

Pope Francis has declared World Day for Grandparents & the Elderly Sunday 25th July 2021. "I am with you always". *Boys & girls and perhaps grown-ups, please take home a picture from basket at the Children's prayer space and colour it in and return to basket before Friday 23rd July and it will be displayed on the board, or if you would like to draw a picture, write a poem for grandparents and the elderly, it would be most welcome.*



Plenary Indulgence On the occasion of the First World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly, Pope Francis is granting a Plenary Indulgences to grandparents, the elderly and all the faithful who participate "motivated by a true spirit of penance and charity." The Apostolic Penitentiary explained that "in order to increase the devotion of the faithful and for the salvation of souls," grandparents, the elderly and the faithful will be able to obtain a Plenary Indulgence on the First World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly to be celebrated on 25 July 2021. The note says that the Pope has granted this possibility after having listened to the request presented by Cardinal Kevin Farrell, Prefect of the Dicastery for Laity, Family and Life, marking the establishment of the World Day that will be observed every year on the fourth Sunday of the month of July. The Plenary Indulgence will be granted under the usual conditions: sacramental confession, Eucharistic communion and prayer, according to the intentions of the Supreme Pontiff during the solemn celebration he will preside over in St. Peter's Basilica or at the various functions that will be held throughout the world. The Plenary Indulgence will also be granted on this same day to the faithful who devote adequate time to actually or virtually visiting their elderly brothers and sisters in need or in difficulty (such as the sick, the abandoned, the disabled and other similar cases)," the note reads. Signed by the Major Penitentiary, Cardinal Mauro Piacenza, and by the Regent, Kryztof Nykiel, the Plenary Indulgence may also be granted to those who are unable to leave their homes for serious reasons & "unite themselves spiritually to the sacred functions of the World Day, offering to the Merciful God their prayers, pains or sufferings of their lives, especially during the transmission, through the means of television radio, but also through the new means of social communication."

Act of Spiritual Communion. *My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.*

Revenue Refund CHY3 (5 year Certificate) have been issued to those who donated over €250 in a year to the church. The refund from Revenue is a vital source of income for the upkeep of the church/buildings especially this year when our income had been dramatically been reduced. If you are no longer eligible, please sign the form and let us know & you will no longer receive correspondence from us. Unfortunately a large number of forms have not been returned this year. It would be really appreciated if forms could be returned **as soon as possible in order to re-claim the money from revenue.**

Claregalway Parish respects & protects the personal data i.e. Sacramental records, financial contributions, contact information, booking forms etc it holds in respect of the services it provides to parishioners and others. Recent Civil legislation (GDPR 2018) on data retention and protection now require the parish to implement some new procedures on how we collect, utilise and retain this personal data. We now require explicit written permission from all volunteers to hold their contact details and to make contact with.

Claregalway Parish Facebook. **Thanks to all of you who have liked the page. Tell your families away from home so that they can get the latest parish news.**



The Assumption & St James Church is committed to the Safeguarding of children & young people in the parish. Names of parish representatives on church noticeboard.

Welcome to those who are new to our parish. If you would like to register with the parish, please contact the parish office.

Church of The Assumption & St James Lakeview, Claregalway, Co. Galway H91 YH05

Sunday Masses: **Saturday:** 7.30 p.m.
Sunday: 9 a.m. & 11 a.m.
Weekdays: **Monday:** 7.30p.m.
Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday & Saturday: 9.30 a.m. **Thursday** 7.30 p.m.
Additional Mass first Friday at 7.30 p.m. 7.30 p.m. (Vigil) & 11a.m.

Holy Days: 7.30 p.m. (Vigil) & 11a.m.
Confessions: **Contact Parish Office.**
Baptisms: **Contact Parish Office.**
Baptismal preparation meeting: **Suspended for the moment.**
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Radio Mass: **FM 106.4**
Facebook: **claregalwayparish.**



Sunday 18th July 2021 (16^h Sunday in Ordinary Time)

In this today's Gospel, we read the report of the return of the Twelve, who were sent by Jesus to preach repentance, heal the sick, and drive out demons. When the Twelve return to Jesus, he invites them to come away from the crowds and rest. But the crowds will not give them peace. As the Twelve have shared in Jesus' ministry, they now appear to share in his popularity. The crowds continue to approach them, and Mark

reports that the disciples don't even have time to eat. In an effort to get away, Jesus and his disciples board a boat in hopes of finding a deserted place. But the crowds notice this and arrive ahead of them. The crowds are so persistent that Jesus and his disciples cannot find a place to be alone. Mark's Gospel tells us that Jesus is moved with pity and begins to teach the crowds.

Our Gospel for today stops here, but Mark's report of the unyielding demands of the crowd continues in the verses that follow. If we were to continue reading from Mark's Gospel, we would hear Jesus instruct his disciples to feed the crowd in the familiar miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes. The work of Jesus and his disciples appears to be a round-the-clock job. In the next few weeks, we will hear the story of Jesus' feeding of the multitude, but our Lectionary will turn to the sixth chapter of the Gospel of John to report and reflect on this story.

In today's Gospel, we hear the Twelve referred to as "apostles." The word *apostle* is a Greek word meaning "one who is sent." Jesus chose twelve men from among his disciples whom he sent to share in his ministry of preaching and healing. The first report of this is found in the third chapter of Mark's Gospel, where the Twelve are also called apostles and the names of this select group are listed.

We who are Jesus' disciples today have also been sent to share the Gospel with others. Perhaps our commitment to following Jesus as his disciple leaves us feeling tired and overwhelmed. In today's Gospel, we hear Jesus affirm the importance of times of rest and renewal. Jesus wanted his disciples to come away and spend time alone with him.

This is what we seek and find in our life of prayer and in our celebration of the Eucharist.

Please pray for the following for whom Mass will be offered during the coming week:

Sat 17 th	7.30p.m. (Vigil)	Seán & Brendan Gavin, Loughgeorge. Mark Carr, Carnmore.
Sun 18 th	9.00a.m. 11.00a.m.	Special Intention. Moira Kelly, Caraun Road, Kiniska.
Mon 19 th	7.30p.m.	Pope John Paul 11 award ceremony.
Tues 20 th	9.30a.m.	Tommy Hickey.
Wed 21 st	9.30a.m.	Peggy & Sonny Kelly & their daughter Marguerite Holzer, Cregboy.
Thur 22 nd	7.30p.m.	Mary Rooney, New York.
Fri 23 rd	9.30a.m.	People of the Parish.
Sat 24 th	9.30a.m. 7.30p.m. (Vigil)	Paddy Summerville, Crusheen. Catherine & James Qualter, Loughgeorge & their daughter Mary Finnerty, Wales. Mattie & Bridie Grealish, Carnmore.
Sun 25 th	9.00a.m. 11.00a.m.	Margaret Kenny, Carnmore. Margaret Monaghan, Claregalway (Month's Mind).



Mass attendance on a first come basis for all masses. Please ensure to arrive early to avoid disappointment. The above Mass intentions will be broadcast on parish radio 106.4 fm. and on our parish webcam www.churchtv.ie/claregalway.

Church Collection Episcopal Hierarchy Commissions will take place at all Masses next weekend. Following on Vatican 11 the Bishops of Ireland found it necessary to set up a number of Commissions to help meet the needs of the present day Irish Church e.g. Catechetics, Clergy/Seminaries/Vocations, Communications, Doctrine, Ecumenism, Education and many more. Each diocese is levied for the annual running expenses of these commissions and it is an effort to meet this levy that this collection is being taken up.

Envelopes will be left on seats and you can put your contribution in box at the doors on the way out or through Sacristy door, parochial house or parish office during the week. Extra envelopes available at church doors. Your support would be very much appreciated.

Confirmation & First Communion Sacramental resources available on www.galwaydiocese.ie

Altar Society Group G

Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament will take place on **Tuesday** mornings after the 9.30am Mass until 11am. in the Church.

Holy Water. If you would like water to be blessed, please leave in a sealed container with name behind the Altar & it will be blessed and can be collected the next day.

Thank you to all of you who support the church. Weekly envelopes/Dues envelopes can be returned through the letterbox of the sacristy door behind the altar, the parish office or the parochial house if you so wish. Sincere thanks to all of you who return envelope, your support is very much appreciated. If you would like to, or are in a position to give your contributions re electronic transfer please use the following accounts:

Claregalway Church. Weekly Offerings: Claregalway Church A/C Current Account 1
IBAN: IE64BOFI 9040 4281 5728 35 BIC: BOFIE2D

Easter Dues Offerings: Claregalway Church A/C Current Account 2
IBAN: IE42BOFI 9040 4281 5728 43 BIC: BOFIE2D

Galway Diocese has set up a donation button on the website www.galwaydiocese.ie you can now click on the **I donate** button and select **Claregalway Parish** if you wish to donate. Or our website www.claregalwayparish.ie and click **donations**. Thank you for your support.

Re-Opening of our Church for Public Worship (*Fáilte ar ais*).

Public worship has returned with a capacity of **50 people**. People can attend on a first come basis. **If it is a loved ones anniversary mass, please come to the Church at least 20 minutes before mass to try and secure a seat and to avoid disappointment.** If the church is full to its capacity, please go to your car and tune your radio to **106.4fm** where you will hear mass live or alternatively log on to www.churchtv.ie/claregalway.

Communion for those who are in cars. Please come to the side door of church to receive Holy Communion - **maintain social distance of 2 meters at all times.**

To attend Mass. Please Q to the right and left of the main door of the church on social distancing markers. Your name and contact number will be taken at the church door by a steward in order to comply with contact-tracing. The information in line with GDPR will be kept in a secure place and destroyed after 28 days.

- ◆ **Face masks must be worn. Please use hand sanitizer as you enter the church.**
- ◆ **You will be escorted to your seats by stewards**
- ◆ **Mass leaflet/newsletter will be in your seat.**
- ◆ **Collection boxes at church doors for weekly/dues envelopes**
- ◆ **You will remain seated for Mass and Holy Communion will be brought to you.**
- ◆ **Please leave the Church in an orderly fashion as per stewards instructions.**

No congregating by people before /after any service in the Church or Church grounds.

Please use hand sanitizer as you leave the Church.

Funerals 50 mourners. Weddings 50 Guests. Baptisms The Sacrament of Baptism will proceed with restricted numbers. Please contact the parish office by email/phone.

Fr Ian is available for emergencies/sick calls, please contact parish office.

Confessions First Saturday of the month from 6.30pm-7pm in the sacristy and on request. (Please contact Fr. Ian) Parish office open Monday-Friday 10am-1pm.

New Rotas will be drawn up in the coming weeks for the various ministries in the church i.e. Altar Society, Flower Arrangers, Readers, Eucharistic Ministers. If you are still available for Eucharistic ministers duties, please email claregalway@parishes.galwaydiocese.ie with your preferred mass time as soon as possible.



Diocesan Vocations Director- Fr Ian O'Neill tel: 091-798741 or email galwaypriesthood@gmail.com

We remember in our prayers Rev. John Gerard who will be ordained later this year. Vocations facebook page www.facebook.com/galwayvocations

A PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Loving Father, you gave us your Son as the good shepherd who spent his life for the glory of your name and in the service of his people. Sent into the world by you to carry out your mission, he called and sent his apostles to continue that mission as shepherds of your people. In our need we ask you to bless us with good shepherds who will guide us in the way of the gospel and bring us your healing presence. May many from our diocese hear your call and respond with generosity so that we may always have shepherds to remind us of your care, your compassion and your life-giving presence. We ask this through your Son, the model for all shepherds, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Claregalway Cemetery. Please bring home old wreaths, bottles, rubbish, etc. Please do not throw any waste material over surrounding walls. Thank you.
Watch found in cemetery, please contact the parish office.

The Irish Council of Churches and the Irish Inter-Church Meeting have launched an all-island survey on the experiences of people from ethnic minorities, and attitudes towards ethnic diversity, in churches on the island of Ireland.

www.irishchurches.org/news-blog/5460/every-nation-tribe-and-people