

CLOUGHJORDAN PARISH NEWSLETTER – 17th August 2025

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INTRODUCTION TO THE SCRIPTURE READINGS: *First Reading:* You have borne me to be a man of dissension for all the land. *Second Reading:* We shall keep running steadily in the race we have started. *Gospel:* I am not here to bring peace but rather division.

MASS INTENTIONS:

Sun 17th Cloughjordan: Margo Cleary (MM)
Michael White
Kitty & Billy Gibson
Pat & Annie Sheppard

Sat 23rd Kilruane: Josie Ryan

Sun 24th Cloughjordan: Mary Hennelly (1st Anniversary)
Peter Hennelly & deceased members of the
Hennelly & Tanner families
Conor Roantree
Donal Roantree
Óisin Roantree
Una & Tom Roantree
Tom & Marie Delaney

RECENTLY DECEASED: ***Patrick (Pat) Page***, Whitegate, Galway – brother of Kathleen McLoughney, Ardcroney. May he rest in peace. Amen.

We pray for all who have died and all whose anniversaries occur at this time.

CLOUGHJORDAN WEEKDAY MASSES: Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday at 9.30am

CLOUGHJORDAN LAY LITURGY: Monday & Friday at 9.30am

Mon 18th Presider: Bawney Hayes : Eucharistic Minister: Josie Hayes

Fri 22nd Presider: Jack Hogan : Eucharistic Minister: Mary Gibson

WEEKDAY READERS: Mon 18th Seamus Quinlivan, Tues. 19th Gay Kieran,
Wed. 20th Oonagh Roantree, Thurs. 21st May Casey, Fri. 22nd Una MacNamara.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

Ardcroney Fri 22nd Frances Cleary
Kilruane Sat 23rd Majella Delahunty & Margaret Walsh
Cloughjordan Sun 24th Mariola Casey & Angela O'Sullivan

READERS:

Ardcroney Fri 22nd Pauline Spain – Reader & Prayers of the Faithful
Kilruane Sat 23rd Paddy O'Meara – Reader: Colm McAteer - Prayers of the Faithful
Cloughjordan 24th Rachel Casey – Reader & Prayers of the Faithful

GREETERS & WELCOMERS – SEPTEMBER

Ardcroney: Eamonn Spillane

Kilruane: Maura Peters

Cloughjordan: Derek & Trent Deane

MONEY MATTERS - last weekend

Basket collection: €876.58 - Development Fund €539.70

PARISH INSURANCE: A cheque amounting to **€10,222.72** was paid to our Insurance Company during the past week.

Many thanks for your continued support towards our parish.

PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES: Bishop Fintan will lead our Diocesan Autumn Jubilee Pilgrimage to Lourdes from Monday 29th September to Saturday 4th October, direct from Shannon Airport. The remaining seats can be booked with joewalshstours.ie or 01/2410800

DAY OF PRAYER AND REFLECTION FOR GAZA – Sunday 24th August 2025.

Please join in 24 hours of prayer and reflection on Sunday, 24th August. Light a candle in your family home or church; attend Mass, spend time before the Blessed Sacrament; pray the Rosary; make some small personal penance or sacrifice, and on that day let the light of hope radiate out from the island of Ireland for peace, for Gaza and for the future of its people.

“Christ is not absent from Gaza. He is there, crucified in the wounded, buried under rubble and yet present in every act of mercy, every candle in the darkness, every hand extended to the suffering.”

MacDonaghs Lotto 11/08/2025. Numbers drawn: 9-10-11-20. No Jackpot Winner. 8x€25: Jim & Paula Cleary, Ardcroney; John Quinlan, Cloughjordan; Mary Gleeson, Deerpark; Mary Maher, Knockearl; Eleanor McLoughney's Nephews; Eithne Spain. Ardcroney; Orla Dore, Ardcroney; James Cleary, Online. Jackpot next week €3,100. Thanks for your continued support.

REFLECTION

Try today to walk around a place of beauty.
Look and listen, smell and touch the beauty of nature.
As you walk pray the first lines of Mary's poem –
“my soul glorifies the Lord”.

Be filled for this time with thanks for all you see,
hear, touch and feel of the creation of God.

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SAME OLD STORY!

A Priest leaving the parish, addressed his saddened parishioners and tried to console them by revealing that the bishop had promised he would send a good man as a replacement.

One woman, however, was inconsolable.

“Why?” enquired the concerned but departing Priest

“Didn't the Bishop say he would send a good man in my place?”.

“Yes, that's just it” she cried. “He said that the last time too!”

Parish Office opening hours: Monday, Wednesday & Thursday 10am to 3pm

