**KILLEADAN PARISH NEWSLETTER**

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

Saturdays/Eve of Holidays: 7.30pm **Parochial House**  087 2842 405/094 93 81492

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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

**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

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| **Saturday 30th November** | **07.30pm** | **Vigil Mass for the First Sunday of Advent** |
| **Sunday 1st December** | **10.30am** | **People of the Parish** |
| **Monday 2nd December** | **10.00am** | **First Week of Advent** |
| **Tuesday 3rd December** | **10.00am** | **Memorial of St Francis Xavier, Priest** |
| **Wednesday 4th December** | **10.00am** | **Kieran Brennan, London & formerly Goulboy (son of Mary & the late Louis Brennan)** |
| **Thursday 5th December** | **10.00am** | **First Week of Advent** |
| **Friday 6th December** | **10.00am**  **07.30pm** | **First Week of Advent**  **Joe & Agnes Sweeney, Killedan** |
| **Saturday 7th December** | **10.00am** | **Memorial of St Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**  **John Kildare Sturley, London & formerly Park Rd, Kiltimagh, 1st Anniversary** |

**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.** |
| **Sunday 8th December** | **10.30am** | **People of the Parish** |

**PRAY FOR** Aileen O’Donoghue, (nee Fannon) Thomas St. and Glenview, Illinois, USA, James Joseph Corrigan, Doncaster, England late of Laragan & Gortgarve and Brian Casey, Enfield, London (son of Mary Casey, nee Murtagh, formerly Pulronaughaun) whose deaths occurred recently

**SEASON OF ADVENT:** Advent is the name of the season in which Christians prepare for the celebration that commemorates the birth of Jesus Christ, Christmas. The word Advent comes from the Latin phrase “Adventus Domini”, meaning arrival of the Lord. The Advent season is of variable length, and the start date changes every year. It starts on the fourth Sunday before Christmas Day (also known as Advent Sunday, the First Sunday of Advent and the beginning of a new Church Year), which can fall between November 27 and December 3, and always ends on Christmas Eve. Advent is a time of waiting, conversion and of hope as we prepare first for the Lord’s second coming as Lord of History and Universal Judge and then for his first coming in mortal flesh as we approach Christmas.

**JUBILEE YEAR:** The new Church Year will be a Jubilee Year which is held every twenty five years. The theme is “Pilgrims of Hope”, and it will be a year of hope for a world suffering the impacts of war, the ongoing effects of COVID-19 pandemic, and a climate crisis. The Jubilee will begin when Pope Francis opens the Holy Door of St. Peter’s Basilica on December 24, 2024.

**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.

**03 DEC. ST FRANCIS XAVIER**, priest, missionary, born in 1506 in Navarre (Spain); died on this day in 1552 off the coast of China. Francis met Ignatius of Loyola while both were studying in Paris and he became one of the first Jesuits. At Ignatius’ request, Francis went to Goa (India) as a missionary and travelled extensively through Southeast Asia to Japan, winning converts and organising Christian communities. Francis Xavier was noted for the simplicity of his lifestyle and for his tireless missionary zeal. Patron of the Missions

**07 DEC. ST AMBROSE**, bishop, doctor of the Church, born in Trier (Germany) c 340, ordained bishop on this day in 374 and died at Milan (Italy) on Holy Saturday 397. He was a lawyer who became governor in Milan, while still a catechumen was elected bishop by popular acclaim. He upheld orthodoxy against the Arians and won many Christian converts, encouraged monasticism and defended the independence of the Church against secular authority. He was honoured as an outstanding pastor through his writings on the sacraments and Christian ethics, his homilies, instructions, and hymns.

**THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:** There are ways families can celebrate the season of Advent: An Advent wreath consists of a frame holding four candles placed inside a circle of evergreens. The greenery in the wreath symbolises the promised new life in Jesus. The four candles denote the four Sundays of Advent. There are three purple candles and one rose candle. Purple is a sign of penance and rose is the colour denoting the anticipation of Joy. Light a candle on each Sunday evening of Advent, saying a short prayer or singing a verse of ‘O Come, O Come Emmanuel’. The light of the candles represents the light coming into the world as we prepare to celebrate Jesus’ birth.

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING:** Meeting held on Monday night reviewed Season of Creation and the various meetings that have taken place since September regarding merger of dioceses and pastoral council formation. In preparation for Advent and Christmas the following were agreed upon: Parish Carol Service on 18th December at 7pm; Invite families to bring to Mass Baby Jesus figure from their cribs on third Sunday of Advent 15 December, Bambinelli Sunday; Visiting priest for Reconciliation/Confession on Sunday 22 December 5-6pm; Christmas Eve Mass at 7.30pm, Christmas Day Masses at 9am & 10.30am; Invitation to families to come together if at all possible to Mass on Feast of Holy Family, Saturday/Sunday December 28/ 29 for a special blessing as our Church and Parish are dedicated to The Holy Family; Invitation to families who celebrated Baptism during the past year to be present for the Baptism of the Lord on January 12 2025 as they continue to nurture the great gift given in baptism. Members look forward to completion of church works early in the New Year.

**DIAMOND JUBILEE:** Warmest Congratulations, every blessing and ad multos annos to Teresa and JT King, Carrandine who celebrated the Diamond Jubilee of their wedding on Monday last 25th November. A wonderful milestone to reach.

**FIRST FRIDAY VISITS** will take place this week. Anyone not on our lists who would like a visit please contact one of the priests numbers at top of newsletter.

**‘WELCOME TO THE FAMILY’** - Exploring the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation. This free series takes place on Monday evenings up until Monday 02 December from 8pm to 9.15pm in Knock Prayer Centre. A series of talks by Fr. Eugene Duffy, exploring the meaning and importance of the Sacraments of initiation – Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation. This series will be of particular interest to parents preparing children for these sacraments, for parish teams and for those who wish to better understand the reason why these Sacraments are central elements in our lives as Catholics.

**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 will provide a four-night introduction to St. Luke’s Gospel which is the Church’s Gospel for next year. No previous knowledge is needed – all you have to do is bring a copy of the Bible with you (if you do not have a copy, one will be provided). Programme is free of charge. Dates: Dec 3rd and 10th 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 30th Nov** | **07.30pm** | **Marian Dunne** | **Christina Cosgrove & Sarah Fitzgerald** | **T8: Andrea L, Zoe K, Mark W, Darragh F** |
| **Sunday 1st Dec** | **10.30am** | **Marie Kelly** | **Jo Kelly & Monica Rowley** | **T1: Sean C, Megan L, Danny G, Orla I** |
| **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** |

**CHILDREN’S CORNER (Loyola Press)** We all have good days and hard days, don’t we? What has helped you through your hard day? (“talked to a friend/family member, got a hug, prayed.”) In today’s Gospel, Jesus tells us about the things that will happen when he comes again. Some people will be afraid. But Jesus tells us we don’t need to be afraid. Jesus tells his disciples that they can stand tall because he loves them and has saved them. We can trust Jesus. He loves us and is with us, no matter what kind of day we are having. We can tell God about our day and our feelings in our prayer. He always listens to us. He gives us strength and courage to get through hard days. Conclude in prayer thanking God for loving us & giving us strength & courage in good times and hard times. Pray the Sign of the Cross.

**SEEING YOUR LIFE THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPEL**: Luke 21:25-28, 34-36 **1)** We live in a time when we are told that disaster lies ahead for us and for our planet if we do not change our ways. But perhaps this new awareness can be a prelude to us changing our ways? The gospel was written to give hope to Christians in danger. What gives you hope amid the dangers facing our world today? **2)** Our church community is also in crisis. The numbers of people attending church services have dropped. We have fewer clergy and religious. Scandals have rocked the church community. What helps you to keep faith in such circumstances? **3)** This passage can be taken as a metaphor for personal experiences when it seemed that your world was collapsing around you: plans thwarted, deep disappointment, something out of your control altering the course of your life, etc.? When have such experiences been a prelude to something new? Allow the dramatic language of the passage remind you of this experience making sure that you recognise the double movement of collapse and liberation. **4)** Jesus himself is the model in this gospel story as he taught his disciples the spirituality of ‘waiting in joyful hope’. What difference has watchfulness (in the sense of being watchful in prayer) and hope made to you in facing difficult situations? **5)** Advent is a time that calls us to be alert to the signs of the hidden presence of God in our world. What reminds you of this presence of God? Have there been occasions when something woke you up in an unexpected way to the presence of God in the World, e.g. through love, beauty, nature, etc.?

**COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**KILTIMAGH TIDY TOWNS** as part of our fundraising efforts have our annual Pub Quiz in Tommy Ryan’s Pub on Friday 13th December at 9:30pm. The cost is €40 per table. It promises to be a fantastic evening’s entertainment. Our quiz master for the night is Mr. Gerry King who brings his unique style and humour to the event. 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.

**KILTIMAGH CHRISTMAS MARKET:**Hosted by Kiltimagh Tourism the Christmas Market takes place on Sunday 8th December in the Market Square. If you are interested in reserving a Stall please contact 0873501626 for further information and booking.

**ATLANTIC CARE:** Curious about caregiving, come join our team and chat to us at Tesco, Swinford on 6thDecember from 10am to 1pm, call us on 094 9014028 or email info@atlanticare.ie. We’reon a mission to provide compassionate and exceptional healthcare services that uplift ourcommunities in Co. Mayo. Wondering how you can make a difference as a caregiver??

**CHRISTMAS MARKET AT TURLOUGH PARK:** There will be a Christmas market in the Courtyard at the National Museum of Ireland, Turlough Park, Castlebar, from 1pm to 5pm on Sunday, 15 December. The market will feature local and regional makers and artists, including candles, calligraphy, art, cards, textiles and more. There will also be a live crib display with Kiltimagh Pet Farm and festive storytelling with Fiona Dowling. See www.museum.ie for further details.

**INTERESTED IN HAVING THE SPOTLIGHT ON YOUR COMMUNITY ORGANISATION?** Mayo PPN are currently running a series called ‘Community Spotlight’. It involves a weekly feature highlighting PPN groups’ events and activities and is showcased on the PPN website and social media platforms for one week. Send us a short description of your group –150/250 words, 3-4 photographs to [**mayoppn@mayococo.ie**](mailto:mayoppn@mayococo.ie)**.** If you would like to find out more about this project have a look at some of the groups that have featured so far, go to: [**Community Spotlight - Mayo PPN**](https://scanner.topsec.com/?d=3188&r=auto&u=https%3A%2F%2Fmayoppn.ie%2Fresources%2Fcommunity-spotlight%2F&t=e6f3f74a9ebf5e68dd0b530a11583082417a0dce)

**RHS HOME CARE** are recruiting for care staff to provide Home Care in clients house in your area If you are interested or require more details, please email [**jobs@rhshomecare.ie**](mailto:jobs@rhshomecare.ie) or phone our Head office on 090 6625988

**CHRONIC PAIN RELIEF CLASSES:** Clinical Somatics uses slow gentle exercises to relieve pain, reduce stress & improve your posture & movement. Classes every Wednesday at 6.45pm in Claremorris Family Resource Centre (F12 XN28). 50 euro for 5 weeks. For further information please contact John Roe on 0877495573 or FRC Claremorris on 094 9377838**.**

**FR. PEYTON CENTRE OPENING HOURS:** Mon. to Fri. 9.30am to 5.30pm. Tel: 096-45374. Fr. Peyton Mission Office, Main Street Knock, F12 Y8 H2. Opening Hours: Sat. &amp; 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