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13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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*10am weekdays 11am & 7pm Saturday*  
*9.30am and 12noon on Sundays.*  
*7pm Monday evening*

**Cardinal Christoph Schönborn to address 'Let's Talk Family: Let's Be Family' conference at Mary Immaculate College on July 13<sup>th</sup>** Conference is a key moment in build up to World Meeting of Families 2018

A cardinal recognised as a lead reformer within the Church hierarchy and chosen by Pope Francis to present Amoris Laetitia – the papacy's letter on the 'family' - will be the main guest speaker at a major conference to be held in Mary Immaculate College, Limerick on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July. 'Let's Talk Family: Let's Be Family', is the first major conference to be held as part of the build up to the World Meeting of Families next year in Ireland. Key note speaker at the afternoon and evening gathering will be Cardinal Christoph Schönborn, who was chosen by Pope Francis to present Amoris Laetitia following the two Synods on the Family in 2014 and 2015. The Cardinal, who is Archbishop of Vienna, will give two separate addresses, one specifically on Amoris Laetitia and the other, a public lecture in the evening on 'The Parish: Family of Families'. During the afternoon session, also, he will lead an academic discussion on Amoris Laetitia one year on. The event is being organised by MIC's Institute for ~ Pastoral Studies and, according to its Director, Fr. Eamonn Fitzgibbon, will be a timely opportunity through one of the Pope's closest confidants to get a deeper understanding of Pope Francis and the Church's direction on the institution of the family. "The World Meeting of Families next year will be the biggest single event in the life of the Church on this island since the visit of the late St Pope John Paul in 1979. The build up to it is of huge importance also as it will effectively provide for an ongoing conversation about the family and how we see it and value it in Ireland. The conference opens at 2p.m. and all elements will take place at the Tara Building, Mary Immaculate College, Limerick. To book your place, go to [www.irishinstituteforpastoralstudies.com](http://www.irishinstituteforpastoralstudies.com), call Deirdre on 061 204507 or email [Eamonn.Fitzgibbon@mic.ul.ie](mailto:Eamonn.Fitzgibbon@mic.ul.ie). The full programme costs €20 to attend, with a €10 fee for the public lecture at 7p.m. If you need further information contact Fr Tony on 087-2600414.

**Youth of Limerick shine on Diocesan pilgrimage**

**Wednesday 28 June 2017:** Bishop of Limerick Brendan Leahy has said that the presence and commitment of young people on the diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes has given great hope at a time of great challenge.

Speaking following the closing ceremony of the five day pilgrimage, Bishop Leahy said that the 100 young people on the young people's programme and other volunteers had brought great joy to the wider group, not least 70 assisted pilgrims.

"It's been an amazing few days, one which in which you get a great sense of renewal in what you see happening around you, particularly the spirit of volunteerism. I was particularly struck by young people on the pilgrimage. Year on year they come here and lift all of us with their sense of enthusiasm, fun and their commitment.

"They are a great beacon of hope. At our closing ceremony, prepared by the young people themselves, they spoke of the message of hope and joy that Lourdes brings. That's so important. As they reminded us, we need to have joy in the moment and not be waiting to get a course at college, a particular job, have a family or successful career.

"Yes, it's important to plan for the future but the young people on our pilgrimage have shown that they live in the moment too. That's essential as you have to seize what's in front of you and make the best of it.

"But it wasn't just the youth. Young and old, there was a great sense of camaraderie and renewal, amongst pilgrims and volunteers. It was a special time. Great credit goes to Canon Donal McNamara, Director of the Pilgrimage and the many who throughout the year generously help in preparing and fund-raising for the pilgrimage." Bishop Leahy said that generally there was a wonderful sense of peace on the pilgrimage. "One woman commented to me that she feels the peace at home when she returns from Lourdes and that's essentially what Lourdes does – brings peace. And that's what we need as the world in many respects is a broken place."

**Intentions for this weekend**

- 7pm** Moss Keane Knockbrack Anniv., Jamesy & Nora Dennison, Convent St., Tom Moore, Kilconlea Anniv.  
**9.30am** John Michael Kenedy, Knocknasna Anniv Debbie Brosnan, Devon Road Anniv.  
**12pm** Eileen Chris Foley Anniv. Willie & Ciss Curtin Anniv. Jack & Ellen Healy, Buckley Cross

**Mass Intentions for during the week**

- Wed. 10am** Private Intention  
**Thurs. 10am** Special Intention  
**Fri. 10am** Purgatorial  
**11am Sat** Mary Keane, Kilmanihan & deceased daughters Eileen Judy and Margaret  
**Mass Intentions for next weekend**

- 7pm** Marie O' Donnell, Kilconlea 2nd Anniv. & her son Michael 1st Anniv. James O' Grady Meenkilly Paddy and Mai O' Connor, Islandboy

- 12pm** T Thad O'Connor

**Ministers for July 9th Team A,B,C**

**Readers for July 9th Team 1**

**Episode 20 of Faithcast**, the weekly podcast from catholicnews.ie, features an interview with Ireland's youngest priest Father David Vard and a chat with Una Allen about Towards Peace

**Next Friday is the First Friday of the month**

**A Word from Pope Francis**

"Do not be afraid!" We must not forget these words. When we are troubled, persecuted, or suffering, we must hear always the voice of Jesus in our hearts: "Be not afraid! Do not be afraid, go forward! I am with you!"

**Those who leave everything in God's hands will eventually see God's hands in everything**

**Peter's Pence Collection will take place this weekend on your way out of Church.**

Dear Sister and Brother in Christ, Each year throughout the entire Church a collection is held for the charitable work of the Pope. It is well known that Pope Francis has highlighted the plight of migrants, the homeless and people suffering in all kinds of situations of need. Just recently he has donated generously to South Sudan where there are major problems of famine and violence. But there are many other causes which the Pope helps. The Peter's Pence collection is a very ancient collection and is a gesture of solidarity with the Pope in his care for the poor. You are asked to be as generous as you can. With kind regards,  
+ Brendan Leahy

**ST. ITA'S FAITH CAMP.**

Registration for Faith Camp is taking place in St Mary's Boys School on Tuesday 18 July 7-8pm AND on Wednesday 19 July 8-9pm  
Contact Martina 087-2788834 or Lorraine 086-3765751

**Limerick Social Service Collection**

The Limerick Social Service wish to thank you for you generosity towards the recent counselling collection which amounted to €625. Counselling is available in Abbeyfeale Tel 061/314213 ring for an appointment.

**Amazing Grace**

Amazing grace! how sweet the sound,  
that saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost but now am found,  
was blind but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
and grace my fears relieved;  
how precious did that grace appear  
the hour I first believed!

**Here I am Lord**

I, the Lord of sea and sky,  
I have heard My people cry.  
All who dwell in dark and sin,  
My hand will save.  
I who made the stars of night,  
I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear My light to them?  
Whom shall I send?

*Here I am Lord, Is it I, Lord?  
I have heard You calling in the night.  
I will go Lord, if You lead me.  
I will hold Your people in my heart.*

I, the Lord of snow and rain,  
I have borne my people's pain.  
I have wept for love of them, They turn away.  
I will break their hearts of stone,  
Give them hearts for love alone.  
I will speak My word to them  
Whom shall I send?

**Reilig Ide Naofa Graveyard Mass will take place on Thursday 17th Aug @ 7.30pm**

Clean up takes place every Tuesday if you are available some evening please call, all help is greatly appreciated as the graveyard is quiet large and need constant weeding. So come along and join the group. All are welcome.

**The Quiet Man at the Glórach**

Enjoy the stunning vistas of Connemara on the big screen with the showing of the classic John Ford film, *The Quiet Man* at the Glórach Theatre on Wednesday, July 5th at 8 pm. For enquiries or to book tickets, please call 0871383940.

**ABBEYFEALE HORSE AND PONY RACES:** The annual Abbeyfeale races take place this year by kind permission on the lands of John and Anthony Relihan Sunday, July 2. A great day out for all the family.

