

Just a Thought

Nancy Griffith got it badly wrong when she told us that
“God is watching from a distance”.

God is not doing this but instead is walking with us.

There are some days when it's hard to be hopeful. When there are lots of clouds in our lives, it is hard to see what direction and where the sun might break through.

Our belief in a loving God assures us that the sun always shines but significantly breaks through the darkest clouds.

There are many who feel God is watching from a distance, not connected to our lives and not really important.

But the great truth sometimes forgotten and sometimes over-looked, is that God is walking with us and nearer than we can possibly imagine.

What a fantastic, wonderful, blessed promise! What a comfort!

Know that whatever heartache, pain or fear, you may find yourself in, you are not alone. God is indeed watching you, but He isn't simply watching, He is right there with you.

How do you see God in your life?
Watching from a distance?

Our prayer today is asking God to help us feel that sense of closeness; that we are not on our own and that light will always break through the darkest clouds.

God didn't promise days without pain,
laughter without sorrow or
sun without rain;
but he did promise strength for the day,
comfort for the tears
and light for the way.

**If God brings you to it,
He will bring you through it.**

Pope's Intention for August

That any far reaching decisions of economists and politicians may protect the family as one of the treasures of humanity.



Parish of Clones

Sacred Heart, Clones
St Alphonsus, Connors
St Macartan's, Aghadrumsee

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29th July
2018

Seventeenth
Week
in
Ordinary
Time

Masses and Intentions for the Week

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

(Vigil)	7.00pm	Anne McKernan, Clonavilla; Mick & Maureen Flynn, Margo & Deirdre Moloney, Carraveetra; Mary Slowey, Carraveetra
	9.00am	
Sun 29th July	10.30am	People of the Parish
	12.00pm	
Mon 30th	10.00am	
Tue 31st	10.00am	
Wed 1st Aug	10.00am	
Thurs 2nd	10.00am	
Fri 3rd	10.00am	
	7.00pm	Sr. Basil Maguire, Gorteen & Chigwell (Month's Memory)
Sat 4th	10.00am	John, Annie, Sean, Tony & Marie Coogan, Analore Street

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

(Vigil)	7.00pm	Tommy Maguire, Cara Street (Month's Memory) Tommy Connors, O'Neill Park Brendan & Jean Brogan, Annakilly Martin Freeman, Kilrooskey
Sun 5th	9.00 am	John & Katie Coyle & Dec'd Conlon & McCaffrey Families, Clonoula
	10.30am	
	12.00pm	People of the Parish

Priests of the Parish

Fr. Dick Mohan. Fr Cathal Deery.

To speak to the priest on duty, please phone 085 817 6203

Weekend Masses

Saturday	7.00pm	Sacred Heart, Clones
Sunday	9.00am	St. Alphonsus, Connors
	10.30am	St. Macartan's, Aghadrumsee
	12.00pm	Sacred Heart, Clones

Masses during the Week: Monday—Saturday in Sacred Heart Church at 10.00am
(On days of funerals in Clones, Mass will be at 11.00am)
Friday in St. Macartan's Church, Aghadrumsee, at 7.00pm

SACRAMENTS AND MINISTRIES

Baptisms are celebrated in Sacred Heart Church on the second Saturday of each month at 4.00pm & on the fourth Sunday at 1.00pm. In St. Macartan's Church, Baptisms are on the third Sunday at 1.30pm.

Anointing of the Sick: Priests are available to celebrate the Sacrament with anyone who is seriously ill.

Confessions: Saturday, after 10.00am Mass.

Adoration: Wednesday, 10.30am - 10.00pm, in Sacred Heart Church.
Friday, 9.30am - 6.30pm, in St. Macartan's Church.

Christenings: We welcome into our Christian faith community

Vincent Oisín McCaffrey

Deaths: We pray for

Elizabeth McMahon, Cloncorick

John Byrne, Toronto & Carn Gardens

Peggy O'Connor (nee McGahey) London & Analore St.

Hugh McCague, New Jersey & Knockatallon

Martina Kelly-Carroll, France

St. Alphonsus Sunday 5th August

Reader: Patrick McAdam

Minister of the Eucharist: Eileen Gavin

Gift Bearers: Coyle Family

Collectors for August: Sean Conlon & Pdraig McCaffrey

St. Macartan's Sunday 5th August

Reader: Kyle Crudden

Minister of the Eucharist: Brendan McCabe

Altar Society for August: Monica Boyle, Anne Kearns, Anna Kearns

Collectors for August: James Flanagan & Anita McMahon

Sacred Heart Church Saturday 4th & Sunday 5th August

Readers: Vigil Bartle Woods

12.00pm Tom Treanor

Ministers of the Eucharist:

Vigil Deirdre Kelly, Dympna Colgan, Edward Tackney

12.00pm Elizabeth Kenny, Jane Mallen, Jenny McQuilan

Marie Collins, Bridget Cassidy, Mary Wilson

Altar Society:

Collectors for Aug: Vigil Gerry O'Gorman, Michael Carron, Sean Dinkin, Michael Fox

12.00pm Catherine McMahon, Noreen Brady, Alfonsos Killen

COMMUNITY NEWS, ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

The Alzheimer Society of Ireland will hold their annual church-gate collection this weekend 28th and 29th July. All support is appreciated.

Clones Jobs Club: Meeting for unemployed people on Monday 20th August 2018 at 9.45am in the Ulster Canal Stores includes C.V Preparation, Cover Letters, Job Searching, Interview Techniques and Mock Interview. For further information please contact Teresa on 042-9748090 or email to jobsclub@midl.ie

Jason Mc Govern 5th Annual Memorial Tractor Run takes place on Sunday 19th August. Money raised will be donated to MS Ireland and Alzheimer's Society (Drumkill Day Care Centre). Registration starts at 12.30pm; tractors departing at 2.00pm sharp. There will be a BBQ on return to Tydavnet and a raffle with some great prizes.

Shabra Charity Cycle Event on Saturday 1st September at Blackhill GAA Club, Shercock Road, Castleblayney, Co. Monaghan. The monies raised from year's fundraiser will go towards the purchase of specialist (DNA Gene Testing) Genomic Sequencing Equipment for the Mater Hospital. This will help to treat and save many, many lives of people in Ireland. For further information please visit www.shabracharity.com or to pre-register online please visit <https://sirius.eventmaster.ie/event/ZBVTMWcZY>

Back to the field with Lisdoonan Vintage and Heritage taking place this Sunday 29th July 2 miles outside of Carrickmacross on the old N2. Hosting this year's Irish Vintage Engine and Tractor Rally and celebrating 25 years as a vintage club. Full working show with lots of attractions including cutting the harvest, blacksmith, threshing hay, butter and bread making, dog show, amusements, traditional Irish music and lots more.

Moans Cross to Clones Charity Run, Walk and Cycle. Thanks to all those who participated, helped organise and donated generously on 30th June 2018. It was another successful day; the sum of £2,750.00 was raised for The Alzheimer's Society.

Monaghan Citizens Information Service . Have you recently become unemployed? There are payments and state supports available. Call in to Clones Library on Thursday 2.00pm until 4.30pm, Friday 11.00am until 1.00pm & 2.00pm until 4.30pm or phone 047 74717.

St. Joseph's Hall Bingo every Friday night at 9.00pm. Jackpots €8,800 & €10,100.

Aghadrumsee GFC Lotto: No Winner (4, 5, 12, 20) Jackpot £6,000.

Clones GFC Lotto: No Winner (3, 4, 20, 22) Jackpot €5,600.

Currin GFC Lotto: No Winner (10, 13, 14, 27) Jackpot €8,600.