**Lorrha Notes.**

**Church News.**

Easter Stations, Wednesday, 12th – Lorrha, Thursday, 13th – Redwood. Mass each evening at 7.30p.m. Confessions beforehand.

Please Note: Mass on St. Patrick’s Day will be at the earlier time of 10.30 am in Rathcabbin Church.

Lectio Divina (i.e. scripture reflection) every Monday in Parochial House at 9. 30am. Stations of the Cross in Rathcabbin Church at 7.30pm every Friday for Lent. Rosary will be prayed before Saturday evening and Sunday Mass. We invite you to arrive twenty minutes early.

**Late Eamonn Sutton.**

The unexpected death occurred on Sunday March 2nd in Tullamore Hospital of Eamonn Sutton, Birr and formerly Derry, Rathcabbin. Eamonn who was 86 years old passed away peacefully after a sudden illness. A familiar figure on the roads on his Honda 50 bike in his younger years, he was a hard working blocklayer and plasterer who also carried out painting and decorating jobs for anyone who required his services. He worked too for a time on a Fas scheme where one of his duties was caretaker of Rathcabbin School. A good darts player in his spare time, many others who also played, feared his expertise. Eamonn was well liked and much respected and he will be missed by all who knew him. Sympathy is extended to his sister Phil (Portlaoise), brothers Kevin and Noel (U.K), nieces, nephews, relatives and friends on their sad loss. After funeral Mass in Our Lady Queen of Ireland Church Rathcabbin burial took place in Bonaham Cemetery. May he rest in peace.

**Late Pauline Molloy.**

The peaceful death occurred on Monday March 3rd in the love and care of the Matron and staff of Carriglea Home, Dungarvan of Pauline Molloy, formerly of Ballyoughter, Rathcabbin. The youngest in the family, Pauline was a special member of her family unit who spent most of her life in Dungarvan. She will be sadly missed by her family and by those who cared for her in Carriglea. Sympathy is extended to her brothers, sisters, brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, nieces, nephews, cousins, relatives and friends on their sad loss. After funeral Mass in Our Lady Queen of Ireland Church Rathcabbin, burial took place in Bonoham Cemetery. May she rest in peace.

**Late Eric Noel Kenny.**

The death occurred on Wednesday March 5th at Bush Park Nursing home Borrisokane after a long illness of Eric Kenny, Kilcarron, Lorrha. Born on 30th December 1925, Eric was one of life’s gentlemen. A quiet inoffensive man he dedicated his life to his family and his work on the land where he carried out mixed farming and up until recent weeks too. It was through his many long years of harvesting the crop of corn that he will be best remembered for, a job he took great pride in doing. He took an interest in all affairs around him and was heavily committed along with his wife Maureen to the erection of St. Ruadhan’s Community Hall in the village where he oversaw it’s construction as Chairman and continued serving on that committee to the present day. He will be sadly missed by all but in particular by his family. Sympathy is extended to his wife Maureen, son Trevor, daughter Suzanne, grandsons Nicholas and James, daughter-in-law Lavinia, son-in-law Desmond, relatives, neighbours and friends on their great loss. After funeral Service in St. Ruadhan’s Church of Ireland, burial took place in the adjoining cemetery. May he rest in peace.

**Sympathy.**

Sympathy is extended to the Killeen and O’Doherty families on the death of James Killeen, Aglish which occurred on March 5th. After funeral Mass in St Patrick's Church, The Pike, Ballingarry, burial took place in the adjoining cemetery. May he rest in peace. Sympathy is extended to the Dooley family, Borrisokane on the death of Martin which occurred on March 8th. After funeral Mass in Ss Peter an Paul’s Church Borrisokane, burial took place in Nenagh Road Cemetery. May he rest in peace.

**Apostolic Work Society Display.**

Lorrha Apostolic Work Society will hold their Annual Display in Lorrha Community Hall on Sunday March 23rd from 2pm to 6pm. All proceeds from the display will go to the Missions. Your support is very much appreciated so come along and have a cup of tea and a chat and meet the members. All are very welcome. The committee wish to express sympathy to the Guinan family on the death of Dympna, a founder member of the Lorrha branch of the Society. May her gentle soul rest in peace.

**Enrolment.**

Little Feet Pre-school, Bredagh, Lorrha is now taking names for September 2014. Pre school session 9.30am to 12.30p.m. daily. Full day available also catering for children of all ages. Call (087) 7783347 or call in and pick up an application form.

**Three Year Plan.**

Lorrha Development Association / Tidy Towns are having a three year plan drawn up which is part of the Tidy Towns application, for works around the village. What would you like to see developed in the village over the next three years? What improvements / repairs could be made? Have your imput into the plan by making achievable and worthwhile suggestions in writing, signed and dated to the Secretary Mary Coen or Chairperson Rose Mannion on or before midday on Wednesday March 19th. We value your interest.

**Spring De-Clutter.**

Lorrha Development/ Tidy Towns continue with unused clothes collection throughout the Spring months. De-clutter your wardrobe, attack your attic, recycle all unwanted/unused items of clothing to make room for your Spring collection. We will accept any kind of bag or in bags provided by the committee at (086) 8647166. We can collect your unwanted items. Just call or text  (086) 8493595/ (086) 8647166/ (087) 2601413 with your name and details. We appreciate your support. All money raised from all fundraising ventures is used for the ongoing work around Lorrha Village.

**St. Ruadhan’s Active Retirement.**

The committee and members would like to express our deepest sympathy to the Guinan Family, Redwood, on the recent death of Dympna Guinan, RIP.  Dympna was a lovely gentle lady and will be sadly missed by all who knew her.  Dympna, we have some very fond memories of all the fun we had on our trips and holidays together which will remain with us for the rest of our lives.

**Redwood N.S. Open Evening**

Redwood NS are holding their open evening on Wednesday, 12th March from 6.00 -8.00 pm.

This is an opportunity to visit the school, speak with the teachers and view the extensive range of facilities and resources available to students. Enrolment forms available on the night. Private viewings of the school can also be arranged by calling the school on

090 9747186. All are welcome.

**Rathcabbin N.S. News.**

The Parents Association would like to express their gratitude to everyone who supported the table quiz on Friday 28th. It was a great success, raising funds beyond our expectations. Sincere thanks to those who sponsored a vast range of prizes, your generosity is appreciated. A special word of thanks to our quizmaster Aidan McIntyre (and his assistant Clodag) for his excellent range of questions which rattled many brains.. Finally, thanks to the local community of Rathcabbin and beyond who packed into Kelly’s and bought tickets for the event, we hope you enjoyed the night, Mile Buiochas!!

**Swimming:** continues every Tuesday until Easter, the children have made great progress and really enjoy learning new skills with pencil dives being very popular.

**Library Visit:** On our weekly trip to Birr for swimming the children will now also visit Birr Library as part of our participation in the Reading Challenge organised by the library for schools in the local area. All classes are involved in the Reading Challenge and the children have already read hundreds of books, keep up the good work.

**Hurling:** Indoor hurling challenge between the local schools is coming up soon, this will be good preparation for the Cumann na mBunscol

**Literacy and Numeracy Programme:** This year our focus is on handwriting which is benificial in consolidating the daily class work. We are currently investing in resources to develop the numeracy programme after Easter.

**Fire Officers Visit:** Our local fire officiers from Borrisokane visited the school last week, they explained many aspects of fire safety to the children and presented them with certificates and information packs.

**Green Schools:** We hope to achieve our third flag in the coming weeks from An Taisce for Water Conservation, this was a very topical challenge and we have reduced our water usage by 2000 litres per month over the same period last year, Wow.

**Competitions:** The children are currently preparing their entries for the Aldi Art competition and INTO Handwriting competition, best of luck to all!

**Open Evening** will be held on Thursday 27th March from 4-6pm. The Principal and teachers would like to extend a warm welcome to all prospective pupils and their parents. Please come along and see our newly opened and refurbished facilities, excellent pupil teacher ratio due to additional teaching staff. Please contact the principal, Mr D’arcy on 0579139008 or email principal@rathcabbinns.ie

**Camogie Club.**

Wow what can we say what a night that was had Saturday night in the Clubhouse. Over 200 people were at our event. Thanks a million to everyone that supported and came Saturday to the Lorrha Camogie Club Mad March Mock Wedding, everyone got such entertainment. Please send in any pictures/videos onto our facebook page or send them katiekennedy37@gmail.com. There will be a DVD of the night coming out soon, not to be missed! A Massive Thank you to all our sponsors on the night without sponsors an event like this
Couldn’t be possible! Cllr Conor Delaney for sponsorship of printing for the beautiful programme we had on the night. David Broderick of David Broderick Sports Therapy €100 voucher \*Parkers of Riverstown Voucher \*Jazz Dresses- Michelle O’Meara-Spot prize & Dress’s \*Sunflowers in Birr- Thanks to Mary for the Top Table and Button Hole flowers \*Larkin’s Formalwear Birr- Suit Sponsored Thanks Benny \*The Ferry Inn Bar & Restaurant- Voucher and the lovely buffet on tonight Thanks to Theresa Walker for the use of the Ferry Inn kitchen\* Fayles Hardware, Birr for the use of the red carpet, Nora Moarn for creating all of the buntings and fairy backdrops, Michelle’s Hair Salon, Killimor- Voucher \*Scissors Hair Salon, Birr- Voucher \* Naylor’s Car Breakers –Spot Prize \*Darina Kelly, Champagne \*Frawley’s Superstore Birr- Spot Prize \*Donie O’Meara, Portumna- Easter Egg for Hamper \*Duffy’s shop, Killimor Spot prize, Concannons Killimor, spot prize \*Shanval Property Maintenance (James Heenan), Bernie & John Cleary bottles of wine, Ann Marie Hough-spot prize. On behalf of Lorrha Camogie Club we sincerely thank the following people who made the Mock Wedding possible: All of our cast on the night who have worked tirelessly to make the play a success and who came over to the clubhouse and rehearsed every week. All the Showers, Goff’s, Orlando Thanks all for all your time and effort. Ann Marie Hough our Director, Thanks very much, pleasure to work with. Hubie Hogan, always willing to help out in any way. Ray the Dj for the music. GAA for the support and accommodating the Camogie Club. Theresa Dunne Walker for all her help, guidance and great laughs! Lorrha Hall, Richard Needham and Donal Darcy for use of their chairs and tables. Lil & Denis Maher for their continued support of the Lorrha Camogie Club over the years.  Tara King our photographer and Melee King who will be videoing the show who are always willing to give us a hand. All of the lads outside organizing the parking. Noel Hogan for the use of his lights and Willie Harding the use of his projector, all of the Bar staff, Sarah Jane Parsons and Colette Cleary for hair and make up. To all of the Camogie Girls from the girls and parents who made deserts, made sandwiches, selling tickets around the parish, especially to the girls who went out in the evening around to all the houses, selling raffle tickets, rehashing their dance routine and our waiters. Davy Dunne for the ash tree he donated for our timber giveaway. A special Thanks has to go to the great Camogie Fundraising Committee who have worked so hard to make this event a success we appreciate all of your effort and work, ye are a credit to the Blue & White of Lorrha and to your Club. To our trainers Jimmy and Colm who have being accommodating to us all working rehearsals around training etc! Finally Thanks to you the people of Lorrha & Dorrha and surrounding areas for your wonderful support of all our fundraising efforts and for coming Saturday night, your support towards the Camogie Club is truly amazing! Next up ‘The Christening of Baba Beyonce’!!

***Smile Awhile and Laugh a Little Every Day:***

Young Priest

The elderly priest, speaking to the younger priest, said, 'You had a good idea to replace the first four pews with plush bucket theater seats. It worked like a charm. The front of the church always fills first now.'

The young priest nodded, and the old priest continued, 'And you told me adding a little more beat to the music would bring young people back  to church, so I supported you when you brought in that rock 'n roll gospel choir. Now our services are consistently packed to the balcony.'

'Thank you, Father,' answered the young priest. 'I am pleased that you are open to the new ideas of youth.'
'All of these ideas have been well and good,' said the elderly priest, 'But I'm afraid you've gone too far with the drive-thru confessional.'

'But Father,' protested the young priest, 'my confessions and the donations have nearly doubled since I began that!'

'Yes,' replied the elderly priest, 'and I appreciate  that.... But the flashing neon sign, 'Toot 'n Tell or Go to Hell' cannot stay on the church roof.