

# Glenamaddy Parish Newsletter

Sat /5thSun 6th January 2008

Feast of the Epiphany— Year A

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*Please Don't Litter Our Town*

## Saturday 5th-Sunday 6th

**Sat 7pm** Bridget & Michael Fahy,  
Dunmore Road

**Sun 10am** Thomas & Bridget Ward,  
Scotland

## Week-Days

**Monday** Exposition

**Wed. 7pm** Padre Pio Devotions

**Fri 9.30am** Communion Service

## Saturday 12th -Sunday 13th

**Sat 7pm** Eilís Haslam

**Sun 10am** The people of the parish

Please pray for Emily Feeney, Galway, daughter of Eileen Reilly, formerly Dunmore Rd, who died during the week; also, Margaret Keaveney, Mountkelly, John Molloy, Ballinlass and Patrick & Mary Ward, Lisheen whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Meeting of the **Active Age Retirement Group** on Tuesday at 8pm in the Social Services Centre. All are welcome

### New Toilets

New toilets—including a Toilet for the Disabled—are now open  
**behind the Church**

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**  
every Monday 7am-12 noon & 6pm-10pm. All welcome

**Church Income last week-end:** Envelopes: €715 ; Baskets: €352; Shrines, papers, ads.: €322

### **Glenamaddy Bingo:**

On Wednesday night in the Community Centre at 8.30pm.  
€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: 21-22-25-26. Four Match 3s and share €100.  
Next Wednesday's Lotto Jackpot will be €10,800.

### **Community Centre Activities:**

**Bridge Club** resumes on Monday 7th

**Aerobics** resumes on Monday 7th

**Indoor Soccer** for National Schools and Secondary Schools resumes on Tuesday 8th

**Soccer for Adults** on Thursday 10th

**Unislim** resumes on Thursday 10th

**Devotions to Padre Pio this Wednesday evening the 9th of January 7pm in the Church.**

## **On Being a Star**

There are hundreds of stars  
new ones each day  
All of them lead to the manger.  
We begin small and helpless  
a little piece of clay  
but we grow.

The Potter works at the wheel  
The Potter wants us  
to become stars.  
We become stars  
by following stars  
In the eyes of those  
who cannot see  
We are fools  
to follow any star  
But for those  
with Christmas-eyes  
We are wise.

Light shining on light.  
Of God's radiance  
we all have had a share.  
Why else did Jesus come  
except to light a path for us  
to heal what is frightened in us  
and to be a star?

But we aren't used to stars like this  
We aren't used to stars  
who are born in a stable  
and hanged on a cross.  
We aren't used to stars that shine  
in places we'd rather not look.  
We aren't used to stars who propose  
things that don't make sense  
like losing our lives, and  
turning the other cheek  
and being poor for the sake  
of some unknown Kingdom.

I hope a star comes out for you today  
A new one that you've never seen be-  
fore.  
I hope it's bright and bold  
A prophetic star,  
piercing your darkness  
and helping you to see the things  
you really need to see.  
I hope it touches you  
with fire  
and runs along beside you  
all year long.

This star!  
Oh, how I hope it comes  
Leaping  
Laughing  
Bounding  
Burning  
Singing  
Shining  
in your life!

And when the year is through  
I hope this star  
keeps shining on in you  
For without a doubt  
**you are**  
someone who's called  
to be **a star.**

## **Jesus the Healer**

I had a dream that I came to the |Lord  
trembling, ashamed, fearful and sad.  
And I told him my tale of betrayals.  
When I had finished, I continued to kneel there,  
waiting for the punishment I felt I richly deserved.  
But what did he do?  
He rose from his chair, took some ointment, and said,  
'Let me dress your wounds.'  
'What wounds?' I asked, puzzled.  
'I'm the one who has wounded others.'  
But then in a flash I saw he was right.  
I too was wounded, for to sin is to suffer.  
Astonished by his mercy, I let him dress my wounds.  
Afterwards I went away airborne with joy.  
His sheer goodness made me feel that I too was good,  
and made me want to be like him.

*A little more kindness,  
A little more creed,  
A little more giving,  
A little less greed.*

*A little more "We",  
A little less "I",  
A little more laughter,  
A little less cry.*

*A little more flowers,  
On the pathway of life,  
And fewer on graves  
At the end of the strife.*

I will be away from the Parish until Feb-  
ruary 9th. Fr. Des Walsh, Williamstown  
will be covering for me. His telephone  
number is— **094 9643007**

If important matters dealing with parish  
affairs have to be dealt with, please con-  
tact a member of the Pastoral Council.

Items for the parish newsletter should be  
marked '**newsletter**' and either dropped  
in the letter box or sent by e-mail - but  
must be in by 12 noon on Fridays.