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Schedule for the Week:

Sat. 5th Sept. 7.00p.m.	Seamus Kennelly & Noreen Murphy; Noranne Mulvihill; Delourd Fitzmaurice; Kevin Harkin.
Sun. 6th Sept. 11.30am	Irene Dalton; John, Margaret & Michael Dunne; Pat Maher.
Mon. 7th Sept.	10.00a.m. Private Intention
Wed. 9th Sept.	10.00a.m. Missa Pro populo
Fri. 11th Sept.	10.00a.m. Missa Pro Populo
Sat. 12th Sept. 7.00p.m.	Seamus Enright, Donal & Bridie Holly, Mary Holluy O'Shaughnessy, Paddy & Julia Breen, Mickey & Maureen O'Sullivan
Sun. 13th Sept. 11.30am	Bill Buckley; Brendan Nagl; Paddy Dalton; Sarah & Sean Kerins; Shirley Loftus (2 nd Anniv).

Parish Notes

Welcome to St. John's Church, Ballybunion. This is a House of the Lord: Please speak to Him for yourself and those dear to you. This is a Sanctuary of God: Please maintain the silence and respect befitting its sacredness. This is a place of sacrifice: Please, let us be especially conscious of this as we prepare for the celebration of Mass.

Confession: Saturdays 6.15p.m. - 6.45p.m. **Anniversaries:** Noreen Liston; Bridie Holly.

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

The Annual Collection for Diocesan Needs will be taken up this weekend 5th/6th Sept.

The Lourdes Helpers group would like to sincerely thank the Ballymac Vintage Club for hosting a car run recently on their behalf. Thanks to all those who supported, sponsored, and helped in anyway. The amount raised on the day was €3,596.55

Ballyheigue Pattern Day, next Tues., 8th Sept.: 11.00a.m. Mass with Bishop Ray Browne on Our Lady's Birthday at Our Lady's Well & Grotto. All welcome. Lots of free parking available.

Pilgrimage to Knock for St. Pio on 20th Sept. Bus departs from Ballybunion Church at 7.45a.m. More info. & book a seat from: Bernadette 087-6019474/James 087-7789929

***The Way** is an initiative of The Catholic Communications Office in Maynooth – it has been designed to help people discover, live & pass on the Catholic faith. Keep up to date by checking the homepage at www.theWay.ie Call 01-5053055 email: info@theway.ie

Priest on Duty Sunday 6th Sept.: Fr. John Buckley Ballylongford 087-2409624

A few years ago, in the Catholic school in which one of my relatives was teaching (and in which I was educated back in the 1960s), they chose a theme for the whole year. It was: “What would Jesus do?” My relative and I talked about it back then. It means much more than just avoiding doing wrong. It demands that those who are disciples (“disciplined learners”) must, as St. Paul says, put on “the mind of Christ” (1 Corinthians 2: 16). We must “know” Jesus from reading the Gospels and then model our lives on His. He showed compassion, love, mercy, and forgiveness, while at the same time challenging those who needed it, especially those who were in the roles of authority and who were leading people astray. Jesus’ mind was always on what was best for the other person, even if it meant more work for Him. As we go through our daily lives, we must put on the mind of Christ and try to do as Jesus did and still does – we must love one another.

In today’s gospel, Jesus gives us a framework to deal with harm and reconciliation within the community. If a sibling harms me, I am challenged to address it first with that sibling.

This alone can be a challenge in a culture of gossip, triangulation and revenge. Before I “call in” a community member, I have my own internal work to do. Ideally, this work allows me to find a place of compassion and willingness to reconcile. Next, it is up to the one who “sinned” to listen. Each member is challenged to be accountable for their actions regardless of intention. If someone comes to me, can I listen without becoming defensive? Do I care more about my desire to be right than the well-being of my community-mate? Am I willing to be accountable for the impact of my behaviours on others? If the two cannot agree, we have the gift of community to support our efforts to heal. We can call more and more members in to help. At this point, it becomes a community issue. Here, Jesus explains the responsibility of the community body and leaders to do the work of reconciliation and to release anyone who cannot abide within the spirit and ways of the community. If the agreement is to “loose” the member, we still treat them with respect and compassion, just as Jesus engaged “sinners” and tax collectors. Finally, Jesus reminds us of the power of the community body when we gather and agree. Together, with the Spirit, we can co-create a more just and loving community and world. Action: Are you currently experiencing a disconnection from a sibling in Christ? What is this gospel inviting you to do or be in the efforts of reconciling the world to Christ?

Community News

Ballybunion Community Alert Branding Event 12th Sept in Men’s Shed from 11 to 2 p.m.. Bring your valuables and get them branded for free. Bring your driver’s license on the day.

Words of Wisdom: “Healing is more about accepting the pain and finding a way to peacefully co-exist with it. In the sea of life, pain is a tide that will ebb and weave, continually. We need to learn how to let it wash over us, without drowning in it. Our life doesn't have to end where the pain begins, but rather, it is where we start to mend.”— Jaeda DeWalt

God Bless.

Fr. Gearóid Walsh, P.P.

