction at 12 midnight

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament for the duration of the vigil.

WILL YOU BE THERE?