

### **A Woman of Great Faith**

The Canaanite woman in today's Gospel was a woman of great faith. She showed qualities of love, persistence and humility. Love for her tormented daughter overcame every opposition and obstacle.

Her prayer was humble and uncomplicated, matching her need to God's pity. Her humility knew that one scrap from the master's table would be enough.

Another quality of great faith is a sense of humour. She turns what could have taken as a racial insult into a quick-witted reply. We need a sense of humour to cope with the contradictions of life, to hope against the odds and to persevere in spite of our imperfections.

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### **Youth Club Variety Concert**

Aisling and Aoife would like to thank most sincerely all those who supported in any way their fundraising concert last Sunday night. A great night was had by all and they hope you enjoyed the evening. A total of €1,369.25 was raised for Mayo/Roscommon Hospice and the Raffle raised €300 for the Community Centre.

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### **Well Done!**

Congratulations to the Youth Club on the very successful concert they presented in the Fr Peyton Centre last Sunday, in aid of such a worthy cause. Well done especially to the producers/directors & their co-workers for a very entertaining evening. All concerned can feel justly proud of their achievement.

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from the Sacristy  
& the Fr Peyton Centre  
'Achonry & Its Churches'  
In full colour.  
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### **The Irish Catholic**

The weekly Irish Catholic, Ireland's leading Catholic newspaper now costs €1.20. Copies available at the back of the church. Payment should be put in the candelabras.

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# **NEWSLETTER**

Church of  
**The Immaculate Conception & St Joseph,**  
**Attymass**

**20th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**17th August 2008**

Website: [www.attymass.ie](http://www.attymass.ie)



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**Mass Intentions**



Sun. 10.30am People of the Parish  
Mon. 9.30am Paddy Keane & deceased of Family  
Tue. 9.30am Private Intention  
Wed. 9.30am Mary Geraghty  
Thur. 9.30am Gary FitzGerald  
**Fri. 8.00pm John & Delia Durkin**  
Sat. 9.30am John Mulherin (John)  
**8.00pm** Anthony Tolan

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**National Grandparents  
Pilgrimage**

The National Grandparents Pilgrimage to Knock will take place on **Sunday 14 September**. Chief Celebrant will be Bishop John Fleming, Killala diocese. Fr Liam Lawton will be the guest performer. The pilgrimage celebrates Sts Joachim & Anne, grandparents of Jesus, and all grandparents in Ireland today.

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Your prayers are requested for the repose of **Gary FitzGerald**, an employee of McAndrew's Quarry, Bonnifinglas who died suddenly during the week. May he rest in peace. Deepest sympathy to the bereaved. Mass will be offered for him in Attymass Church on **Thurs. 21st Aug. at 9.30am**, at the request of Bonnifinglas Cemetery Group.

**Tax Rebate**

Parishioners who are PAYE workers can enable the parish to claim a tax rebate on their contributions to the parish during 2007, by signing a simple form available at the back of the church. This does not involve any cost whatever to the taxpayer concerned. Please return the completed form as soon as possible.

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**Fr Peyton Memorial Centre**

**Tuesday 19th Aug:** Mass at 12.15pm Special Intention  
**Opening Hours:** Monday - Friday 10am-5.30pm Saturday: 12—5.30pm  
Sunday: 2-5.30pm

**Meeting of Finance Council**

The Parish Finance Council will meet in the sacristy on **Monday 18th Aug. at 7pm.**

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**Acknowledgement**

I am very grateful to Fathers Chris Ginnelly & Joseph Gavigan of Foxford for celebrating Mass in the parish during my recent absence.

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*You  
have  
given us  
bread  
from heaven,  
O Lord,  
all delicate  
and  
sweet to  
taste*

**Child Minding Service**

A 'Child Minding Service' is now available in the Attymass area. For further information please contact Louise at **096-29990**.

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**Knock Novena**

The National Novena to Our Lady of Knock continues until 22nd Aug. There are two sessions daily, at **3.00pm & 8.30pm**. See Notice Board for further details.

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**Mass in Bonnifinglas**

The congregation at Mass last Sunday in Bonnifinglas Cemetery managed to avoid the rain for the most part. Many thanks to all - too numerous to mention - who helped out with the Canopy, prepared the cemetery grounds, prepared the altar & served as Reader & Ministers of the Eucharist.

Bonnifinglas Cemetery Group thanks all who contributed so generously to the collection for the upkeep of the burial ground.

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**OFFERTORY COLLECTION**

**9th & 10th Aug: €710.00**