



During the month of September we celebrate the Season Of Creation and it finishes on October 4th, the feast day of Saint Francis. It is a time to reflect on bigger issues, particularly on climate change and what we can do to play our part to limit its effects. But the Season Of Creation is much wider than just climate change. It is also about noticing the little moments, in the beauty of creation all around us.

We believe that the presence of God can be found in many places but can also be found in the beauty of nature all around us. It is the little moments of beauty that catch our eye, that remind us there must be something more, a creator who makes all of this possible. The season of creation reminds us that our world resources are finite. For example every minute we lost the equivalent of thirty football pitches of fertile soil across the world. Climate change, the spread of intensive agriculture, deforestation and industrial activity have accelerated the loss of soil in almost every country.

We are encouraged to appreciate the gift of soil and not to take it for granted. This summer there has been a huge swing towards growing vegetables in our gardens. There has been a bumper harvest thanks to the lovely warm weather. The savings are significant too particularly with the price of food going up so much. It is also well known that your own vegetables taste so much better. So instead of using chemical fertilisers, we are encouraged to use natural mulch and organic matter in our garden soil. The soil needs to be nurtured and minded too. This season of creation is a lovely time of year. I encourage you if you can this week to go for a walk, a stroll, in your garden and notice the beauty of creation all around you. It is God's most precious gift to us. We are encouraged to enjoy it and allow it to touch our soul.

On **Monday 26th of September (7:30pm to 8:30pm)**, Bishop Brendan, Sr Betty Baker, Fr Chris O'Donnell along with the pastoral outreach and youth ministry teams will offer an opportunity for **prayer and reflection on Facebook Live** on the Season of Creation. You are most welcome to join the session by clicking on our Facebookpage: <https://www.facebook.com/>

[dioceseoflimerick](https://www.facebook.com/dioceseoflimerick) just before 7:30pm on the 26th. You do not need to have a Facebook page to access this prayer service, our Facebook page is open to people who do not have a Facebook account. On **Saturday 8th October Dr Niamh Brennan (10am to 1:30pm)** will deliver a **reflective workshop** on this year's Season of Creation theme **"Listening to the Voice of Creation"** at the Don Bosco Centre, Milford, followed by outdoor prayer/reflection (weather permitting!) at the LCM Infinity Woodland Pathway adjacent to Milford Care Centre.

We are offering a training/reflection session for **Ministers of the Word on Tuesday 4th October from 7:30m to 9pm** in the Diocesan Centre (adjacent to St Munchin's College). This session is suitable for new Ministers of the Word and can also be a reflective opportunity for existing Ministers.

A training/reflection session for **Ministers of the Eucharist** will be held on **Tuesday 11th October from 7:30pm to 9pm** again in the Diocesan Centre. Again, this session is suitable for new Ministers of the Eucharist or can also be a reflective opportunity for existing Ministers. You can register for training for Ministers of the Word and/or Ministers of the Eucharist here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MinistryTrainingReflection>

Two nights of training for **Funeral/Bereavement Teams** will be offered on **18th and 25th October from 7:30pm to 9pm** in the Diocesan Centre. The training will cover the practical steps involved in setting up and resourcing Funeral/Bereavement Teams in pastoral units/parishes. Following these initial two nights, additional supports and resources needed will be considered and further training sessions will be developed. Again, we would encourage people who have a sense of calling to this ministry area, as well as those already involved, to register for the two nights so we can learn from each other's experiences. You can register for the two nights of training here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FuneralBereavementTeams>

Franciscan Missionaries of Mary thank you for your warm welcome and not to mention your generosity last weekend to them €1,280.

Our Sacristan Terry's collection is this weekend. We always appreciate his constant care in looking after our Churches in the Parish and the grounds in Donoughmore church. Thanks Terry

Remembering Fr Dave, this evening eve 24th Sept. We welcome family members to our Mass, We thank his family for his presence amongst us for along number

Remembered In Mass

Donoughmore



Sat 24th Sept	7pm	Mai & John Sheahan. Lil Halpin. (7th) Ann Costelloe (1st) Carmel McGill (6th)
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Mon.26th	10m	
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Tues 27th	10am	No Mass
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Fri 30th	10am	
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Sat 1st	7pm	(MM) Gerry Glynn Alice Kirby 1st A. Michael Neville
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Knockea

Sun 25th	11am	Charles Godfrey. Colm Walsh. Michael & Sheila McQuaid & Jim Fagen
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Wed 28th	10am	
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Sun 2nd	11am	John Browme
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Roxboro

of year's ,tea and refreshments after mass in Church house.

Parish Pastoral Council meeting Wed. Sept. 28th 7-8pm

Drombanna Community singers have now returned to Drombanna Day Care Centre on Wed. Nights 7.30 for music & sing a long, all are welcome, an easy comfortable get-together , you can also email Angela at drombannacommunitysingers@gmail.com

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Dk& BCDA Community Associations invite you to a Public meeting to discuss the purchase and installment of a life saving defibrillator housed in a traditional phone box in Ballyneety village ,meeting in the Courthouse Ballyneety village Tuesday 27th Sept. at 8pm , "It takes a community to save a life"



Training on how to use the Defibrillator at Knockea school is to begin soon , would you please give your name to Dolie at Knockea, church.

Weekly Lotto €1,200 no winner winning No.8,11,20,22. Lucky dips 1. Conor Moynihan 2. Nancy Daly 3. Dooley family 4. John Sheehan 5. Francis Daly 6. Mike Keane /Pat O'Connor Next Jackpot €1,300 Draw Tues 27th Sept. The Cat's Cradle 9.30pm Thank you

