

# Glenamaddy Parish Newsletter

**Sat 4th/Sun 5th August 2007**  
**18th Sunday of the year— Year C**

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*Please Keep Glenamaddy Tidy*

## Saturday 4th-Sunday 5th

Sat 7pm	Owen Conneely, Cloonlara South—1st anniv.
Sun 10am	Thomas & Kate Egan, Cloonlara South & Peter & Michael

### Week-Day Masses:

Mon. 9.30am	The people of the parish
Tues 8pm	Mass
Wed. 9.30am	Mass
Thurs 8pm	Dec. Collins family, Classaroe
Fri 9.30am	<b>Delia O'Connell, nee Burke</b>

## Saturday 11th - Sunday 12th

Sat 7pm	The people of the parish
Sun 10am	John Duffy & Nora Duane, Knockmascahill

Please pray for Gary Keaveney, Church St. who died during the week; also, Jess Marsh, nephew of Nellie Garvey, Esker who died in England; also, Luke & Nellie Comer, Shannagh whose anniversaries occur at this time.

*Mass in Boyounagh Cemetery on Friday next 10th August at 7pm*

### Novena to Our Lady of Knock

The Annual Novena to Our Lady of Knock will be held 14th—22nd August. Ceremonies will take place each day at 3pm and 8.30pm at Knock Shrine

Church Income last week-end: Envelopes:€882; Baskets: €335; Shrines, papers, ads.: €165

Glenamaddy Bingo:

On Wednesday night in the Community Centre at 9pm. €1,150 in prize money including €500 Jackpot on 48 calls or less.

Community Clubs' Lotto:

No Jackpot winner in last Wednesday's draw; numbers drawn were: One Match 3s and share €100.

### Glenamaddy Summer Festival

As a mark of respect to the Keaveny family on the death of their beloved Gary, the Glenamaddy Summer Festival, promoted by the Glenamaddy & District Residents & Traders Association, has been cancelled

Congratulations to young and old on the wonderful empathy and community spirit we saw at Gary **Keaveney's funeral**. Long may that spirit last.

### Missing

A fully grown Springer Spaniel, russet & white, missing in the area since Monday 23rd July.  
Information please to: 087-2618842

### The 10th **Annual Mass at Ballinastack Children's**

Burial Ground will take place on Sunday next 12th at 5pm. All are welcome. A get-together will take place afterwards in Ardeevin School at approximately 6pm. Refreshments will be served.

Please note: There will be no Unislim classes in the Community Centre for August. Will resume again in September.

We welcome Gavin Harte-Moran, Lakeview and Dylan Joyce, Ballyhard into the Christian community and congratulate their parents Aidan & Samantha and Stephen & Michelle

## Rebecca

His last few hours  
wrapped in the drone of beaded prayer  
found his drained wife  
giving to the end.  
Seeming to know his point of thirst  
she held the sponge of water to his parched lips  
**...the lips she first kissed**  
in a breathless moment of shyness  
in the hayfield on the side Coona mountain.  
Within a towering powerful frame  
he hid for sixty years.  
Now, with death not the length of a litany away  
a sound, half-heard, struggled for  
understanding  
in his dry throat.  
She put her ear close and caught the  
droning word  
**'Rebecca ... Rebecca'.**  
Rebecca, the name they gave their first born  
who died after two anxious hours  
of delicate struggle.  
Not till now  
had he mentioned  
her name.

## Kindness

Be kind and merciful, Let no one ever come to you  
without coming away better and happier.

**Be the living expression of God's kindness:**

kindness in your face, kindness in your eyes,  
kindness in your smile, kindness in your warm  
greeting.

**In the slums, we are the light of God's kindness**  
to the poor. To children, to the poor, to all who  
suffer and are lonely, give always a happy smile -

Give them not only your care,  
but also your heart.

*Mother Teresa of Calcutta*

*Lord take my lips  
And speak  
Through them,  
Take my mind  
And think through it,  
Take my heart  
And set it on fire*

*Oxford Book of Prayer*

## The Seeker

I do not ride on camels  
through a wind-swept desert.

I do not carry gifts  
that are fit for a king.

I do not see a star  
that guides the stalwart riders.

Yet I, too, am seeking.

I, too, am longing.

I go among busy days  
yearning for the Unknown One.

In the breath of a prayer,  
in the care of a friend,  
in the beauty of a bird,  
a star-like glimpse comes to me.

A flicker of hope arises,  
enough to stay in the fray,  
to keep searching for the One  
who is revealed  
in tiny sparks of daily encounters.

Holy One, you who reveal,  
make manifest your presence.  
Open the eyes of my heart.  
awaken my un-attuned spirit.

Bring me to full attention,  
so that I may come to know,  
in my every moment,  
your radiant star of guidance.

*May the strength of God pilot us*

*May the power of God preserve us.*

*May the wisdom of God instruct us.*

*May the hand of God protect us.*

*May the way of God direct us.*

*May the shield of God defend us.*

*May the host of God guard us against  
the snares*

*Of evil and the temptations of the world.*

*May Christ be with us.*

*Christ in us.*

*Christ over us.*

*May your salvation, O Lord, be always  
ours*

*This day and for evermore. Amen.*

*St Patrick*