The History of ‘APRONS’

I don’t think most kids today know what an apron is. The principle use of Mum’s or Granny’s apron was to protect the dress underneath because she only had a few. It was also because it was easier to wash aprons than dresses and aprons used less material. But along with that, it served as a potholder for removing hot pans from the oven.

It was wonderful for drying children’s tears, and on occasion was even used for cleaning out dirty ears. From the chicken coop, the apron was used for carrying eggs, fussy chicks, and sometimes half-hatched eggs to be finished in the warming oven.

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I don’t think I ever caught anything from an apron - but Love.

The annual national pilgrimage to Croagh Patrick ‘Reek Sunday’ takes place on Sunday 28 July. Mass will be celebrated on the summit of the mountain on the hour with the first Mass at 8:00am and the last Mass at 2:00pm. Confessions will be available on the summit from 7:30am to 2:00pm.

Wreath Laying Service for the Clare War Dead: A service to commemorate over 600 young Clare men and women who lost their lives in the Great War 1914 to 1918 will take place on Sunday July 14th @ 2pm at the WWI Memorial in the Clare Peace Park opposite Glór Theatre on the occasion of the 103rd Anniversary of the Battle of the Somme.

The Clare 250 Coffee Weekend takes place on July 13th & 14th at the Clare 250 Cancer Centre from 10am to 5pm, where there will be a photo exhibition celebrating 40 years of the Clare 250. All are welcome! Directions can be found at www.clare250cancercentre.ie.

Colaiste Muire 40th Anniversary Re-Union
Class of 1974 -1979
19th October.

Parish Office
Mon - Fri. 10.00 a.m. - 12.00 Noon
For Booking of Masses, Baptisms & Weddings.
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