

“You will be my Witnesses”

As the country holds the second National Famine Commemoration Day, we are confronted by the shocking reality that, at present, more than one billion people on the planet are victims of hunger. Remembering the millions who died or were forced to emigrate at the time of the Irish Famine brings to mind that almost one in six of the world's people does not have enough food to eat today.

On this Ascension Day we hear the words of Jesus: “You will be my witnesses... to the ends of the earth” (Acts 1:8). As witnesses to Christ's love we are challenged to ‘feed the hungry’ and to give concrete expression to Christ's deep concern for the poor.

We owe it to those who suffered at the time of the Irish Famine to stand in solidarity with the hungry of today.

Irish Bishops Statement
Abridged

Famine Walk

Date Sunday 16 May
Start Time 3pm, Ballycong Bridge
Route Old Road through Forest to Bonnifinglas Cemetery
Rosary 4pm at Famine Graves
Also Wreath Laying Ceremony

Famine Memorial Day

Attymass parish was the first in Ireland to report deaths directly due to the Famine on the 19th November 1846. A 12 page document describing the Great Famine in Attymass using contemporary sources and the work of parish historian and NS teacher Patrick Flannelly writing in the 1940's is available on the Attymass web-site: www.attymass.ie.

Alternatively, if anyone would like a printed copy, please contact **Stephen on 087-9712613.**

Alzheimers Collection

The church gate collection taken up last weekend amounted to **€403.00.** The organisers thank all who contributed.

NEWSLETTER

Church of
The Immaculate Conception & St Joseph,

Attymass
Ascension Sunday

16th May 2010

Website: www.attymass.ie

Mobile: www.attymass.ie/mobile



You Will Receive Power From Above...

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The Immaculate Conception
& St Joseph

Mass Intentions

Sun. 10.30am People of the Parish
 Mon. 9.30am Paddy & Bridget Conlon
No Mass on Tuesday
 Wed. 9.30am Private Intention
 Thur 9.30am Private Intention
Fri. 8.00pm Barry Gilboy
 Sat. 11.00am Ml & Ann Durkan
Sat. 8.00pm Johnnie Ferguson

Vigil Mass Saturday 22 May

Reader: Mary Gallagher
 E. Ministers Mary Lavelle
 Margaret Gaughan

Sunday 23 May Mass (10.30am)

Reader: Paul Quinn
 E. Minister Bridie Molloy

Fr. Mulligan 096-45095
 Mobile 086-8181345
 Fr. Peyton Centre 096-45374
 Fax 096-45375



Prayers are requested for the repose of **Sylvia Allen Lavelle**, Ballina, partner of Peter Lavelle. Burial in New Killeen after 10.30am Mass this Sunday. May she rest in peace. Sincere sympathy to all the bereaved.

Just Married

Congratulations & Best Wishes to **John Melody**, Currower and **Ruth Winters**, Ballina who were married on Sat. 15th May in St Muredach's Cathedral.





Fr Peyton Memorial Centre

Mass Intention: Tue. 18 May at 12.15pm Ptk, Mary & Ml O'Hara
 Wed 19 " " 12 noon Vincent Mulherin
 Thur 20 " " " " Michael Conway
Opening Hours: Monday to Friday 10am - 5.30pm
 Sat. 12 noon to 5.30pm Sun. 2pm - 5.30pm

Attymass Christening

Fr Kevin Melody O. Carm officiated at the christening of his niece **Sarah Marie Melody**, Ardrass in **Attymass Church** on Sat, 15th May. Congratulations to her parents and family. *May the Lord watch over her at every step of life's journey.*



All Ireland Rally

The All Ireland Rosary Rally takes place at Knock Shrine on **Saturday 5th June**.
1.45 - 2.45pm Family Rosary & Songs of Praise with Olwyn Murray from "All Ireland Talent Show" & Youth Choirs from Achonry diocese.
3.00pm Eucharist. **Chief Celebrant- Most Rev. John Fleming**, Killala Diocese.

Befriending Mayo

Befriending Mayo is a free telephone befriending service for older people in our community who live alone or are isolated. Ballina Family Resource Centre in conjunction with Mayo North East provide this service in our area. At your request a trained volunteer will phone you once a week for a friendly chat. The service is available on Thursdays for two hours. There is no charge. For more information contact Shirley at Ballina Family Resource Centre Tel. **096 75573**.



Bonniconlon News

Articles, photos and local news items from the townlands are required for the "Bonniconlon News" as soon as possible. Items should be forwarded to James Reddiough, Graffy, Tel. **096 45129**, email jreddiough@eircom.net.

Offertory Collection

9th May €647.00