

**Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A) January 26th 2020**



**Sunday of the Word of God**

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26 January 2020

In his Apostolic Letter of 30 September 2019, *Aperuit illis*, Pope Francis established that the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time is to be the Sunday of the Word of God. He already proposed something similar at the end of the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy. It is a day to be devoted to the celebration, study, and spreading of the Word of God. Pope Francis is clear from the very first paragraph of this letter that the relationship between the Risen Lord, a community of believers, and sacred Scripture is essential to who we are as Christians.

This Sunday is a time when the community is called to give greater attention not just to the Word of God. It is also urged to reflect on how we honour that Word in our celebrations, the books that we proclaim the Word from. Is the Gospel book carried in procession? Is it a well-made book that shows forth its life-giving content? Is it honoured with incense, and do we sing during the Gospel procession? Are the readers who proclaim the Word formed in the art of proclamation, and the knowledge of what they are announcing?

Pope Francis suggests in his letter that this Sunday is an ideal time to reflect on these issues. For presiders, it is also a call to reflect once again on their preaching of the Word of God. This Sunday might well be an appropriate time to commission and bless those who serve the community as readers, and initiate new ones to this essential ministry. If the parish community does not enthronate the Word of God every Sunday, maybe today is an opportunity to start. Another way of nourishing the role of scripture is praying quietly together in a *lectio divina* style of prayer. Why not gather a group for an hour and pray these particular scriptural lessons?

**Colt GAA CLUB- Lotto Results**

17/1/2020

Winning Numbers: 02-23-24

**NO Jackpot Winner:**

4 x '20: Cecelia McDonald c/o p. McDonald, Padraig Dowling c/o M. Dowling, Richard Lalor c/o T. Ryan,

Pat McDonald c/o Self

**Next Weeks Jackpot 3,900**

**Colt - Shanahoe Senior &**

**Juvenile Registration Night**

Takes place on Friday Evening 31<sup>st</sup> January from 7pm - 8pm in Tobar an Léinn hall Guest Speaker on the night. New members are welcome.

**Grandparents Day in Tobar an Léinn**

- On Thurs 30<sup>th</sup>

January Tobar an

Léinn will

celebrate

"Grandparents

Day" in the school as part of Catholic

Schools Week. All Grandparents are

invited to attend the school at 11am

for a celebration. Please note, if

Grandparents are not available on

the day that Parents, Aunts, Uncles

etc are also welcome. Refreshments

will be served.

**We look forward to seeing you all.**

**Dancing in Abbeyleix Golf Club**

Every Sunday night .

Come along - A great night assured.



We are now enrolling for the coming school year 2020. For any inquiries or to arrange a visit please contact us on (057) 8739715. An enrolment form can be downloaded from our website

([www.shanahoens.ie](http://www.shanahoens.ie)) alternatively you can call into the school or email us on [shanahoens@gmail.com](mailto:shanahoens@gmail.com).

**Operation Transformation 2020** - Tobar an Léinn Operation Transformation

"WALK" every Monday evening at 7pm. We will use Dan Tynan's farm and then onto the public road, continuing into Colt GAA pitch for 2 laps of the walk way. (Please ensure you are visible and wear a High Vi's and bring a torch. This event is open to the community, parents, children and former pupils. Looking forward to seeing you all!!

**RAHEEN PARISH LOTTO RESULTS**

**Wed 15th Jan 2020 - Numbers 02-09-14-28**

ONE €14,000 Jackpot Winner -

John & Catherine Coogan co Fr. Terence

McGovern, Hacketstown Parish.

**RAHEEN PARISH LOTTO RESULTS**

**Wed 22nd Jan 2020 - Numbers 03-08-13-18**

35 Match 3s win €29 each

Joe Hearn's c/o Oliver Hearn's &

Fr. Paddy Byrne c/o Louise Kavanagh

**Whist Results - Wed 22nd Jan**

**Top:** Maura McQuillan and Tom Lalor.

**2nd:** Billy O Keefe. Halves: Joe McEvoy

, Billy Carter and Mary Delaney. **Raffle:**

Catherine Galvin, Billy Carter and Nancy

Dowling. **Thanks for your support.**



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**BICENTENARY MISCELLANY**  
 The bishop who established Raheen Parish in 1820 was Bishop James Doyle (1786-1834) known as JKL (James of Kildare & Leighlin) who was consecrated Bishop at the age of 33 in 1819.

**This Weekend Masses 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> January**

**Raheen:** Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> January Mass at 7.30pm  
*-John & Mary McNameera, Oldtown, also their Sons Jack & Jim and Jim's wife Siobhan.*  
*-John & Kathleen Ryan, Raheen.*  
**Shanahoe:** Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> January Mass at 9.30am  
*-Kathleen Ryan (nee Doogue) who died recently.*  
*-Martin Walsh, Portlaoise who died recently.*

**Weekday Masses this Week**

**Shanahoe:** Wed. 29<sup>th</sup> January. Mass at 10am  
**(Visiting the sick beginning at 11am)**  
**Raheen:** Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January Mass at 10am

**Next Weekend Masses 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb**

**Raheen:** Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> Feb. Mass at 7.30pm  
*-Anthony Sinnott, Cramogue*  
**Shanahoe:** Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb. Mass at 9.30am  
*-Mary Joe McDonald (Months Mind)*  
*-Margaret & William O'Toole, Boley.*

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

17<sup>th</sup> / 18<sup>th</sup> Jan 2020  
**Raheen:**  
 Offertory Collection: €250.00  
 Weekly Envelope: €172.50 (21 houses)  
**Shanahoe:**  
 Offertory Collection: €380.00  
 Weekly Envelope: €162.50.00 (23 houses)



**CHEQUE'S**

**Please note:**  
 Cheque's for the weekly Envelopes (Yellow Envelope) Please make payable to Raheen Parish.  
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 Cheque's to the Priests Collection (Orange Envelope) please make payable to Raheen Parish Clergy Fund. Many Thanks

**• AMRI Co-ordinated Parishes Programme**

Bishop Denis has given permission to the Franciscan Missionaries of Mary to visit parishes and speak at Masses. Sr's Nuala and Bernadette should be in contact in due course. Your hospitality and support is greatly appreciated.

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

Sat Jan 25 <sup>th</sup>	Mk 16:15-18	Wed Jan 29 <sup>th</sup>	Mk 4:1-20
Sun Jan 26 <sup>th</sup>	Mk 4:12-23	Thurs Jan 30 <sup>th</sup>	Mk: 4:21-25
Mon Jan 27 <sup>th</sup>	Mk 3:22-30	Fri Jan 31 <sup>st</sup>	Mk 4:26-34
Tues Jan 28 <sup>th</sup>	Mk 3:31-35	Sat Feb 1 <sup>st</sup>	Mk Lk: 6:32-38



**Baptism Dates**

**Raheen:** Sunday Feb 9<sup>th</sup> & March 1<sup>st</sup>  
**Shanahoe:** Sunday Feb 16<sup>th</sup> & March 8<sup>th</sup>  
 Please give 3 weeks notice to the Parish Office

**Shanahoe Church Cleaning**

**Rota**  
 Cleaners for January  
*Christine Cahill & Kay O'Connor*

**• Missions** Fr George Augustine has been appointed Mission Director of the Diocese and is arranging a meeting in Newbridge Parish Centre on 14<sup>th</sup> February at 7pm. This meeting will be focused on how we best support the missions and also to form mission teams, Bishop Denis will be in attendance. Priests are asked to highlight this at Masses and are also encouraged to send at least 2 representatives to the meeting. Details of attendees to be given to Bishops House by 5<sup>th</sup> February.

**Youth 2000**

The Annual St Valentines fundraiser Ball takes place in The Osprey Hotel, Naas on the 8<sup>th</sup> of February. Mass at 5pm in the Church of the Irish Martyrs, Ballycane followed by dinner at 7pm. Tickets €50. I am emailing you ask can you please send the advertisement for the event to all your parishes in your diocese so they can put it into

**SIGN OF PEACE**



Bishop Denis is recommending that all priests celebrating Masses in Kildare & Leighlin temporarily suspend the Sign of Peace until the current flu outbreak has abated.

**First Anniversary Mass for Fr John Cummins**

will take place in the Church of the Most Holy Rosary, Abbeyleix on Sat 1<sup>st</sup> Feb at 6pm.