

PARISH OF GRANAGHAN

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23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

ECHOES OF THE PENAL DAYS

The faithful flock had gathered beneath a leaden sky,
The midges were a sign of rain; all hoped it would stay dry.
The priest prepared for Holy Mass at an altar made of rock,
The heavy rain did not dissuade the shepherd and his flock.

This wasn't in the penal days, in The Rocks or Kearney's Glen,
When danger reigned upon the priest who said the Mass back then,
But the Mass to bless the graveyard, the altar and the cross,
Near the Church of John the Baptist, that's where this service was.

In the newly laid out graveyard, right next to Davy's Acre,
Where rest those of the faithful who have gone to meet their maker.

With rain, they say, comes blessings, as in Knock in years gone by,
May blessings fall on Granaghan like rainfall from the sky.

Our thanks to Father Keaney and all who toiled with care.
God bless all those who braved the rain for the Mass and blessing there.

God bless the folk who passed the faith from penal times long past,

May we pass on what they passed on; their legacy is vast.

By PJ Lagan - August 23, 2024.

The Net: The September edition of the Net newspaper includes the above poem by parishioner PJ Lagan. Many thanks to PJ for composing such a brilliant piece.

NO 12 NOON MASS
NEXT SATURDAY 14th SEPTEMBER.
Apologies for any inconvenience.

Indoor Bowling to commence in **Michael Davitts G. A. C.** on **Thursday 12th September** from 7.30 until 9.30pm
All new members welcome.

Granaghan Art Society Swatragh

Art classes will resume Thursday 19 September 10.30am-12.30pm in Granaghan Resource Centre. Classes cost £7 per session or £80 per 12 week block, (refreshments provided). The class is open to all and is teacher led. You can work as part of a group or focus on individual projects. You do not require any materials or experience to join the class, just contact Lucy on 07841615212 to register your interest or drop in and sample the class. We look forward to meeting you!



Weekly Collection: £1,382
Priests Collection: £2,054
Many thanks for all your support.

MONTH'S MIND MASS

✠ for ANNIE GRIBBEN R.I.P. ✠
SATURDAY 14th SEPTEMBER
at 7.00pm.

Blood Donations: Northern Ireland Blood Transfusion Service on Tuesday 24 September 2024 Michael Davitt GAC. Session hours 12:30 - 16:00 & 17:00 - 19:30.

To book an appointment.
Online: www.nibts.org or
Call: 08085 534 653

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Save Lives

GRANAGHAN & DISTRICT WOMEN'S GROUP

We have just three places up for grabs for our first ever series of **CHAIR-BASED PILATES** sessions with committee member, Janette, starting on **Thursday 26th September (10.45, immediately after our usual Floor-based Pilates with Elaine)** and running until October 31st. Only £30 for all six sessions, payable on the first morning. Please phone **Ann** to secure your place or for any enquiries: **07714757643**. If you were thinking of joining, don't delay booking your place.

An Carn. Pilates with Therese Connery: Mat or sleeping bag required. 7 week course. Thursday evenings starting: 12/9/24 – 24/10/24.
Time: 7pm. Cost: £35

Pilates through Irish with Aoife Ní Chaiside. 6 week course. Thursday evenings starting: 12/9/24 – 17/10/24. Time 8.15pm. Cost: £30

Beginner Sewing Workshops with Little Perch Designs. During this 6 week course you will learn a range of sewing skills providing you with a foundation to progress to more ambitious projects. Dates: Wednesday 18th Sept. - 23rd Oct. Time: 7-9pm. Cost: £45 (Participants to bring their own sewing machine)

Niall Hanna and Damien McKee - Double CD Launch – Friday 20th September. Time: 8pm. Cost: £15

Booking & information www.ancarn.org/whats-on