***Keash/Culfadda Newsletter July 21st 2024***

***Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary time***

***Year B***

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**Masses from Keash & Culfadda Churches are Live streamed.**

**For more information visit our Website:** [**www.keashparish.ie**](http://www.keashparish.ie)

***Please note that the Webcam will be in operation in the Sanctuary area and it’s surrounds of both Churches within our parish.***

**St Kevin’s Church Keash.**

**Saturday 20th 6.30pm** John Hannon, Dundee and formerly of Carrowcrory

 (First Anniversary).

**Wednesday 24th 6.30pm** Annual Knockbrack Cemetery Mass.

**Friday 26th 6.30pm** Annual Templevanny Cemetery Mass.

**Saturday 27th 12 noon** Mary Cryan, Dernaskeagh & Athlone (Second Anniversary).

**Saturday 27th  9.00pm** Patrick & Rosaleen Drury and the deceased members of the family,

 Knocknacroy. Also,

 Alice & Bruce Bagnall, Collooney. Also,

 John Gerald Cryan, Sligo and formerly of Tonoponra.

**Our Lady of the Rosary Church Culfadda.**

**Sunday 21st 10.00am** Brian Shannon, Finisklin (Months mind).

**Tuesday 23rd 10.00am** People of the parish.

**Sunday 28th 10.00am** Bridie Davey, Knocknagore (Months mind). Also,

 Pat White, Battlefield (First Anniversary).

**Readers.**

**Saturday 20th** William Henry. **Sunday 21st** Kieran Shannon.

**Saturday 27th** Damien Carty. **Sunday 28th** Mary Hannon.

**Change of Vigil Mass time, to facilitate King of the Hill.**

To facilitate the smooth running of the King of the Hill Run/Walk on Saturday evening July 27th the 6.30pm Vigil Mass will take place at the later time of 9.00pm.

**Annual Cemetery Masses in Knockbrack & Templevanny.**

The Annual Mass in Knockbrack Cemetery will take place on Wednesday July 24th at 6.30pm. The Annual Mass in Templevanny Cemetery will take place on Friday July 26th at 6.30pm.

A collection for the upkeep of the cemetery will take place. Thanking everyone who has contributed in the past.

**Keash on Garland Sunday Weekend – Update.**

Starting on Saturday evening 27th July with our King of the Hill 10k/5k and Family Fun Walk. This year we have chosen to support our Local Voluntary Group namely Keash, Culfadda and Gurteen Community Defibrillator & First Responder Group which offer a service that is invaluable and close to our hearts. We would ask your help in supporting this event in whatever way you can.

Contact Martha Hannon (0879550511) Caroline Queenan (0876169427) or Noel Cryan (087781291) if you can help in any way.  Calling all Bakers, your talents are required.  Baking goods can be dropped to the White Hall on Saturday evening after 6 p.m. or contact any of the Committee Members.

Our Sunday Event is also taking place on Sunday 28th with the usual events happening. Again this year our Raffle is on the field with First Prize a Trailer of Turf.  Tickets cost €2.00 each or 3 for €5.00.  We would ask for Donations of Bags of Turf prior to Garland Sunday, Please contact Pat Ward on 071-8183406.

***Extract from* *Bishops’ pastoral letter***

**‘Freedom to Live Fully, Until Death Comes’**

**We reject legislation that would facilitate assisted suicide or euthanasia**

We have read the “Final Report of the Joint Committee on Assisted Dying”.[6] The first recommendation of that report is “that the government introduces legislation allowing for assisted dying, in certain restricted circumstances as set out in the recommendations of the report”. We totally reject that recommendation because, whatever the circumstances, the deliberate taking of human life, especially by those whose vocation is to care for it, undermines a fundamental principle of civilised society, namely that no person can lawfully take the life of another.

**People with intellectual disabilities would be particularly vulnerable**

We are aware, of course, that the “Final Report” proposes various “restrictions” regarding who might have access to assisted suicide and under what circumstances. We have little confidence that those proposed restrictions would offer any real protection. Taking into account what has happened in many other jurisdictions, and indeed, what is already happening in Ireland with regard to the law on abortion, we believe that it would be only a matter of time before proposals would be on the table again to extend the availability of assisted suicide to those in our society who are most vulnerable, including people with intellectual disabilites.

**Acting in Freedom and Truth**

Assisted suicide requires the active participation of healthcare professionals in taking the lives of the sick. We specifically reject the Recommendation in the Final Report which requires that, “if assisted dying is legislated for, a doctor or nurse practitioner be present” and “must account to the responsible authority.” Similarly, the Final Report proposes that, when a healthcare professional refuses to participate in ending the life of a patient, he or she would then be required to refer that same patient on to a “participating healthcare professional”. Requirements such as these would radically undermine the ethos of healthcare. Conscience is our “inner sanctuary” that sacred place where we come face to face with the truth and that includes the truth about the inherent dignity of the human person. Doctors and nurses are obliged, like everyone else, to seek the truth and to be faithful to it in the way they care for their patients. The Good Samaritan does not ‘pass by on the other side’ as if he didn’t see (Lk.10:31). Whenever we place healthcare professionals under pressure to participate, either directly or by referral, in an act that they themselves believe to be fundamentally immoral, we treat them as mindless functionaries. This does untold damage to the integrity of healthcare in Ireland and removes the human person as its primary focus. In our culture, we rightly hold doctors and nurses in high esteem because they are presumed always to be at the service of life, for as long as their patient lives. We call on Catholics to stand firmly in support of nurses and doctors who stand for life. One day it may be your life.

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This pastoral letter Freedom to Live Fully, Until Death Comes has been published by the Irish Catholic Bishops’ Conference to inform people of faith and goodwill who wish to protect and support human life with dignity and compassion, especially in the last weeks of terminal

**Keash Church Renovation Fund.**

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| **Total received to date €73,721.30c** |

We wish to acknowledge having received a donation of €100 towards Keash Church Renovation Fund.

Thank you to everyone for their ongoing generosity and support. ‘For all things come from you, and of your own have we given you’ 1 Chronicles 29:14b.

**Offertory Collection.**

**April - Online Donations** €347.90c **Keash** €1,390 **Culfadda** € 800

**May - Online Donations** €464.64c **Keash** €1,715 **Culfadda** €1,335

**June - Online Donations** €270.26c **Keash** €1,705 **Culfadda** €1,055

**Trocaire Total** - €985

**Vocations** - €309

**Peter’s Pence** - €405

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