



# Parish of Dunboyne and Kilbride.

Saturday, 8<sup>th</sup> – Sunday, 16<sup>th</sup> July, 2017.

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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Dunboyne Offertory Collection	€1,201.71
Dunboyne Development Fund	€1,770.00
Kilbride Offertory Collection	€203.15
Kilbride Development Fund	€108.00
Kilbride Restoration Fund	€156.57

### Mass Intentions: Dunboyne.

Saturday	7 pm	James and Teresa Donnelly & Richard and Ann Nulty.
Sunday	9 am	
	11.30 am	Charles and Mary Egan.
Monday	9 am	Margaret Doyle.
Tuesday	9 am	
Wednesday	9 am	
Thursday	9 am	
Friday	9 am	Martin Morrissey.
Saturday	10 am	<i>(Confessions after Mass).</i>
	7 pm	Monica Daly   Deceased members of the Hanly Family, Sterling   Jason King
Sunday	9 am	Michael and Ann Manning   Catherine Nolan.
	11.30	Orla Doogue Watters   Jack, Angela, Laura and Stephen McGovern.

### Mass Intentions: Kilbride.

Saturday	6 pm	Matthew, Annie & Christy McDonnell.
Sunday	10 am	
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**R.I.P:** Patrick Leonard, Rathfarnham, (formerly of Dunboyne) | Declan Hodge, Kilcloon (father of Fiona Hodge, Summerseat) | Rachel O’Keeffe (nee O’Reilly), Stradbally, Co Waterford (formerly St. Peter’s Park) | Martin O’Grady, Courthill Drive.



**Croagh Patrick:** Every year on Reek Sunday thousands of people climb this Holy Mountain. Every day of the year many more people undertake the climb. **You are welcome to join Monsignor Dermot in a parish pilgrimage to Croagh Patrick on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> September.** It’s not about being super fit! It’s more about taking time for personal reflection and prayer in the footsteps of St. Patrick, who, long ago, did penance before God in climbing this mountain. For details and to book please contact the Parish Office: 8255342.

### Catholic Schools Admissions Policies.

- No Catholic School wishes to refuse any child. It would be contrary to their ethos *to* do so. Where there are sufficient spaces available, and a school has not reached capacity, it has always been the Diocesan Policy and a D.E.S. requirement that all applicants, regardless of religious affiliation or ethnic background should be admitted. Many of our Catholic Parish Schools are exemplars of inclusive education.
- In fact, 94% of Catholic Schools enrol every pupil that applies for a place.
- There are less than a hundred over-subscribed Catholic schools in the whole country (out of 3800 schools).

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- In Dublin, where the problem is most acute, there are 42 oversubscribed schools and of these 42 schools only 17 schools have been in the regrettable position of refusing enrolment on grounds of religious affiliation.
- Even in those 17 schools non-baptised applicants have been prioritised ahead of the Catholic applicants (where they have an older sibling already enrolled).

The Minister for Education is blaming Catholic Primary Schools for a problem caused by a lack of Government investment in school places in a small number of locations primarily in Dublin. Rather than criticising Catholic Schools the Minister should be committing additional resources to supply more school places where they are needed.

In Ireland, there are 23,000 dedicated members of Boards of Management of local schools, serving their local community in a selfless and voluntary capacity. Many such board members in our parish schools regret and reject the implicit impression given by Minister Richard Bruton in his recent contribution to a recent meeting of the Oireachtas Education Committee which would seem to infer that the Chairpersons and Boards of Management of Catholic Primary Schools are less committed to equality of access and require more regulation and oversight than the Board members in the other denominational and patronage sectors, a suggestion which is, undoubtedly, offensive to the many committed local members of our local parish schools.

The issue of over-subscription has been grossly exaggerated in certain sectors and the evidence would suggest that, where over-subscription occurs, Boards of Management deeply regret that they do not have the capacity to enrol all applicants but nonetheless strive, at all times, to process applications in an effective, transparent and professional manner.

The Minister's proposals seem disproportionate and suggest an innate distrust or lack of confidence in Principals and committed board members at local level. Furthermore the proposals seem entirely contrary to the principle of subsidiarity.

Schools which are over-subscribed will always have to prioritise pupils when they cannot accommodate all applicants. The Minister's proposals, may impact on how schools manage over-subscription and prioritise applicants but the schools will still be in the most unenviable position of refusing enrolment to some applicants. The ministers proposals will not address the shortfall in school places in certain areas.

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



**Altar Servers (15<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> July): St. Thérèse's Team.**

**Annual Pioneer Pilgrimage to Knock** on Sun 16<sup>th</sup> July. To book ring 086 2320 943. Coach leaves Dunboyne Church gate at 8.20 am. Stop in Longford both ways.

#### **Eucharistic Adoration:**



**Dunboyne** on Tuesday and Friday after 9 am Mass until 8 pm in the Adoration Chapel.

**Kilbride** on the First Saturday of each month after 6 pm Mass until 7.30 pm. *Pray for vocations to the priesthood in our Diocese.*

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

**Divine Mercy Prayer Meeting** in the Adoration Chapel on Tuesdays at 7 pm. All welcome.

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

**Vincent's Charity Shop** is open Mon, Tues, Wed & Fri 10 am - 5 pm and Thurs & Sat, 10am - 4pm. Shop Phone: 083 8516127. Need Help: Freephone 1800 677777.

#### **Community Notices**

**Volunteer Bus Driver Wanted** for Stepping Stones Special School, Kilcloon for short trips to Maynooth and Dunboyne. Contact: Eimear 086-1705632.

**Lough Derg - One day retreat** no fasting or walking barefoot on Saturday, 2<sup>nd</sup> September. For details contact Stella: 0851677325, no later than 20<sup>th</sup> Aug.

**Free 5 week Basic Laptop, iPhone, iPad, Smart Phone or Tablet Classes** available in all areas – Meath Partnership. Phone Angela on 046 9280790.

**Dunboyne Area Community Employment Vacancies:** Cleaning Maintenance/Caretaker in Dunboyne and Two Grounds Maintenance in Dunboyne & Dunshaughlin. These are C E positions (19.5 hours per week) eligibility is generally confined to persons over 25 years & in receipt of a Social Welfare payment for more than one year. Contact: Danny Gaughan, Dunboyne CE Office 087 2626727 or 8252864 or email [dunboyneace@eircom.net](mailto:dunboyneace@eircom.net).

**Navan Career Start:** Floor and Wall Tiling course starting 17<sup>th</sup> July. Full-time for 6 weeks. Open to unemployed people aged 17-35 who either left school early or don't have a full Leaving Certificate. Course runs 9.30-3.30 Monday to Friday in Claremont Stadium, Commons Road, Navan. For more information contact Marie on 046 9031418 or 086 8273857.

**Pilgrimage to Medjugorje:** 2 - 9 August (Youth Festival Week) All ages welcome. €629. Spiritual Director: Fr. Ciarán Clarke. Contact: Pat Henegan 086 8622961.