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Bearna na Gaoithe: Sagart Paróiste: Fearghus Ó Fearghail
An Ceathrú Domhnach Fichead Saor: 9/10 Mean Fomhair 2016

Mass Times: Weekend: Windgap: Saturday, 7.30 pm. Tullahought: Sunday, 10 am.
Weekdays: Masses at usual times (except in the event of a funeral).

Windgap: Readers: September: 3, Martin O'Shea; 10, Michelle O'Brien; 17, Marie Brown; 24, Larry O'Shea; **October:** 1, Sean Foley; 8, Heather O'Brien.

Eucharistic Ministers: September: 3, Brigid Comerford; 10, Catherine Meagher; 17, Ann O'Shea; 24, Breda O'Shea; **October:** 1, Eileen O'Gorman; 8, Margaret Mackey; 15, Joan Waters; 22, Liz Jackson

Collectors for September: Tom & Margaret Mackey.

Tullahought: Eucharistic Ministers:, September: 4, Leo Conalty; 11, Patricia Power; 18, Mary Walsh; 25, Eileen Grace.

Golden Jubilee: Congratulations to Sister Alice Aylward (Kildrummy), on her Golden Jubilee which we are celebrating with herself and her family this weekend in Tullahought. This year she is celebrating fifty years as a member of the Holy Faith Order. We congratulate her on reaching this milestone in her religious life and thank her for sharing this occasion with the parish community.

Camphill Community Ballytobin Annual Open Day: Sunday, 18th September, from 2.00 pm to 5.00 pm: This is an important fund-raising occasion for the community.

An nCnoc Rua: Knockroe Ministerial Visit. The Minister for Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht Ms Heather Humphreys, Teachta Dála, is to visit the Knockroe Passage Tombs next Thursday, 15th September, at 6.30pm. The visit is to last about an hour. Dr Muiris Ó Suilleabháin (who excavated the site) will be present during the visit & will speak on the history of the passage tombs and their excavation. All are welcome. On the same day, dála an scéil, beidh an tAth. Roibeárd Ó Reachtabhair, iar Shagart Paróiste Bearna na Gaoithe, 86 bliain d'aois.

Cnoc Muire - St. Vincent de Paul pilgrimage to Knock: The Society's annual pilgrimage to Cnoc Muire is taking place today. The bus set off from Windgap church at 7 a.m. this morning. We pray that their pilgrimage will be a fruitful one.

Camogie news from Springmount: Windgap Camogie Club and indeed the whole parish wish Denise Gaule and Niamh Bambrick every good wish on Sunday in the All Ireland Senior and Intermediate finals i bPáirc an Chrócaigh. A few seats are still available on the bus. For anyone wishing to travel bear in mind that the bus will be leaving from the Hall on Sunday morning at **10 a.m.** If you wish to travel on the bus, contact Helen at 0872774634.

Windgap Senior Camogie Team are playing Piltown in the first round of the senior championship on Sunday 18th Sept – in Windgap. All support welcome.

Do you what to know more about your Church and your faith? If so why not take part in a course offered in St Kieran's College for the coming year. Two nights a week from Oct to Dec and Jan to May this course will explore areas such as Scripture, Moral Theology, the Church,

Liturgy and Sacraments, and Church History. It is intended for those who are new to theology and those who want to explore it a little further. For further information see www.ossory.ie or contact 056-7753624 or 087-9081470.

Callan CBS Kenya Immersion Programme: A group of 15 students and 3 teachers (including Cian Ryan) from Coláiste Eamon Rís will be travelling to Kenya next Easter to take part in an immersion programme. They will be busy fundraising throughout the coming year having to raise €30,000 towards the trip. In addition each participating student will have to raise €500 towards his own expenses.

Pilgrimage to the Shrines of France: 7 - 14 Oct. An opportunity to visit Lourdes, Avignon, Ars, Paray-Le-Monial, Nevers, Paris & Lisieux; 7 nights; cost €799 including insurance. For further information please contact Fr. Larry O'Keeffe, PP Mooncoin.

Míle Buíochas - many thanks - to all for your generous help, prayers and solidarity during the past difficult days and particularly for your work in organising the Mass for the Hawe family of Castlerahan and for their families and extended families on last Tuesday. Thanks especially to the Hurling and Camogie clubs, the ICA, the choir and readers, those who prepared the Hall, the Church and its PA system, those who looked after the stewarding, and the many who provided food in abundance. Ní neart go cur le chéile.

Placenames: Baunfree (contd.): The placename “Baunta” is found in Callan. Amhlaoibh Ó Suilleabháin wrote (as Gaeilge) in his diary that he went walking there on 30 June 1828 and he referred to it as “na Banta Buí” which means the “Yellow Pasture” or “Yellow Lealands” (*Cinnlae* I, 296). Baun or bawn in English also means an enclosure and is used of the bawn of a castle. The Irish term in this case is spelled Bádhbhdhún and means an enclosure or bulwark or bawn (dún is part of the word). The fair of Bawn in Galmoy was well known in north Kilkenny – it was famous for its fighting. Bawn here is Baunballinlough - in Irish, Bábhún Bhaile an Locha. Baunrickeen in Johnstown parish is Bábhún Ricín or the Bawn of little Richard.

Curates of Windgap: Patrick Phelan was a native of Sralee, Ballyragget, born about Jan. 1841, the son of Michael Phelan and Mary Keoghan. His brother Richard became bishop of Pittsburg, USA. Fr Phelan studied in St. Kyran's (1861-2) and in Carlow College (1863-67). In those years the seminary in Kilkenny was only limping along, with students for Ossory studying in Maynooth, Carlow or Rome. Some having finished their theological studies returned to Kilkenny and while awaiting ordination probably taught some classes in the secondary school. Patrick was ordained on 15 June 1867 for Ossory. Windgap was Fr Phelan's first curacy. He served here for over five years, from Aug. 1867 to the end of 1872. He was subsequently curate in Gowran (1872-76), chaplain in Kilkenny Workhouse (1876-79) and administrator of St. Mary's, Kilkenny (1879-86). On 12 June 1886 he returned to the scene of his first curacy, this time as parish priest.

While a curate in Windgap Fr Phelan knew Fr Robert O'Keeffe, the controversial parish priest of Callan. Shortly before the storm broke between Fr O'Keeffe and Bishop Walsh he attended a lecture on science that Fr O'Keeffe gave in the courthouse in Callan on Monday, 12 July 1869. The talk was given on the occasion of the opening of Fr O'Keeffe's “new academy” in the town. The *Freeman's Journal* reported that this was the second lecture Fr O'Keeffe gave as a preliminary to a course on the subject of heat. H. C. Gregory, -Esq., J.P., occupied the chair, and the lecture was heard throughout with deep attention by a most numerous attendance that included the Rev. Mr. Maher, P.P., Windgap; Rev. Mr. Hanrahan, O.S.A.; Rev. J. Carr, and Rev. J. Walsh, Callan; Rev. Mr. Phelan, Windgap; Rev. Mr. Healy, Cuffesgrange; Dr. Keatinge and Dr. Ryan, Mr. J. Hanrahan, Mr J. Dunne, and others.

In illustration of the lecture a very interesting experiment was exhibited by Professor Hawe, who has charge of the agricultural department in the academy. The production of carbonic acid from limestone and dilute muriatic acid was presented to view by Mr. [Walter] Hawe, while the lecturer explained the nature and properties of the carbonic acid. The lecturer throughout was loudly cheered, and when a vote of thanks was put from the chair by Mr. Gregory, the acclamation was enthusiastic.