

Ballybunion Parish Newsletter

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9th August 2026

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PARISH OFFICE: entrance via the presbytery Open: Wednesday & Friday 10.00a.m. to 1.00p.m.

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

0Sat. 8th Aug.: 7.00p.m.:	Patrick & Hannah Diggins and decd. members of the Diggins & O'Connor families; Elizabeth & Joseph O'Boyle Gullane House; Angela, Matt & Jayne Gilmore
Sun. 9th Aug.: 11.30a.m.:	Jimmy, Nora, Billy & Richard Fitzgerald; Hannah Lane; Kit & Jerome King; Jerry & Madge Walsh & decd. family members; Ellen Long (2 nd Anniv.)
Mon. 10th Aug.: 10.00 a.m.	Bridget & John Woulfe & decd. family members
Wed. 12th Aug.: 10.00 a.m.	Brendan Barry, Special Intention,
Frid. 14th Aug.: 10.00 a.m.	Philomena Walsh, Doon Road; Peter O'Donnell Limerick; Con Hederman (40 th Anniv.)
Sat. 15th August: 10.00a.m.	Alison and Joe O'Sullivan
Sat: 15th August: 7.00p.m.:	Jim McMahon & decd. family members; Noreen, Eoin, Pdraic & baby Kiara Liston; Tess & Bob Larkin; Mary & Robbie Francis; Paud, Nora & Sheila Mahony; Teresa & Maurice Clarke,
Sun. 16th Aug.: 11.30 am:	Kevin & Sylvia Harty; Ann, Tony & Aidan McCarthy; Michael & Hannah O'Connor, Farranpierce

Sat. next, 15th Aug. is the ***Feast of the Assumption*** and it is a Holy Day of Obligation.

Anniversaries: Mary Holly O'Shaughnessy, Patrick & Hannah Diggins and decd. members of the Diggins & O'Connor families; Elizabeth & Joseph O'Boyle Gullane House; Angela, Matt & Jayne Gilmore, Jimmy, Nora, Billy & Richard Fitzgerald; Hannah Lane; Kit & Jerome King; Jerry & Madge Walsh & decd. family members; Ellen Long (2nd Anniv.)

Please pray for Mary O'Connor, Dromin who died during the week.

Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament: Mon. mornings from 8.45a.m. to 9.45a.m.

Priest on Duty Sunday 9th Aug. Jerry Keane Abbeydorney 087 2844649

2026 Kerry Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock: Saturday 22nd August, The Feast Day of the Queenship of Our Lady. If any parish would like to supply a choir or a solo singer it would be much appreciated, otherwise Knock will provide the music. If you have parish flags, bring them along.

Summer Markets: McMunn's Garden on Sunday from 11.00a.m. – 3.00p.m.

Marian pilgrimages to Lourdes on 23rd – 30th Aug. & 28th - 31st Aug. Call 01-8788159

Recovery Haven: Celebration of Light, 14th Aug: 6.30 p.m. Tralee Bay Wetlands

Diocesan Collection for the ***Pastoral Centre*** will be taken up next weekend: 15/16th Aug.

Reflection: *If the wind should die* 1. Voyage: Life can be viewed as journey (Pilgrim's progress; Exodus; Odyssey) , or still better as voyage (because driven by forces more powerful than ourselves, like wind and wave.) We sail upon a rippling surface of events, feeling the joy of movement, being alive and going somewhere. When things go well, we feel the contentment of those experienced sailors, the apostles on their way home across the quiet lake of Galilee.

2. Waves: A gale blew up, changing their mood. Danger and fear of drowning. Our own life-voyage has its share of storms too, anxieties, problems and pressures of various kinds. How often a sudden turn of events can rob us of inner peace. Are we on a charted course, or just drifting along without any determined direction? Many find it hard enough to stay afloat, pressurised by the bewilderingly changing times, ill-at-ease in their relationships with others, discontented and insecure in themselves. That's exactly what the frightened apostles in the storm mean for us today: we are those sailors, tossing about in the waves.

3. Remedies: Many prescriptions are suggested, to ease the upsets of our voyage. Like different brands of medication for sea-sickness! A long quiet rest, a change of occupation, psychiatric help or counselling, a course of Yoga or Transcendental Meditation, Contemplative or Charismatic Prayer. Doubtless, every remedy has its own advantages, but what better support can be found in times of stress than an understanding friend? Today's gospel suggests that our first and most constant recourse should be to none other than, Christ himself.

4. Presence: God is present where we least expect him, although it is a hidden, unseen presence, not always easy to discover. It takes faith nearer than the door." So the apostles were amazed to see Christ coming to them in the middle of the storm, for (at that stage) they were men of little faith. Elijah, that lonely refugee, faithful to his God despite cruel persecution by Jezebel, discovered the mysterious presence of God in the still, small voice of his own soul. Standing at the mouth of a cave, on the slopes of the holy mountain, he got strength and comfort from the Living God. Where God is, there is peace. But his presence is everywhere, for those who learn to discern it.

5. Safe Harbour: We do not expect to be immune from the hardships and problems faced by all the other voyagers through this life. Indeed, Christ himself shared fully in all of these anxieties, being tested as we are. If the Church be seen as a boat (in which there are no idle passengers, but all are needed to row!) , then we have as destination the safe harbour of eternal life. With the compass of faith, and Christ himself as unseen captain of the ship, that harbour will surely be reached. In the meantime, though tossed about by circumstances, he tells us: "Courage! Do not be afraid, men of little faith!"

God bless.

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