

**Parish Newsletter For
Ballyadams, Luggacurren, Wolfhill & The Swan**

4th Sunday of Easter – 22nd April 2018

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Parish Website www.Ballyadamsparish.com

Parish Mass Times:

Weekend Masses: Saturday 7.30 p.m in Luggacurren. Sunday 10 a.m in Wolfhill & 11 a.m Ballyadams.

Masses During The Week: Morning Mass in Luggacurren on Tues, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday at 10 a.m.

This Week's Anniversaries: Seamus & Marie Brennan, Parkhill (11 a.m)

Next Week's Anniversaries: Martin & Sheila Meaney, Boley (Sat 7.30) Anne Knowles, Crossard (10 a.m) John Prendergast, Rosebran (11 a.m)

**OFFICIAL FAMILY PRAYER FOR WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES
2018**

God, our Father, We are brothers and sisters in Jesus your Son,
One family, in the Spirit of your love.

Bless us with the joy of love.

Make us patient and kind, gentle and generous,
welcoming to those in need.

Help us to live your forgiveness and peace.

Protect all families with your loving care,

Especially those for whom we now pray:

(We pause and remember family members and others by name).

Increase our faith,

Strengthen our hope,

Keep us safe in your love,

Make us always grateful for the gift of life that we share.

This we ask, through Christ our Lord, Amen.

Mary, mother and guide, pray for us.

Saint Joseph, father and protector, pray for us.

Saints Joachim and Anne, pray for us.

Saints Louis and Zélie Martin, pray for us.

Trocaire: Remaining Trocaire boxes should be handed in as soon as possible please.

Knock Pilgrimage: Organised by the Apostolate of Eucharistic Adoration is on Sunday 29th APRIL 2018. The programme begins at 11am (see the poster in your church) Holy Mass, chief celebrant and homilist is Bishop Phonicie Cullinan Waterford & Lismore diocese. Choir: Cathedral Choir Waterford. The coach leaves from Ballyadams 7:50, Ballylinan 8:10, Stradbally 8:25, Portlaoise 8:40 - Book your seat call Rosaleen 086 244 8603.

Parish Lotto 16/04/2018: Jackpot No's 05-12-13. Jackpot Prize €1050. Winner: Shanahan Family, Corbally...€15 Winners: Patsy Wheatley, Wolfhill, Claire Brennan, Slatt, Micheal Walsh, The Swan, P Rowan, 11 The Swan, Colette Hooney, c/o Mgt Moore... Next Week's Jackpot: €300.

Clean Up Laois Week 2018: April 23rd - 27th - Litter picking will take place on the approach roads to Luggacurren as part of this clean up. If you feel you can give an hour please contact Olive @0861567758 to arrange a section of the route & collection of litter pickers & bags/gloves. Your support would be appreciated.

Text Alert A.G.M: Will take place on Saturday 28th April in the parish hall Luggacurren @8.15 p.m finishing @9.30 with a cup of tea afterwards. All welcome.

Tractor Run For Mary-Claire Knowles: Run will take place on Sunday 22nd April 2018 - Registration from 12 noon-starting @Pedigree@2pm. Areas affected will be Luggacurren, Guileen, Timahoe & Wolfhill - No set fee to enter, small donation on day - All vehicles welcome - Music, refreshments & raffle in Pedigree afterwards. - Facebook page- Road Run for Mary-Claire Knowles - For more information contact Sandra@0857813598 - Andy@0863314546.

Extra Special Clothing Collection: Mary-Claire Knowles Defibrillator Fund: Mary Claire is 2 years old and has Dravet syndrome which is a rare form of epilepsy causing prolonged life threatening seizures. Crettyard Childcare Service have joined the communities fundraising efforts to buy a defibrillator for her home and provide her family with training to use this life saving equipment. All proceeds from this clothing will go towards this fund. The Collection will take place on Friday 18th May. Black sacks of clothing, shoes, towels, bed linen, handbags can be left to us at Crettyard Childcare Service, Newtown from 9am-5pm Monday 14th May to Thursday 17th May.

'Run Baby Run' Tractor Run & Family 5km Run/Walk: In aid of The Coombe's Neonatal Intensive Care Unit - Sunday 20th May 2018- Registration from 1 p.m/Starting at 3 p.m - Meredith's Farm, Beechgrove, Drumneen, Stradbally, Co Laois - Tractors €20-Runners/Walkers €10-Students €5-Children Free - Free 99 cone for every participant.

Join Us For The SVT Community Sports HUB 75 km Challenge: Sunday April 22nd = 22 km, Vicarstown Canal Walk. Meeting at Crean's Bar. Start @11.15 am. Sunday April 29th = 29km. Wolfhill Church to Vicarstown. Start @11.15 a.m. Various stops on the way - For more information contact Majella Fennelly @0860111722 or Dominic Hartnett @0873130504.

Aspiro: in collaboration with Carlow College of Music and the Royal Irish Academy of Music present Benjamin Britten's Community Opera 'Noye's Fludde' in Carlow Cathedral on Sunday 29th April 4.30 pm as part of the choir's 20th Anniversary concert celebrations. Tickets €12.50 / €7 and Family 2+2 €30 available www.eventbrite.ie.

To book the Swan Community Hall phone John on 087-9027560 or Luggacurren Hall phone James on 087-7567020
All items for the Newsletter should be submitted not later than Wednesday at noon. Phone 057-8647567 or email: ballyadamsc@eircom.net

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