

KILLEADAN PARISH NEWSLETTER

MASSES:

Saturdays /Eve of Holidays: 7.30pm

Sundays /Holy Days: 11am

All Weekdays: 10am

Friday evenings: 7.30pm

CONFESSIONS: St. Joseph's Chapel on

Saturdays at 2 pm or by appointment

EXPOSITION:

Every Friday: 10.30am - 7.30pm



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CHURCH WORKS:

Due to works continuing on Main Entrance and St. Joseph's Chapel areas of the church over the months ahead, **please enter by side door until further notice.** For safety reasons, an exit route is available via sacristy. **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** on Thursdays and Fridays will be in the **Parish Centre.** Please note Adoration on Thursday will end at 7pm.

THIRD WEEK OF ADVENT

Saturday	16 Dec 7.30pm	TOM McNICHOLAS, Treenagleragh, Month's Mind MIKO HENEGHAN, 10th Anniversary, wife SHEILA & sons KIERAN, JARLATH & BRENDAN
Sunday	17 Dec 9.30am	THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (GAUDETE SUNDAY)
	11am	THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT – PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
Monday	18 Dec 10am	ANNE KING, Ballyglass, DELIA COOGAN & deceased of the KING Family
Tuesday	19 Dec 10am	Third week of Advent
Wednesday	20 Dec 10am	Third week of Advent
Thursday	21 Dec 10 am	Third week of Advent
Friday	22 Dec 10 am	Third week of Advent
	7.30pm	Third week of Advent
Saturday	23 Dec 10am	JOHN & MARY KENNY, deceased sons & daughters & granddaughter HALEY
	7.30pm	MARY & AGNES ENGLISH, parents TONY & MARIAN ENGLISH, Killedan Deceased of O'BRIEN, CURRAN, McGANN & FRENCH Families
Sunday	24 Dec 9.30am	NO MASS
	11am	FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT - PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
	7.30 pm	THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST – CHRISTMAS EVE MASS
Monday 25	Dec 9.30am	THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST - CHRISTMAS DAY MASS
	11am	THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST - CHRISTMAS DAY MASS

RECENT DEATH: Pray for Kevin Foley, Cordarragh whose funeral took place during the week

GAUDETE SUNDAY: This third Sunday of Advent is also called Gaudete Sunday. Gaudete, a Latin word which means "rejoice," is taken from the entrance antiphon for Sunday's Mass. This theme is echoed in today's second reading from the first Letter to the Thessalonians. It is a reminder that Advent is a season of joy because our salvation is already at hand.

LIGHT IS ON: Fr. Gerry Davey will be here in the Church on this Sunday December 17th from 5 – 6pm to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession). Sacrament of Reconciliation is a great means of preparing for Christmas and at the same time experiencing the Saviour's healing forgiveness in the here and now.

CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE will take place in the Church on Monday evening, 18th December at 7pm. Thank you to all the participants. Everyone welcome to join in the carols, songs, music & the telling of the Christmas story.

CHRISTMAS CRIB: During their Winter General Meeting in Maynooth this week, the Bishops of Ireland offered prayers of thanksgiving as 2023 marks the 800th anniversary of Saint Francis of Assisi constructing the first Christmas crèche in a cave in Greccio, Italy. To mark this special anniversary in our faith history, bishops invite everyone to share a picture, or video, of their crib whether it is at home or in the workplace, along with a message. As every crib has its own story, sharing Christmas memories of the crib would provide inspiration to many people during this season of goodwill and celebration for Christian families. To help spread the spirit of Christmas, why don't you tag in your crib post on: Facebook at Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference; Instagram on @catholicbishops; and, X/Twitter on @CatholicNewsIRL. Please also forward to our parish facebook page: Facebook.com/ChurchoftheHolyfamilyKiltimagh and to our parish website www.kiltimaghparish.org

PARISH PASTORAL MEETING on Monday last was visited by Stephen Giblin recently appointed Youth Director for our Diocese. Stephen spoke about the John Paul 11 Awards and the good co-operation between St. Louis Community School and the parish here in facilitating the awards. Deacon Martin presented to him the different initiatives being undertaken for the awards this year. Stephen also spoke of the hope of involving some young people from each cluster in the diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes next July. Meeting made final preparations for Christmas and the celebration of the Baptism of the Lord on January 7th.

OFFERTORY AND REFURBISHMENT ENVELOPE BOXES are being prepared for 2024. If you are not on the list and wish to have boxes please contact deaconmartinlynch@outlook.ie or Parish House at 094 9381198. Thank you for your support to the upkeep of our Parish.

2024 CALENDAR produced by Transition Students is available after Masses this weekend for €5. Funds raised will be shared between St Vincent de Paul, Trocaire and Donal Walsh – Live Life Foundation. Your support will be greatly appreciated.

POPE'S INTENTION FOR DEC: For persons with disabilities - We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the center of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programs which value their active participation.

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Sat.	16 Dec	7.30pm	Winifred Wimsey	
Sun.	17 Dec	9.30am	Thomas/ Andrew Maloney	11am Evelyn Walsh
Sat	23 Dec	7.30pm	Margaret Carney	
Sun	24 Dec	11am	Christina Ward	
		7.30pm	Paul Cleary & TY Student	
Mon	25 Dec	9.30am	Thomas Maloney & TY Student	11am Michelle Armstrong & TY Student

MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Sat	16 Dec	7.30pm	Christina Cosgrove & Sarah Fitzgerald	
Sun	17 Dec	9.30am	Andrea Maloney & Tim Nichols	11am Siobhan Devine & John McHugh
Sat	23 Dec	7.30pm	Pat Lavin & Eadhmon MacSuibhne	
Sun	24	11am	Ann English & Margaret Carney	
		7.30pm	Christina Cosgrove & Sarah Fitzgerald	
Mon	25	9.30am	Attracta Mulderrig & Walter Connell	11am Bridie Doherty & Anne Forde

SERVERS

Sat.	16 Dec	7.30pm	Team 3	Sun. 17 Dec	9.30am	Team 4	11am	Team 5
Sat.	23 Dec	7.30pm	Team 6	Sun. 24 Dec	11am	Team 7	7.30pm	Team 8
Mon	25 Dec	9.30am	Team 1	11am	Team 2			

CHILDREN'S CORNER (Loyola Press)

How do we know about Jesus? (from the Church, parents, families, grandparents, the Bible.) We learn about Jesus from people we trust. The people who tell us about Jesus are called witnesses. They tell us about Jesus and about the joy and peace we feel as his disciples. In the Bible, we read about people who tell us about Jesus. We can trust these people because they knew Jesus and saw that he was the Son of God. In today's Gospel we hear about John the Baptist, who was a witness to Jesus. When John the Baptist told the people that Jesus was coming, the people believed him. Later, John the Baptist saw Jesus and recognized that he is the Son of God. We can trust John the Baptist because he knew Jesus. Take a moment to talk to Jesus quietly in our hearts. We can thank him for John the Baptist and all the other witnesses for teaching us about our Lord and Savior. We can ask him to help us be faithful witnesses by telling others about him. Close by praying the Glory Be to the Father.

FAMILY PRAYER TIME (Loyola Press)

In family life, we learn to trust other people for protection and care. This experience of trust within the family enables children to believe us when we testify about our faith in Jesus. John the Baptist was believed by those who heard him because he helped them to recognize Jesus in their midst. In our family life, we hope and pray that we lead one another to recognize Jesus' presence in our world. As you gather as a family, recall that during the Advent season we are invited to pay particular attention to the signs of Jesus' presence in our world. Consider some of the signs of Jesus' presence that you have experienced. During Advent, we remember how John the Baptist prepared the way for Jesus. Read together today's Gospel, John 1:6-8, 19-28. Discuss the signs of Jesus' presence in our world that you named and explain what these signs tell us about God and God's love for us. Pray together that your family will be led to recognize that Jesus is present among us. Read and pray together the psalm for today's Mass, the Magnificat (Luke 1:46-55).

SEEING YOUR LIFE THROUGH LENS OF THE GOSPEL - Third Sunday of Advent (Intercom)

'There is one among you whom you do not know'. We can know about Jesus but do we know him? What helps you to know Jesus in a way that enables you to follow in his footsteps, trusting God as he did, and seeing other people as he did?

John the Baptist came to bear witness to Jesus. Who have been the people who have borne witness to you of the good news of the gospel that God loves you – a friend, a parent, a teacher, etc.? To whom have you borne that witness?

John appears in the story as one who had the courage to be himself in the face of loud and aggressive people. He was also a person who knew his own value, did not make exaggerated claims and was content with his mission. Can you recall times when you have been able to be yourself, even in the face of criticism from others?

John was 'the voice of one crying out in the wilderness' – announcing confidently to those in the wilderness that they must not despair because God's grace may come to them at any moment. Have you had the experience of being in the wilderness, feeling lost? From whom did you hear a voice that gave you hope? Have you been able to give hope to other people when they were in the wilderness? Do these questions have any special relevance to you in the midst of the current situation in our world?

COMMUNITY NOTICES

CHORAL MUSIC AT THE MUSEUM: Enjoy a weekend of Christmas carols at the National Museum of Ireland – Country Life, Turlough Park, Castlebar, on Saturday and Sunday, 16 and 17 December. The Rock 'n' Roses Choir – an inspirational group of cancer survivors – will perform at 3pm on Saturday, 16 December. The Mayo Male Voice Choir will perform at 3pm and the Cill Aodain Choral Society will perform at 4pm on Sunday, 17 December. All are welcome. Admission is free. No booking required.

ALONE: 'Hi, my name is Paul Stafford and I am the Volunteer Support Officer for ALONE and your local community. I am looking for volunteers in Galway and Mayo and its surrounding areas for older people who need befriending for up to one hour per week and/or telephone support for up to 2 hours per week. Our befriending program is designed to help older people combat loneliness and isolation. We need your help more than ever. If this is something that interests you, then please reach out to me on 086 0135043, email paul.stafford@alone.ie or follow the link <https://alone.tfaforms.net/f/ALONE-Volunteer-Expression-of-Interest-2021>

ANAM CARA MAYO, the organisation that supports bereaved parents will meet Tuesday 19th December at 7:15pm in the T. F Royal Hotel, Castlebar, Co. Mayo. This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether their death was recent or not. We now also offer an online support service too. Please contact us on info@anamcara.ie or 085 2888 888 for any queries.

MEMORIAL CARD SERVICE/BOOKLETS available from culchiePRINT, Aiden Street, Kiltimagh. 094 9000 219/086 3938871

ACHONRY DIOCESE SAFEGUARDING: Contact details for any concerns:

Sr. Pat Casey 086 7303076, Ms Ann Leonard 087 6474136, Tusla Mayo 094 904 2283 Garda Confidential Line 1800 555222

CHURCH REFURBISHMENT FUND: Thank you for your continued support and generosity. If you are a tax payer and contribute €250 or more over a year to the parish, please consider returning a CHY3 Form as soon as possible to enable tax reclaim by the parish on your donation. These CHY3 forms are available at the Church doors. To make contribution direct to the Refurbishment account in Kiltimagh Credit Union, the account numbers are as follows: Holy Family Church A/c 5877 Electronic transfer: IBAN: IE51KDCU99217699530509 BIC: KDCUIE21XXX