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**RAHEEN PARISH LOTTO**

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2019  
 Numbers: 11-15-17-19 NO €15,000 Winner- 26  
 match 3s win €39 1 Winner. *Lena McEvoy c/o Jer Delaney*

**Shanahoe Folk Group** would like to welcome new members to the group. We practice every Tuesday evening in the Church from 7.30-8.30pm. All are welcome.

**Blessing of Pets & Animals** in honour of St Francis of Assisi there will be a Blessing of pets and animals on **Sunday October 13th at 2pm** at the front door of our Parish Church, Abbeyleix. Please feel welcome to bring your pet / animals for this special ceremony.. All welcome



**In Loving Memory of Kathleen Kavanagh, Celt, Ballyrean.**

On behalf of the Kavanagh family, Louise thanks you most sincerely for all the kindness and support shown to us at the death of our mother, Kathleen. It was all greatly appreciated and to you all we are deeply grateful. A special thanks to Fr. Michael Kelly and Fr. Paddy Byrne, Bishop Denis, Monsignor John Byrne and the priests of Portlaoise Parish and all Fr. Brian's priestly colleagues for their wonderful spiritual support to Mammy always and especially during her last days. Thanks to Fr. Willie Byrne PP of Allen. Thanks to the friends of ALMAS worldwide who were remembering us and Mam in their thoughts and prayers. Thanks to Dr. Peter Kemple and the staff of Abbyleix Clinic who journeyed with us during Mam's illness. Also thanks to the staff of Laois Pharmacy. To all our relatives, friends, neighbours and work colleagues who travelled to be present with us and made great efforts to be part of a wonderful and special celebration of life, we say thank you.

Thanks to Raheen Choir, the 10am Portlaoise Choir and musicians who truly made the funeral celebrations beautiful and memorable. Thanks to our whist family with whom we spent many enjoyable and profitable nights. **Mam really enjoyed those cards...** Thanks to Eamon Kelly for his professional support, to Agnes in Portlaoise Parish Centre, to Bridie, our sacristan and the altar servers. Thanks to Laois Hire, John Joe Fennelly, Bosco Catering and all our kind neighbours who minded us during those days. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered for your intentions.

*Rest in Peace Mam*

**Majella O'Donnell to address Laois Hospice Foundation Public Meeting.**

Laois Hospice Foundation Public Meeting will take place on **Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October, at 8.00pm** in the Killeslin Hotel, Portlaoise. Everyone is most welcome. Refreshments will be served afterwards. Please come along and join in the discussion on hospice services in Laois and proposed future developments and chat to Majella.



**St. Fintan's Parish - Raheen - NEWSLETTER**



27th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C) 6th Oct 2019

**TOGETHER WE ARE MISSION**  
 WORLD MISSION SUNDAY  
 20TH OCTOBER 2019



This year's World Mission Sunday theme, 'Together We Are Mission', is a message for everyone. As Pope Francis said in his World Mission Sunday message, 'I am a mission, always; you are a mission, always; every baptised man and woman is a mission.' This goes to the heart of our baptismal call. It also challenges the idea that mission work is solely done by missionaries, by asking people to consider the part their own missionary hearts can play in changing the lives of others.

During this **Extraordinary Month of Mission, World Mission Sunday will take place over the weekend of Sunday 20th October.** Throughout the month, there are many ways you can show your support – be it through action, giving or prayer. In Ireland, World Mission Sunday is managed by World Mission Ireland. World Missions Ireland is the Church's officially charity for overseas mission.

**World Mission Ireland helps to:**

- Build the Church and empower local people to form and sustain communities of faith.
- Train future priests, sisters and catechists.
- Support vulnerable children through educational, medical, welfare and formation programmes.
- Educate the faithful about mission

**Protection of our Faith and Life.**

On Sun 13th of Oct, we are joining with many other countries around the world, as we go to our coasts to pray the Rosary for protection of our Faith and Life. There is a bus going to Blackwater, Wexford that Sun 13th Oct leaving Ballinakill @ 10am; Abbeyleix @ 10.30; Portlaoise @ 11am: Home about 5pm. Fr. Mc Kevitt joins us for the rosary in Blackwater (he is retired) and has joined us for the past 3 years there. Inquiries: Mairead on 086-8900673 Please support.

**St. Fintan's Parish, Raheen, Abbeyleix, Co. Laois**  
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**Weekend Masses 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Oct**

**Raheen:** Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> October Mass at **7.30pm**

- *Kathleen Kavanagh, Colá (Montis Mind)*
- *Angela Parkinson (Montis Mind)*
- *Bridget Delaney, Mountfadge.*
- *Thomas C Phelan, Foxborough.*
- *Bill Seale, Oldtown.*

**Shanahoe:** (Harvest Thanksgiving Mass)

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October Mass at **9.30am.**

- *Jack & Elizabeth Kirvan, Cloncough.*

**NO Weekday Masses this Week**

**Weekend Masses 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> Oct**

**Raheen:** Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> Oct. Mass at **7.30pm**

- *Joe Conroy, Clonboyme (1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary)*

- *Billy & Mary Donovan, Colá & deceased family members.*

**Shanahoe:** Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> Oct. Mass at **9.30am**

- *James Clooney RIP, Lower Boley.*

- *Annie & John Malone, Shanahoe.*

**Our Rosary**  
**in Shanahoe Church on Mon evenings**  
**is now gone back to 7.30 pm**

**Parish Newsletter** - E. Mail address for anyone wishing to put a notice in the parish newsletter; its raheenparish@gmail.com. Notices can still be left into the Parochial office.

**Thank you for your contributions to Parish Funds**

**28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> Sept 2019**

**Raheen:**

Offertory Collection: €266.00  
 Weekly Envelope: €418.00  
 (70 houses)



**Shanahoe:**

Offertory Collection: €187.50  
 Weekly Envelope: €92.00  
 (8 houses)

**Change of Mass Times**

From last Weekend 6<sup>th</sup> October 2019 there will be **NO 11am Sunday Mass Celebrated in Raheen.**

**Please Note the "New Mass Times"**

**Raheen:** Saturday evening Mass at **7.30pm**

**Shanahoe:** Sunday morning Mass at **9.30am**

**Abbeyleix:** Saturday evening Mass at **6pm**

**Abbeyleix:** Sunday Morning Mass at **11am**

**Ballyroan:** Sunday morning Mass at **9.30am**

**Abbeyleix - Weekday Masses**

Tuesday, Thursday & Friday: Mass at **10am**

**Ballyroan Weekday Mass**

Wednesday Morning Mass at **10am**



**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion.**

**Sharing from the Table of the Lord**

Training will take place in the Old School, Raheen on Tuesday October 8<sup>th</sup> beginning at 7.30pm-9.30pm. Led by Fr. Thomas O' Byrne & Julia Kavanagh. Please give your name to Fr. Michael, Fr. Paddy or leave into the parish office if you would like to train as a Eucharistic Minister for the Parish.

All existing Parish Eucharistic Ministers are asked to do the training if they wish to continue as Eucharistic Ministers for the next three years.

**List of Gospel Readings For The Week:**

Sat Oct 5<sup>th</sup> Lk 10:17-24

Sun Oct 6<sup>th</sup> Lk 17:5-10

Mon Oct 7<sup>th</sup> Lk 1:26-38

Tues Oct 8<sup>th</sup> Lk 10: 38-42



Wed Oct 9<sup>th</sup> Lkt 11:1-4

Thurs Oct 10<sup>th</sup> Lk 11:5-13

Friday Oct 11<sup>th</sup> Lk 11:15-26

Sat Oct 12<sup>th</sup> Lk 11:27-28

**Involved in a Parish Ministry?**

**Involved in a Parish Ministry? If yes, then, this is for you!**

**A DAY OF PRAYER, REFLECTION, GOOD COMPANY AND RENEWAL FOR PARISH MINISTERS**

**'ROOTED IN CHRIST AND THE JOY OF HIS GOSPEL.'**

led by Fr Martin Delaney (Ossory Diocese)  
 Mount St Anne's, Killenard, Portarlington, Co. Laois.

**Saturday, October 12**  
**10:30 am-4:00 pm**

**Places are limited** so please book early through Faith Development Services to avoid disappointment.  
 €10 euro per person.

**Hosted by the Diocesan Commission for Liturgical Formation**

**Baptism Dates- October**

**Shanahoe:** Sunday October 13<sup>th</sup>

**November**

**Raheen:** Sunday Nov 10<sup>th</sup>

**Shanahoe:** Sunday Nov. 17<sup>th</sup>

**December:**

**Raheen:** Sunday Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>

**Shanahoe:** Sunday Dec 15<sup>th</sup>

**Tobar on Léinn School**

**Enrolment Mass-**

**OPEN NIGHT - Heywood Community School, Ballinahill, Co. Laois.** Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2019, 7.00 p.m. - 9.00 p.m. **for prospective Students and their Parent(s)/Guardian(s). All are welcome.**

Enrolment Mass for First Holy Communion & Confirmation Children will now take place next Sat evening 12<sup>th</sup> Oct at 7.30pm.