

Killinarden Parish Sacred Heart Church



Missionaries
of the
Sacred Heart
MSC MISSIONS

23rd August 2026

Twenty-First in Ordinary Time

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BLACKBERRY-PICKING

By Seamus Heaney
for Philip Hobsbaum

Late August, given heavy rain and sun
For a full week, the blackberries would ripen.
At first, just one, a glossy purple clot
Among others, red, green, hard as a knot.
You ate that first one and its flesh was sweet
Like thickened wine: summer's blood was in it
Leaving stains upon the tongue and lust for
Picking. Then red ones inked up and that hunger
Sent us out with milk cans, pea tins, jam-pots
Where briars scratched and wet grass bleached our boots.
Round hayfields, cornfields and potato-drills
We trekked and picked until the cans were full,
Until the tinkling bottom had been covered
With green ones, and on top big dark blobs burned
Like a plate of eyes. Our hands were peppered
With thorn pricks, our palms sticky as Bluebeard's.

We hoarded the fresh berries in the byre.
But when the bath was filled we found a fur,
A rat-grey fungus, glutting on our cache.
The juice was stinking too. Once off the bush
The fruit fermented, the sweet flesh would turn sour.
I always felt like crying. It wasn't fair
That all the lovely canfuls smelt of rot.
Each year I hoped they'd keep, knew they would not.

C.E Vacancies

Killinarden Parish currently have

Community Employment vacancies for:

Security Guards/ office Amin

Criteria for these positions: You must be 21 years or over
and be in receipt of a social welfare payment for a minimum of 12 months.

If you are interested in working in your local community
or want further information Contact:

Mary @ 01-4621973

Or call into Arás Croí Nua

(Portacabin on Presbytery grounds).

Annual Parish Pilgrimage to Knock

Saturday 12th September

More information to follow.

PARISH LOTTO

**The next Lotto is not until the 9th
September
and the jackpot will be €1,000.**

PLEASE TAKE THIS HOME WITH YOU AS YOU LEAVE

Mass Times and Intentions

Day	Time	Mass Intentions
Saturday 22nd August 20th Week in Ordinary Time	6.30pm	David and Brian Clarke RIP 5th Anniversary Philip Keogh A Speedy Recovery Paul Bannon RIP Eugene Byrne RIP
Sunday 23rd August 21st Sunday In Ordinary Time	11.00am	Carol Carpenter RIP Anniversary Joe Laird RIP Anniversary Mary Aherne RIP Rita Coleman RIP
Monday 24th August 21st Week in Ordinary Time	No Mass	
Tuesday 25th August 21st Week in Ordinary Time	9.15am	Service of the Word and Holy Communion
Wednesday 26th August St. Bartholomew	9.15am	Special Intentions
Thursday 27th August 21st Week In Ordinary Time	9.15am	People Of the Parish
Friday 28th August 21st n Ordinary Time	9.15am	
Saturday 29th August 21st Week In Ordinary Time	6.30pm	Mary Molloy RIP
Sunday 30th August 22nd Sunday In Ordinary Time	11.00am	John Gerard Walker RIP First Anniversary

We pray for the intercession of Our Lady for Health and Healing

Confessions: On request Diocesan safeguarding procedures are on the noticeboard at the back of the Church. <u>There is no Adoration of the Blessed</u> <u>Sacrament during August</u> <u>Next Adoration is the 2nd September</u>	Parish Team Fr. Fintan O'Driscoll MSC, P.P. Fr. Con O'Connell MSC Parish Secretary 01 - 452 2251 Parish Office Hours: Monday -Thursday: 9am to 1pm Friday: 9am to 12.30pm Killinarden Family Resource Centre 4527143 KPCE (CE Scheme) 01—4621973 RCN 20016166	 <i>Courage isn't having the strength to go on—it is going on when you don't have the strength.</i> <i>-Napoleon-</i>
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Jokes: Q. Why couldn't the pony sing "Happy Birthday?" A. Because she was just a little hoarse! Q. What do you get from a pampered cow? A. Spoiled milk! 	WE PRAY FOR THE SICK We pray for all those who are sick, recovering from surgery or needing our prayers, especially: Baby Archie, Noeleen Lawlor, Kathleen McTaggart ,Eileen Tuohy, Paddy Greene, Ashley Shortt, Anthony Fox', Elizabeth Keane Tom Cummins, Clodagh Higgins, Baby Harvey, Theresa ,Adam Folan. Mary Keating, Baby Jade, Catherine Sheehan, Brendan Darcy, Ryan Moffatt, Mary Byrne, Noleen Farrell, Gary Lowe, Paul Murphy, Stephan Traynor, Harold Daly, Darren Boylan, Adrienne Power, June Dunne, Ann Morrissey, John Whearity, John Byrne, Dermot Moffatt, Carmel Moffott , Kathie O'Reilly, Willie Toner, May Duffy, Brodie, Paul , Jimmy Hanway Tony Oglesby ,Elaine Prentice and T mc Kenna.
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