



# Parish of Dunboyne and Kilbride.

Saturday, 13<sup>th</sup> – Sunday, 21<sup>th</sup> February, 2016.

Priest on Duty: **Mgr. Dermot Farrell P.P.** Telephone: 01-8255342.

## Parish Office Hours:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday (closed Wednesday)

9.30 am – 1.00 pm; 1.30 – 5.00 pm.

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## Candlemas Offering Day:

The priests of the parish would like to thank you sincerely for your generous support.

## Mass Intentions: Dunboyne.

Saturday	7 pm	Gerald (Gerry) O'Toole (1st Anniversary) & Anna Roseanna Lawes   Michael Buckley & deceased family members   Stella Walsh.
Sunday	9 am	
	11.30 am	Paddy Hanway   Joan & James Ferguson   Pierce & Lillian Redmond   Thomas & Peggy Reilly.
Monday	7 am	9 am Donor's Intention.
Tuesday	7 am	9 am Peggy Reilly and deceased family members
Wednesday	7 am	9 am Flo Doran.
Thursday	7 am	9 am William, James and Thomas Boylan.
Friday	7 am	9 am Loretta McGuinness.
Saturday	10 am	<i>(Confessions after Mass).</i>
	7 pm	Margaret Carey (1st Anniversary)   Marie Donegan (1st Anniversary)   Frank Fagan   James Ennis.
Sunday	9 am	
	11.30	George Yeates (Month's Mind)   Patrick and Rose Fox   Peter Moran.

## Mass Intentions: Kilbride.

Saturday	6 pm	Michael and Annie Manning.
Sunday	10 am	Patrick Clinch.
Saturday	6 pm	Annie McDonnell and deceased family members.
Sunday	10 am	Patrick and Nora Routledge.

**R.I.P:** John Sheehy, Piercetown | Carmel Moen, Dublin (mother of Ciaran Moen, Baytown Park and Connor Moen, Newtown) | Phil Lynch, Oldcastle (father of Joanne Kelly, Kilbride).

## Statement from the Bishops' Council for Education in response to Minister's rescinding of Rule 68.

Today, the Minister for Education and Skills Jan O'Sullivan, has announced changes to the Rules for National Schools. Undoubtedly, these rules need to be updated and a revised, consolidated text produced. The two rules (68 and 69) which deal with religious education should not be dealt with in isolation.

The status of the current Rules for National Schools is unclear. Since their publication in 1965 there have been many hundreds of circulars from the Department of Education and Skills and several legislative Acts, including the Education Act (1998), which directly impact on the governance of schools.

The Catholic ethos of primary schools in Ireland is not based on the Rules for National Schools. As a paper just published by the DES makes clear: "in all primary and post-primary schools, the school's stated ethos (that is, the values and principles it promotes) is decided by the owners or patrons/trustees of the school and not by central government" (Department of Education and Skills, Advancing School Autonomy in the Irish School System, December 2015, p.19).

The ethos of a school is given expression in multiple ways and it informs all aspects of the life of the school. These include the programme in religious education. The Minister's announcement concerning rule 68 does not change the teaching of religious education in Catholic schools.

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Religious education plays a key role in all faith schools. In Catholic schools religious education is based on a Christian vision of the human person with a clear respect for all people irrespective of faiths. This is expressed in a commitment to learning to engage in interreligious dialogue in age appropriate ways. The current political and social situation in Europe would suggest that religious education, as part of the school curriculum, is more important now than ever before.

Faith schools exist because there are parents who wish to have their children educated in accordance with their religious convictions. If the ethos of these schools is undermined then the rights of such parents are compromised. We wish to assure parents that the Minister's announcement does not alter the ethos of Catholic schools and that this ethos will continue to find expression in all aspects of the life of the school.

Catholic primary schools are embedded in parishes and local communities throughout the country. All surveys demonstrate a very high level of parental satisfaction with the service provided by these schools. Some recent comment on them is a caricature of their real contribution to Irish life.

Inspired by Christian faith and love, Catholic schools strive to be caring and inclusive communities. They have adapted to demographic change with significant net migration into Ireland and many of them have led the way in integrating migrants into local communities. They have been leaders in areas such as social inclusion, special needs and traveller education.

#### Altar Servers (20th – 28th Feb.):



Gavin Kennedy

#### Safeguarding Children:

The parish representatives are Noeleen Fallon, Adrian Tiernan and Denis O'Leary. Contact: 8255342.

#### On the first three Tuesdays of Lent 16<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>

February and 1<sup>st</sup> March at 8.00 pm there will be a talk each evening in the church to celebrate the Jubilee Year of Mercy inaugurated by the Pope Francis.

1. Jesus, the mercy of God - Dr Jessie Rogers
2. Living the merciful life - Donal Neary, SJ
3. Celebrating God's mercy - Laurence Murphy, SJ

#### Be Alcohol Free

**This Lent** - take the short-term pledge. Contact: Dunboyne Pioneer Association, Ph: 8252799.

#### Children's Liturgy is on Sunday,



in Dunboyne Church at 11.30 sharp and Kilbride Church at 10 am sharp.

All school going children are welcome.

**The Kerigma - the Good News for us!** The Kerigma is the announcement of the resurrection of Jesus Christ for our salvation. It will be proclaimed on Sunday & Wednesday at 7:30 pm, in the Community Centre. Faith comes from listening. Come and Listen!

#### Community Notices

#### Eucharistic Adoration takes



place on Tuesday and Friday after 9 am Mass until 8 pm in the Adoration Chapel. *Pray for vocations to the priesthood in our Diocese.*

**Legion of Mary:** Tuesdays 8 pm in the Church Meeting Room.

**Rosary and Prayer for Priests** in Adoration Chapel on Saturday mornings after 10 am Mass. All welcome.

**Dunboyne Pioneer Association:** If you are interested in joining. Please call 8252799.

**Vincent's Charity Shop** is open 6 days a week at 10 am. To contact St. Vincent de Paul: 086-0246170.

**The Irish Blood Transfusion Service** Mobile Unit will be located in Dunboyne Castle Hotel today, Sun 14<sup>th</sup> Feb., 11:30am – 3:00pm. Please make a special effort to come along. For details contact our lo-call Donor Info. Line 1850 – 731137 or [www.giveblood.ie](http://www.giveblood.ie)

**Dunboyne Céilí Club:** Next Céilí on Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> February, 9pm – 12. Cost €7. Please note change of venue, New C of I Parish Centre, Maynooth Rd.,

**Dunboyne Community Employment Vacancies:** 1. Grounds person required for a Community Sports Grounds, Ratoath. 2. Cleaning/Maintenance person, Dunshaughlin. Must qualify under C E Scheme. Ph: 8252864, 087 2626727 or email: [dunboyneace@eircom.net](mailto:dunboyneace@eircom.net)

**Dunboyne Flower & Garden Club:** A Good Old Fashioned Beetle Drive! in aid of the Irish Motor Neurone Disease Assoc., in Dunboyne C of I Parish Centre on Tues 16<sup>th</sup> Feb., at 8 pm. Adm. €10 (includes supper). For info: contact Dolores O'Leary 087 2491056 or Mary Ronayne 086 3141166. No previous experience is needed.

**Make-A-Wish Ireland Annual Wish Day – Volunteers needed,** on Fri., 8<sup>th</sup> April. We grant the wishes of children aged between 3 & 17 years living with life-threatening medical conditions You can get involved by: select a location nearby & volunteer to sell our badges there for the day, or hold a coffee morning or bake sale.-or hold a Jersey Day or a similar themed day. If you can commit even a few hours, visit [www.makeawish.ie](http://www.makeawish.ie) to register online, or contact Emma Horgan [emma@makeawish.ie](mailto:emma@makeawish.ie) or call 2052012.

**Dunboyne 1916 Monument Committee** will be collecting in the village this weekend. Volunteers will be throughout the village with collection buckets for this community monument. The Cttee meet every Wednesday at 9 pm upstairs in Mulvany's. All Welcome.