**KILLEADAN PARISH NEWSLETTER**

**MASSES: Rev. Michael Quinn P.P. Rev. Pat Lynch (Priest in Residence)**

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**CONFESSIONS:** St Joseph’s Chapel **Facebook Page & X Account**:

Saturdays @ 2.00pm or by appointment Church of the Holy Family Kiltimagh

**EXPOSITION:** Every Thursday 10.30am-7.00pm **NEWSLETTER ITEMS:**

Every Friday 10.30am-7.30pm **Email:** [**swinfordparish@gmail.com**](mailto:swinfordparish@gmail.com) **Office Hours: 9-11am & 2.30-5.30pm, Mon-Fri**

**CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAMILY Mass Bookings: 094 92 53607**

**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 extra route is available via sacristy. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, on Thursdays & Fridays will be in the Parish Centre

**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

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| **Saturday 7th December** | **07.30pm** | **Jack Shannon, Greyfield**  **Eileen O’Reilly, Cloonkedagh Rd., 8th Anniversary**  **Bernie Bownes, 4th Anniversary & her parents Michael & Nora King, Main St.**  **Christina Haubner, (living) Birthday Remembrance** |
| **Sunday 8th December** | **10.30am** | **People of the Parish** |
| **Monday 9th December** | **10.00am**  **07.30pm** | **Solemnity of The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**  **Rose & John Conlon, Cloondoolough**  **People of the Parish** |
| **Tuesday 10th December** | **10.00am** | **Second Week of Advent** |
| **Wednesday 11th December** | **10.00am** | **Martin & Delia Dunleavy, Cordarragh** |
| **Thursday 12th December** | **10.00am** | **For the Faithful Departed** |
| **Friday 13th December** | **10.00am**  **07.30pm** | **Memorial of St Lucy, Virgin and Martyr – For the Faithful Departed**  **Memorial of St Lucy, Virgin and Martyr** |
| **Saturday 14th December** | **10.00am** | **Memorial of St John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church** |

**THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

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| **Saturday 14th December** | **07.30pm** | **Anne Conroy, Greenfields, 2nd Anniversary**  **Kevin Foley, Cordarragh, 1st Anniversary & dec’d of the O’Brien family, Ballinamore, Kiltimagh & Killala** |
| **Sunday 15th December** | **10.30am** | **People of the Parish** |

**PRAY FOR** Pia Gill, Greenfields Raymond Gallagher, Cloonkedagh Road and Kieran Brennan, London whose funerals took place during the week.

**2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**: Filling valleys, levelling mountains, straightening the crooked road, preparing a pathway for the Lord this is our preparation for Christmas. Of course it involves decisions, and these decisions come out of the context of the realities of my life. God is always calling on me to respond to him. Responding to him is to become responsible. I have responsibility for my actions and become willing to face up to the truth. There is a tendency to look for a softer, easier way. Part of the human condition is an inability to understand the human condition. Lucy said to Charlie Browne ‘Charlie Browne, do you know what’s wrong with you?’ ‘No,’ replied Charlie, ‘tell me.’ ‘What’s wrong with you, Charlie Browne, is that you don’t want to know what’s wrong with you.’ (holyredeemerbray.ie)

**ADVENT CALENDAR:** The Bishops’ Conference offers a 2024 digital Advent calendar based on the Jubilee Year’s theme of Hope, to provide us with a spiritually enriching journey through the holy season of Advent. During the 24 days of Advent, new content will be available each day behind the calendar’s doors. Behind each set of doors the calendar offers daily prayers and resources for individuals, families, and faith groups to reflect on the hope that Christ brings to the world. Each day of Advent you will find fun activities for children to enjoy and learn more about the Season of Advent. The virtual doors cannot be opened ahead of their actual date. All content will go live in the early hours of each morning. Previous dates remain open. Go to bishop.ie to access calendar.

**09 DEC. SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY:** (Holy Day of Obligation transferred from 8th December as 2nd Sunday of Advent takes precedence over other celebrations). This feast had its origin in the East as the “Conception of Mary by Saint Anne.” It spread through the West during the Middle Ages as the “Immaculate Conception” and was extended to the entire Western Church in the eighteenth century. The feast celebrates Mary, preserved from sin from the moment of conception as the first fruits of her Son’s redemption and a prophetic model of what the Church is called to be. On Friday, December 8, 1854, in St. Peter’s Basilica in Rome, Pope Pius IX solemnly proclaimed the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary to be a dogma of the Catholic Faith. Masses at 10am and 7.30pm.

**12 DEC. OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE**, also known as the Virgin of Guadalupe, is a Catholic title of Mary, mother of Jesus associated with a series of four Marian apparitions to a Mexican peasant named Juan Diego and one to his uncle, Juan Bernardino, which are believed to have occurred in December 1531, when the Mexican territories were part of the Spanish Empire.

**13 DEC. ST LUCY, MARTYR**, born 283, Lucy died at Syracuse in Sicily, probably in the persecution of the emperor Diocletian in 304. Widely venerated from the earliest times, her memorial has long been kept on this day. Probably because her name is suggestive of light, her intercession has been sought for eyesight problems. Named in Eucharistic Prayer I (The Roman Canon) and remembered as a youth, radiant with Christian faith and courage.

**14 DEC. ST JOHN OF THE CROSS, PRIEST DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH**, born in 1542 in Spain; died on this day in 1591. A Carmelite priest who joined Saint Teresa of Jesus in the work of Carmelite reform and, despite opposition and imprisonment, organised the discalced Carmelites. Noted for his mystical writings, which combine theology and poetry to describe the spiritual journey through darkness to union with God.

**MEN’S SHED**: Sincere thanks to Seamus Swift and Men’s Shed members for the provision of lanterns and their stands for the main aisle of our church during the Christmas Season this year and the years ahead. In previous years the lanterns and stands had to be hired out, so it is great to have our own created in the local community. Deepest appreciation for the time given and work done. A ‘men’s shed’ is a community based project, where men can come together to learn, share skills and make long-lasting friendships together. Thanks also to the parishioners who initiated contact with the Men’s Shed and continued to engage with them as the lanterns and stands were brought to completion.

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING** in Parish Centre this Monday December 9th at 8pm.

**POPE’S INTENTION FOR DECEMBER:** For pilgrims of hope - We pray that this Jubilee Year strengthen our faith, helping us to recognize the Risen Christ in our daily lives, and that it may transform us into pilgrims of Christian hope.

**INTRODUCTION TO THE SCRIPTURES WITH FR. BENNY MCHALE**.: Would you like to better understand the scriptures when they are read at Mass? To help people get a better grasp of how they might speak to us in our daily lives, Holy Land expert Fr Benny McHale’s four-night introduction to St. Luke’s Gospel which is the Church’s Gospel for 2025 concludes on 10th December in St Johns Welcome Centre, knock from 8pm – 10pm.

**PARISH SECRETARY:** Office Hours are Mon - Fri between 9am-11am & 2.30pm - 5.30pm. Call to the office attached to Swinford Parochial House or contact Francy on 094 9253607 or by email to [Swinfordparish@Gmail.Com](mailto:swinfordparish@gmail.com).

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|  |  | **Ministers Of The Word** | **Extraordinary Ministers Of Holy Communion** | **Altar Servers** |
| **Saturday 7th Dec** | **07.30pm** | **Gerry King** | **Pat Lavin & Eadhmon MacSuibhne** | **T2: Sierra W, Lily M, Bláthnaid K, Eimear L** |
| **Sunday 8th Dec** | **10.30am** | **Nancy Lavan** | **Siobhan Devine & James McHugh** | **T3: Mark S, Marko D, Alyssa H, Jessica H** |
| **Saturday 14th Dec** | **07.30pm** | **Michael O’Brien** | **Christina Cosgrove & Sarah Fitzgerald** | **T4: Dearbhla B, Caitlin R, Patricia M & Michaela D** |
| **Sunday 15th Dec** | **10.30am** | **Ita Malee** | **Andrea Maloney & Tim McNichols** | **T5: Conor L, Dylan Mc, Róisín, & Sub** |

**CHILDREN’S CORNER** (Loyola Press) We make lots of choices in our lives, don’t we? God asks us to make good choices that help us be friends to others. What are some good choices we can make to be a friend to others? (Sharing what we have, taking care of one another’s things, praying for others, saying kind words, saying sorry if we hurt someone’s feelings.) During Advent, we prepare to celebrate Jesus’ birth. We do this by making good choices. When we make a poor choice, we can choose to turn back to God and ask for forgiveness. In today’s Gospel, Luke 3:1–6, we hear about John the Baptist preparing the way for the Lord. We can prepare the way for the Lord by making good choices this Advent season. This way, we will have peaceful hearts. We’ll be ready to welcome Jesus when he comes. Take a few minutes to draw a picture of a good choice you will make to be a friend to others this Advent season. Pray for God’s help making good choices as we prepare to welcome Jesus and tell God we are sorry for our poor choices. Share a sign of peace with one another.

**FAMILY PRAYER TIME** (Loyola Press) During the season of Advent, we choose to add many activities to our family’s schedule to prepare for our celebration of Christmas. John the Baptist reminds us that our repentance is another way in which we can prepare for the Lord’s coming and our celebration of Christmas. Parish communities often offer a communal celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation during the Advent season. Your family might choose to participate in the communal celebration of the sacrament, or you might seek out this sacrament on an individual basis. Read together today’s Gospel, Luke 3:1-6. Talk about how John the Baptist called upon the people to prepare the way of the Lord through repentance. Together as a family, prepare a simple reconciliation service in preparation for Christmas. Gather in a prayerful space, perhaps around the family Advent wreath. Read again from today’s Gospel, Luke 3:1-6. Invite each family member to pray silently, asking God to forgive his or her sins. Pray together an Act of Sorrow. Then celebrate God’s forgiveness by sharing the sign of peace with one another.

**SEEING YOUR LIFE THROUGH LENS OF THE GOSPEL - SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT** (Intercom) **1.** The manner in which Luke identifies in detail the time when John the Baptist started his preaching shows Luke regarded this as a historic moment. Perhaps you can recall a significant moment in your life, an occasion when you felt called to a change of work, status, or lifestyle? **2**. John called people to give expression to their desire for a change of heart by a symbolic baptism in the Jordan. When have you found it helpful to symbolise your desire to change for the better by some symbolic gesture, e.g., burning a packet of cigarettes, sending a card, making a phone call, etc. **3**.‘A voice crying in the wilderness’ is sometimes taken to refer to a voice that is ignored. Pope Francis has issued a call to all of us to take part in the consultation process preparing for the recent Synod. What can you, and your faith community, do to make sure his call is answered.

**COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL:** The annual appeal for St. Vincent De Paul is currently taking place and the local Conference are appealing to your kind generosity once more. If you wish to donate to SVP, there are envelopes left in the Post Office, Credit Union, and in the Church. The envelopes with the donation can be placed in the collection box at the back of the Church and in the Credit Union or Post Office. Also donations can be made into our bank account at AIB Claremorris as follows: IBAN: IE97 AIBK 9374 4472 0390 16 and BIC: AIBKIE 2D. No food collection this year. All support greatly appreciated. For assistance contact 0868899077.  
**KILTIMAGH CHRISTMAS MARKET**: Hosted by Kiltimagh Tourism the Christmas Market takes place on Sunday 8th December in the Market Square.

**MAYO ROSCOMMON HOSPICE:** Aiden Kelly, caretaker of St. Louis Community School, is hosting a coffee morning in aid of Mayo Roscommon Hospice on Tuesday 10th December in the Louis Bautain hall from 10.00am to 1.00pm. Members of the community are welcome to attend.

**KILTIMAGH TIDY TOWNS** are having their annual Pub Quiz fundraiser in Tommy Ryan’s Pub on Friday 13th December at 9:30pm. Cost - €40 per table. Quiz master for the night is Mr. Gerry King. Kavanagh’s Supervalu are sponsoring a wonderful Christmas Hamper and there fantastic prizes as part of our raffle. Please support your local Tidy Towns and the wonderful volunteers who work so hard throughout the year to keep our community clean and tidy.

**CHIROPODY CLINIC** in Kiltimagh on Monday 16th December at Louisville, for appointments please call Sean on 087 783 5159. Last clinic before Christmas.

**KILTIMAGH WOMEN’S GROUP:** A crafting session takes place each Monday in the Folk Cafe at 11am. This is an ideal opportunity to compare notes and share tips. Bring along whatever you’re currently working on.

**CHRISTMAS MARKET AND ‘LIVE CRIB’** at Turlough Park: There will be a Christmas market featuring local & regional makers and artist, a live crib display with Kiltimagh Pet Farm and festive storytelling with Fiona Dowling in the Courtyard at the National Museum of Ireland, Turlough Park, Castlebar, from 1pm to 5pm Sun Dec 15th Admission is free. See www.museum.ie for further details.

**BALLINA BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP:** Life after a bereavement can feel very lonely especially as we approach Christmas. Sometimes spending time, talking and sharing with others who share that experience can be helpful. Trained facilitators conduct a monthly Bereavement Support Groupmeeting at the Newman Institute on the second Wednesday of each month at 8pm. Next meeting is Wednesday 11th December.  All are welcome.

**BLESSING FOR EXPECTANT MOTHERS:** There will be a blessing ceremony for all expectant parents in the Basilica at Knock Shrine on Saturday 14th December at 11am. It will include a short prayer for protection and safe delivery with an individual blessing for all mothers-to-be who are present. All welcome.

**CHRISTMAS FAIR** - Castlebar HSE Rural Training Centre (Humbert Way, F23 C967) will host a Christmas Fair on Thursday 12th December, 10am to 2pm with a display of crafts, wreaths, cakes and arrangements. All are welcome. Refreshments served. More details 094 90 42127.

**FR. PEYTON CENTRE HOURS:** Mon. to Fri. 9.30am to 5.30pm. 096-45374. Mission Office, Knock, F12 Y8 H2. Sat & Sun. 10am- 3pm until 15th December 2024.

**PARISH COLLECTIONS: BANK AND CREDIT UNION DETAILS ARE AS FOLLOWS: Green Envelope:** Bank of Ireland, Kiltimagh Church a/c IBAN: IE17BOFI90388328521158 BIC: BOFIIE2D.  **Yellow Envelope**: Kiltimagh Credit Union, Holy Family Church A/c 305877 Electronic transfer: IBAN:

IE51KDCU99217699530509 BIC: KDCUIE21XXX. **Purple Envelope**: AIB, Kiltimagh Parish Priests Revenue a/c IBAN: IE86AIBK93744408879022 BIC: AIBKIE2D. When making a lodgement please remember to include your envelope box number. Green envelope, special collections (Emigrants, Holy Places etc.) priest collection may be made online at www. Kiltimaghparish.org or Facebook.com/Church of the Holy Family Kiltimagh through diocese website. Credit/Debit Card Machine available near Sacristy Door. Thank you for supporting our parish.

**ACHONRY DIOCESE SAFEGUARDING**: Contact details for any concerns – St Pat Casey 086 7303076, Ms Ann Leonard 187 6474136, Tulsa Mayo 094 904 2283, Garda Confidential Line 1800 555222