

CHURCH DUTY

Altar Linen: Mary O'Neill
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Thank
you

Monday 9th July - Miraculous Medal Novena
after 10am Mass and Rosary.

Tuesday 10th July - CCPC Intercessory Prayer for Clondalkin Cluster of Parishes. This Tuesday joining the Adoration Group in Deansrath Church **7.30 - 8.30pm**. All welcome.

Wednesday 11th July - Charismatic Prayer Group Our Lady Queen of Peace. This Wednesday in Parish Pastoral Centre. **7.30pm** Rosary *Mysteries of Light*. **8.00pm** Prayer Meeting. Visitors especially welcome.

Thursday 12th July - Adoration.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

Morning: In the Church **10.45 to 11.45am**.

Evening: In the Church. **8.00 to 9.00pm** Hour of Prayer. All welcome.

This
Week



Lectio Divina is taking a break for the months of July and August and will resume on the first Tuesday in September.

Village Church

Sunday 8th July

10.30am Matthew Fitzsimons (An),
Desmond & Sheila Hogan (An), Fred &
Suzanne White (An), Bernard Byrne (An)
12noon Josie Collins nee Nolan (25th An),
Reena Lawlor (1st An), Fr. Tommy Hughes (An)
Kieran Aungier (An), Bill Caddell (An) and Fr Denis Caddell (An)

Wed 11th July

10.00am Pauline McCabe (MM), Kieran Kelly (13th An)

Sunday 15th July

6.30pm (Vigil) Rita O'Sullivan (An) and Kevin Lappin (MM)

9.00am Noel Leonard (An)

10.30am Desmond Maher (An)

12noon Thom & Maisie Delaney (An), Joe & Jane Langan (An)

1.00pm Mass for the African Community.

5.30pm Seamus Kelly (MM)



Clonburris

Saturday 7th July @ 6.30pm

Paul Bradshaw (An), Charlie O'Connor (An),
Edward Lawlor (An)

Church Gate Collection on **14th & 15th July** in aid of the Irish Society for Autism



REFLECTION

We are a family of faith, A family of love and compassion.
When we act with kindness, God's love shines in us.
When we share our time and talents,
God's love shines in us.
When we let others play with us, God's love shines in us.
When we say good things about people, God's love shines in us.
When we stand up for one another, God's love shines in us.
When we are kind to our brothers and sisters, God's love shines in us.
When we help our parents around the house, God's love shines in us.
When we set a good example for our brothers and sisters,
God's love shines in us.
When we show respect to our parents and children, God's love shines in us.
When we love, we shine God's love to others

God loves each of us as if there were only one of us.
Saint Augustine



Sunday 15th July is World Youth Skills Day -
Share your skills, nurture the skills of others!! - [#WYSD](#)



World meeting of Families

Some people have expressed an interest in attending the final mass on 26th August in the Phoenix Park if transport was available. We are in the process of trying to gauge the extent of the interest and hopefully organize a coach. We would need to register the coach by 25th July and the number of people attending.
If interested please leave name and phone number in the parish office as soon as possible.

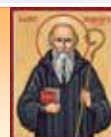


Recently Married - Congratulations!

Stephen Kelly and Niamh Dowdall

Emmet Gallagher and Una Murphy
Married in Enniskillen on 25th May 2018

*Wednesday 11th July is the Feast Day of
St. Benedict, Patron Saint of Europe*





The Parish Office will be closed from
Tuesday 10th to Friday 13th July incl.
This is to facilitate staff holidays.



The 8th July is the feast of St Killian - on of
our parish's patron Saints - So be sure to wish
everyone a happy feast day!!



PIC OF THE WEEK

A beautiful sunrise over Lough Derg last week. Fr Eamonn Conway shared the photo on Twitter, reminding us of God's loving kindness "that visits us like the dawn from on high."

Saint Kilian also spelled Killian (or alternatively Irish: Cillian)

Irish Franconian Apostle Born - 640 AD Died - 8 July 689
Venerated in the Roman Catholic & Eastern Orthodox Churches
Feast Day - July 8th
Attributes - Usually depicted wearing a bishop's mitre and wielding a sword
Patron St of - sufferers of rheumatism!



Statue of Saint Kilian (with the
Fortress of Marienberg in the
background)

Saint Kilian, also spelled Killian (or alternatively Irish: Cillian), was an Irish missionary bishop and the Apostle of Franconia (nowadays the northern part of Bavaria), where he began his labours towards the end of the 7th century. His feast day is July 8.

Background, History & Story

There are several biographies of him. The oldest texts which refer to him are an 8th century necrology at Würzburg and the notice by Hrabanus Maurus in his martyrology. The name has several variations in spelling (e.g. Chilion, Kilian, Cilion, Killan). In Ireland, the preferred spelling is Cillian; the name appears thus in the Irish liturgical calendar.

Originally born in Ireland in the 7th century, St Kilian had a major role in the growth of Würzburg into a city, as his rediscovered remains became a point of pilgrimage to the settlement. St Kilian is the patron saint of Würzburg and the Würzburg Cathedral is dedicated to him. St Kilian settled in this part of Franconia in the middle of the 7th century and started preaching his message of Christianity.

He managed to convert the local ruler, Count Gosbert, but mixed himself too far into marital (and political) matters. In the Franconian area it was customary for a widow to be remarried to the brother of her dead husband, so that she could be cared for and this is what Gosbert and his sister-in-law had done in the past. However, this apparently didn't agree with Christian teachings of the time and St Kilian told Gosbert that he had to separate from his former sister-in-law. The irate Countess Gailana waited until her husband was off on a military campaign and ordered the assassination of the troublesome missionaries, who were stabbed while praying and whose bodies were then buried in the count's stables.

However, at least according to official Catholic records, the Countess went mad and died; the murderer committed suicide; and Gosbert was also later killed. Following that the local population may have decided that it was a wise move to convert from their old beliefs. Around 70 years later the bones were rediscovered. Supposedly, horses would paw at the ground in the stables in a particular place and, when the area was excavated, three skeletons were discovered.



Relics of Kilian, Corman and Tübner

After the miraculous cure from blindness of a local philosopher who visited the grave, the location was declared holy, the skeletons were declared to be those of the martyrs and the three monks were raised to sainthood. Perhaps not coincidentally the location also became a place of pilgrimage (a good source of income in those days) and the site of the first Würzburg Cathedral (which was a wooden structure) and a later more imposing stone building (although it is not sure these days where the original cathedral was exactly situated). The current cathedral is the third cathedral and even this had to be rebuilt after the bombing damage from the Second World War.

The Feast Day of St Kilian is on July 8 and the bones (which are kept in a crypt in the Neumünster) are paraded through the streets of the city. According to the local farmers' almanac St Kilian's Day is also the start of the harvest time - "Kilian, the holy man, marks the first days of cutting" (it rhymes in German!).

The Killian-Volkfest is one of the biggest festivals in Franconia, with rides, stands, processions and beer tents and is held over a fortnight around St Kilian's Day!



Patronage

St. Kilian is one of the patron saints for sufferers of rheumatism. He is the patron saint of the parish of Turist, near Kenmare in County Kerry, where he is believed to have resided before travelling to Germany. A church and holy well are named after him and his feast day, July 8, is traditionally celebrated with a pattern when crowds visit the well for prayers, followed by evening social events. He is also the patron saint of Paderborn, Germany.

Iconography - Kilian is usually portrayed, as in his statue at Würzburg, bearing a bishop's mitre and wielding a sword!



This special and
historical stamp was
issued on June 18th 1988
and features the bust of
the three Irish martyrs
Kilian, Corman and
Tübner, taken from the
"Festschrift zum 1200. J.
des Heiligen Kilian".
From: Springfield

Life's path to Holiness

Last week I met a woman who said: "I am really sorry I don't seem to be able to pray any more. I have three children under the age of four and my husband and I struggle to make ends meet. We have to work whenever we can. My mother is sick a lot of the time and whatever time I have left over is spent caring for her. I am really sorry, but God doesn't get much of a 'look in' in my life nowadays."

Pope Francis says that, for that woman, God is very much getting a 'look in' in her life but she does not realise it. God is being encountered, met, responded to and loved in every gesture of care and kindness she shows to her family, in every struggling effort she makes to be faithful to her many responsibilities.



Paraphrasing Pope Francis in *Gaudete et Exultate*, I said: "caring for your family and those you love is the particular path to holiness that God has laid out for you". Tears of relief came into her eyes as she heard these words. She had felt that somehow doing the right thing by God, on the one hand, and caring for her loved ones, on the other, were in competition, and she couldn't fulfill her responsibilities to both. It was a tremendous relief and source of joy to her to know that this was not the case.

An extract from a study guide to *Gaudete et Exultate*, by Prof. Eamonn Conway of Mary Immaculate College, Limerick and Greg Daly, Assistant Editor of The Irish Catholic.

Challenge:

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Quote of the week

Catholicism is a call to live an authentic life. GK Chesterton wrote: 'Christianity has not been tried and found wanting; it has been found difficult and not tried'. - Matthew Kelly

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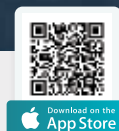
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