

Glounthaune Church Choir resume practice on Wednesday 31st August at 8pm. New members welcome. Contact Ann on 087 9902260.

Next Friday 2nd September is the first Friday of September. Fr Ted will make his calls at the usual times. As Fr Anthony is taking over Fr John's calls, and is new to the area, he will be in contact with the parishioners concerned.

The Glounthaune Community Association wish to announce the GCA/Fitzpatrick's 4-Mile Run Wednesday 7th September 2016 at 7:00pm - Children's Race 7:05pm. (Other sponsor will be announced later) Registration 5:00pm - 6:45pm from the Church Centre on the day - opposite the church. Male and female changing rooms and toilets will be available at the Community Centre in the village - as you enter Glounthaune from the west (Cork city) turn right at the church crossroads. The race will start a very small distance west of the church in Glounthaune, on the road to Little Island/Cork. The route is west in the direction of Cork City/Little Island, turning right after two miles and returning on a picturesque section of road parallel to the outward leg, re-joining the main road near the Island Gate restaurant. Continue back past Glounthaune church and finishing just outside Fitzpatrick's shop. AAI Permit Approved - Course Measured - Chip Timing. Entry Fee: Adults Race €10 - Children's Race 8 - 13 Year Olds (Entry Fee: €2.00). Category Prizes - Spot Prizes. Excellent post-race refreshments will be served in The Great O'Neill. All proceeds go to the Glounthaune Community Centre. For more information please contact: 021 - 4510470 from 10:00am - 2:00pm Mon - Fri.

Little Island Heritage and History Group

The launch and picnic event planned for last weekend was postponed due to the poor weather. It will go ahead this weekend on Sunday, 28th August at the playground, Carrigrennan, Little Island at 2.30pm. Light refreshments.

Knockraha Family Fun Weekend, 9th, 10th & 11th September

Friday 9th - Table Quiz in Great O'Neill Pub 8.30pm. Teams of 4 X €20

Saturday 10th - Family Walk in Knockraha area. Enrol at Community Centre 3pm. Voluntary donations in aid of East Cork Rapid Response Unit. Free raffle for all walkers.

Sunday 11th - Family Fun Day. Sports, Soccer matches, Bouncy Castle, Traditional Music, Numerous Side Shows Fancy Dress and more.....

Raffle tickets on sale throughout the Community from now until Draw on Fun Day. Your support for all above activities is much appreciated.

Anam Cara, the national organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding its next monthly Parent Evening on Wednesday 7th of September from 19:30 to 21:00 in Brú Columbanus, Cardinal Way, Wilton, Cork (please note change of venue). This event is open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether the death was recent or not.

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Fr Ted Sheehan – 087 2033756

Fr Anthony Buckley – 087 2744617

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Parish Office – 021 4353366

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is held in our Parish on

Tues. 7pm – 9pm in the Church Centre

Wed. 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.

We are appealing for volunteers to give even a half hour of their time in adoration. Please contact Michael on 086 3652186.

Martyrdom of Little Island Nun

Sr. Mary Eamon O'Sullivan, 1966.

The 1st. September next marks the 50th. Anniversary of the death following severe mistreatment, of Sr. Mary Eamon O'Sullivan, of Little island, Co. Cork while being forcibly expelled from China by Red Guards during the Cultural Revolution ordered by Mao Tse-tung in 1966.

Sr. Mary Eamon, or Molly, as she was known within her family and community in Little Island, was one of 8 foreign Franciscan Missionary of Mary nuns expelled from China during the turbulent times of the Cultural Revolution. The communist rulers of China had gone to extreme lengths to quench the faith of the Catholic population of China since their coming to power in 1949. Of 73 convents prior to that event, only 1 remained by 1966. The F.M.M. Sacre Coeur convent which also included a school where the children of diplomats

were taught, only survived the early 1950's purge of all other such institutions, for that reason. Eight foreign nuns and 13 Chinese nuns were present in the Sacre Couer convent when the red guards struck on the 24th August. 1966. It is clear from accounts which emerged after the events that the terrorising and severe intimidation took a terrible toll on the nuns both foreign and Chinese. Sr. Mary Eamon's sense of humour helped the other nuns during these times. The Holy Eucharist was secretly passed between the nuns and this acted as a great consolation during the hours and days of their torment. The nuns considered no sacrifice too great for our Lord Jesus Christ. During days and nights of this great trouble in August 1966, the nuns were forced to see their beloved Sacre Couer Convent and its chapel and also the school totally wrecked. Eventually the nuns were led outside of the convent and forced to bow in front of a great crowd who inflicted every insult imaginable on them. The foreign nuns (against their wishes) were next separated from the Chinese fellow sisters and taken to a railway station. Here, the eight nuns were loaded onto a train and endured 3 days travel down to the border with Hong Kong. During the latter part of this forced train journey, Sr. Mary Eamon O'Sullivan became increasingly unwell. On arrival in Hong Kong, where another hostile reception had been arranged on the Chinese side of the border, Sr. Mary Eamon was in a state of collapse. The red guards who had accompanied the nuns roughly bundled Sr. Mary Eamon onto a

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luggage trolley and hurried her over the border.. Others present insultingly used sweeping brushes, symbolically sweeping the nuns out of China. Sr. Mary Eamon died of her mistreatment at 7 o'clock the next morning 1st. September 1966 in hospital in Hong Kong. Sr. Mary Eamon O'Sullivan had spent 29 years in China successfully spreading the Catholic faith. She never lost contact in that period with her family and mother Nora, who lived in 'Loreto', Little Island. Much of their correspondence during the last 17 years needed to be written in code, so severe was the censorship. Sr. Mary Eamon's remains were brought back to Cork, where she was accorded a very dignified civic funeral. The series of events surrounding the forced expulsion of these nuns had become not alone major National but very major international news. Sister Mary Eamon O'Sullivan, aged 60 years, was laid to rest in the graveyard of the F.M.M convent at Loughglynn, Co. Roscommon, where she had made her profession before God many decades earlier. Ar Dheis Dé go raibh a anam dílis.

Mass in her memory will be celebrated in her home "Loreto", now the home of Carmel O'Sullivan, in Little Island on next Thursday evening 1st September at 7.30pm & everyone is welcome.

Going to UCC this year? Pop into the chaplaincy on College Road for a cuppa. You'll find a home away from home. The chaplaincy is a vibrant and warm community, where you can meet new friends, unwind in between classes, and just be yourself. In the chaplaincy you will

also have many opportunities for reflection, growth, prayer, catechesis and support. Our full-time chaplains are always available to listen, and to provide you with whatever guidance and help you need on your university journey. At the Honan Chapel we welcome you to daily and Sunday Mass, prayer services, or for some quiet time on your own."

We remember in our prayers Fr John Ryan, Malawi who was ordained Bishop this weekend. Fr John, a regular visitor to Glounthaune is a brother of Peg Dunne, Thornberry.

Masses for the week ahead

Monday 29th Glounthaune @ 10am:

John Moroney Anniv
Pat Foley R.I.P.

Tuesday 30th Glounthaune @ 10am:

Private Intentions

Wednes 31st Glounthaune @ 10am:

Alice Walsh Anniversary

Thursday 1st Little Island @ 10am:

Gerry & Margaret Galvin Anniv

Friday 2nd Little Island @ 10am:

Private Intentions

Friday 2nd Knockraha @ 7.30pm:

Gerry Hickey Anniversary

Mass Intentions 3rd/4th

Saturday, Glounthaune @ 6pm:

Mary Twohig Anniversary

Sunday, Glounthaune @ 9am:

Mass for the people

Sunday, Knockraha @ 10am:

Toss Murphy Anniversary

Sunday, Little Island @ 11am:

Baby Georgia Hamill Anniv

Sunday, Glounthaune @ 12 noon:

National Learning Network Tralee are currently recruiting participants for their QQI Level 5 Sport, Recreation and Exercise course. The course is free to individuals who are out of work due to illness, injury, those who have experienced a personal setback or early school leavers. Training and accommodation allowance provided. For further information, please contact NLN at 066 7122533 / 086 0404270 or kevin.smith@nlm.ie

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

Knockraha Historical Society

This Sunday August 28th, as part of Heritage Week, the Knockraha History Society will have an open day at Sing-Sing Prison from 12-6pm. Lectures will take place on the hour. Sing-Sing was used for holding Black n' Tans and auxiliaries and is now of National interest. In conjunction with this will be an exhibition of memorabilia used by the Knockraha Company during the War of Independence, including moulds that were used for making hand grenades and a new addition to our stock: a rifle which was taken from the Aud, a ship that was scuttled in Cork Harbour. These rifles were to be used for the Rising. There will also be literature available including our much sought-after new book 'From Liberty Hall to Sing Sing: The Remarkable Story of the Knockraha IRA' as well as the deposition by Ned Maloney, governor of Sing-Sing, about the workings of the prison. For those attending teas will be provided.

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.

Guided Birdwatching in Harper's Island, Glounthaune 6pm Wed 31st August 2016 - Jim Wilson the renowned author, broadcaster and wildlife tour guide will lead an outing at the new bird-hide on Harper's Island featuring viewing the newly arrived Icelandic Blackmailed Godwits. The timing at 6pm is governed by the timing of the evening high tide and is hosted by Glounthaune Tidy Towns. The bird-hide was constructed last Autumn and was funded by Cork Co. Council. The day to day management is currently being worked out between Birdwatch Ireland, Glounthaune Community Association / Tidy Towns, Cork Co. Co. and the National Parks and Wildlife Service.

Erin's Own Lotto Results – 24th August. Numbers drawn: 14, 17, 20, 21. No winner. €30: C Fenton, P Bennett, C Funge, S Scriven, E Kenny. Next week's jackpot: **€1,910. Annual Colman Dillon Tournament** takes place in Caherlag on Sunday 28th August from 10:30am.

Highlands Bridge Club re-commence at 7.30pm on Tuesday 6th September in Glounthaune Community Centre. New members most welcome.