

CLOUGHJORDAN PARISH NEWSLETTER – 2nd August 2026

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Introduction to the Scripture Readings: **First Reading:** Come and eat.

Second Reading: No created thing can ever come between us and the love of God made visible in Christ. **Gospel:** They all ate as much as they wanted.

MASS INTENTIONS

Fri 31st Ardcroney: Sheila Tooher (1st Anniversary)
Declan Tooher
Margaret Tooher

Sat 1st Kilruane: Margaret & Michael Hogan (Ballygibbon)
Celine Hayes
Laurance & Kathleen Hayes

Sun 2nd Cloughjordan: Liam & Sally Gaffney
Hubert Oakley
Patrick & Delia Hogan

Fri 7th Ardcroney: Pat Hogan

Sat 8th Kilruane: Sean Melia (M M)
Jack & Nora Dwan
Margaret, Patrick, P J & Paddy Kelly

RECENTLY DECEASED: **Mary Tierney**, Manchester (née Hogan, Rathurles, Nenagh) sister-in-law of Sheila Hogan, Ardcroney and Pauline Hogan, Rathurles. The funeral will take place in Manchester. May she 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
Adoration after Mass on Tuesday until 10.30am

Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion at 9.30am

Fri 7th Presider: Peadar Walsh : Eucharistic Minister: Mary Maher

Weekday Readers: Tues 4th Maureen Shelly, Wed 5th Margaret O'Rourke,
Thurs. 6th Anna McLoughlin, Fri 7th Una MacNamara.

Prayer Group, Cloughjordan: Meets every Wednesday night in the Parish Office from 7pm to 8pm. Everyone welcome.

Greeters & Welcomers – August

Ardcroney: Noel Coonan - Kilruane: Phil Reddan

Cloughjordan: Teresa Williams & Oliver Ryan Purcell

Eucharistic Ministers:

Ardcroney Fri 7th Pauline Spain

Kilruane Sat 8th Flann Dwan & Margaret Walsh

Cloughjordan Sun 9th Mariola Casey & Josie Hayes

Readers:

Ardcroney Fri 7th

Kilruane Sat 8th

Cloughjordan Sun 9th

Noel Coonan – Reader & Prayers of the Faithful

Flann Dwan – Reader: Niamh Crowe - Prayers

John Kevin Ryan – Reader & Prayers of the Faithful

Pope's intentions for August:- For evangelisation in the city, which is often marked by anonymity and loneliness, that we may find new ways to proclaim the Gospel, discovering creative paths to build community.

Money matters - Last Weekend:

Basket collection: €864.70 : Development Fund €444.25

Many thanks for your continued support towards our Parish.

Congratulations: We extend warm congratulations to **Bishop Ger Nash** on his appointment as Bishop of Ossory as complementing his work as Bishop of Ferns. On 11th June 2021, Pope Francis appointed Bishop Nash as Bishop of Ferns. The Diocese of Ossory has a Catholic population of 83,595. The diocese comprises 42 parishes, 35 priests in active ministry, and covers the areas of most of County Kilkenny, six parishes in County Laois, and one parish in County Offaly. May our prayers be with Bishop Ger in his new and challenging dual role.

The Thomas MacDonagh Museum to host 'Aquaessence', an exhibition by artist Edwina Knight, for the month of August. The exhibition will be launched in the museum on Thursday 6th August at 6.30pm, and she will host a 'Meet the Artist' event on Friday 14th August from 11am to 1pm. All are welcome, and admission is free.
info@macdonaghmuseum.ie 0505 42785.

MacDonaghs Lotto 27/07/2026. Nos drawn: 5-10-14-15. No Jackpot Winner.
8x€25: Jim Williams, Stoneyacre; Shane & Emma, c/o Teresa Williams; Breda Whelan, Cloughjordan, Online; Cleary Children, c/o Matt Cleary; Stephanie O'Mahony, Match; Mary McDonald, c/o Murphy's; Michelle Coughlan, c/o Clough Inn; Mike Quigley, Match. Jackpot next week €4,300. Thanks for your continued support.

Reflection

The multiplication of the loaves happens in our fields every year between sowing and harvest time. Like the miracle of Jesus, this miracle too is brought about by the power of God. And just as Jesus needed the hands of the apostles to distribute the bread to the people, so God now needs human hands to make this abundance available to the hungry. In some countries today the problem is over-eating. In other countries the problem is getting anything to eat at all. Today we don't need anyone to multiply the loaves for us. The food is there. What is not always there is the will to share it.

Wishing you all a happy & safe August bank holiday weekend.

"In the words of an ancient Irish prayer from the 17th century, often said while embarking on a journey: *In ainm an Athar le bua, In ainm an Mhic a d'fhulaing an phian, In ainm an Spioraid Naomh le neart, Muire is a Mac linn inár dtriall. Áiméan!*

Holy Mother, hear our prayer, keep us in your loving care,
Whatever the perils of the way, let us not add to them this day.
So to our caution and attention, we add a prayer for your protection,
To beg God's blessing on this car, to travel safely near and far. Amen.

Parish Office opening hours – Wednesday & Thursday 10am to 3pm

