**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

**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** |
| **Monday 16th December** | **10.00am** | **Third Week of Advent** |
| **Tuesday 17th December** | **10.00am** | **Third Week of Advent** |
| **Wednesday 18th December** | **10.00am** | **Third Week of Advent** |
| **Thursday 19th December** | **10.00am** | **Third Week of Advent** |
| **Friday 20th December** | **10.00am**  **07.30pm** | **Third Week of Advent**  **Third Week of Advent** |
| **Saturday 21st December** | **10.00am** | **Third Week of Advent** |

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

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| **Saturday 21st December** | **07.30pm** | **Mary & Agnes English, their parents Tony & Marion, Killedan**  **Mark & Paddy Mullee, Cullilea** |
| **Sunday 22nd December** | **10.30am** | **People of the Parish** |

**3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT** - Gaudate Sunday: As Luke tells the story of Jesus’ earthly ministry in his Gospel and the story of Jesus’ heavenly ministry through the Holy Spirit in the Book of Acts, he keeps coming back to this question, ’What should we [I] do?’ Luke is looking for more than just, ‘What must I believe?’ God uses Luke to speak to our times when goodness and godliness are sometimes associated with only what we feel or what we think. Change is to change more than just what goes on in the grey matter between our ears. Yes, God wants our hearts, minds, and souls to be thoroughly convicted and passionate. Yes, without faith and love, all action is hollow and vain. But, the Bible makes clear that faith is not genuine if all it does is change what we think. Real faith leads us to action. Faith is always displayed in action based upon trust – it is never just mere wistful thinking or good intentions. When Jesus enters our world, he changes it. When Jesus enters our lives, he changes them. The ultimate question of faith, is this: ‘What, Lord, should I do?’ Why not begin each day asking Jesus that question? (heartlight.org)

**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.

**GROW IN LOVE** parish preparation for First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion continues this weekend.

**BAMBINELLI** blessing of the baby Jesus figure in our cribs this weekend as we draw ever more closer to the celebration of Christ’s birth. It is to help us focus on WHO this short season of Advent is truly about. Families are then asked to wrap the figure and put safely away until Christmas Night.

**LIGHT IS ON:** Fr. Victor from Swinford Parish will be here in the Church on next Sunday December 22nd 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.

**DECEMBER 28TH, INAUGURATING THE JUBILEE YEAR:** Pope Francis has announced that the coming year will be a Jubilee Year, with Pilgrims of Hope as its theme. Bishop Doran will inaugurate the Jubilee Year at the 6.00 p.m. Vigil Mass in the Cathedral, Ballaghaderreen on December 28th. Representatives from parishes across the Diocese are invited to attend. People are invited to assemble for this at the Phoenix Centre, adjacent to the main entrance to St Nathy’s College. There will be a procession from there to the Cathedral for the Mass.

**OFFERTORY AND REFURBISHMENT** envelope boxes are being prepared for 2025. If 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.

**2025 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.

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING** in Parish Centre on Monday last continued preparation for the Christmas Season and received a report from the recent meeting of the Cluster Steering Committee. This report focused on various initiatives in the cluster parishes and the ongoing work of merging the two dioceses.

**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.

**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 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** |
| **Saturday 21st Dec** | **07.30pm** | **Winifred Wimsey** | **Pat Lavin & Eadhmon MacSuibhne** | **T1: New Team** |
| **Sunday 22nd Dec** | **10.30am** | **Thomas Maloney** | **Ann English & Margaret Carney** | **T2: New Team** |

**CHILDREN’S CORNER** (Loyola Press) This is the third Sunday of Advent. We light three candles on the third Sunday, two violet candles and the rose candle. We need to wait to light the fourth candle. When do we light it? (next Sunday) Sometimes it can be hard to wait. Imagine if we just sat here all week waiting to light the candle. That would not be fun! But waiting can be joyful. The season of Advent is a time of joyful waiting as we prepare to welcome Jesus. As we light another candle on the Advent wreath, we remember that Christmas is getting closer. In today’s Gospel, Luke 3:10–18, we hear John the Baptist tell the crowd that there are things they can do to prepare as they wait for Jesus. John the Baptist tells the crowd to share what they have and make other good choices to prepare for Jesus. There are things we can do during Advent to prepare to celebrate Jesus’ birth. We can pray. We can help our families. We can share. What is something you can do this week to prepare to celebrate Jesus’ birth? Pray thanking God for the gift of his Son, Jesus, and telling him you will wait joyfully to celebrate his birth. Pray the Sign of the Cross.

**FAMILY PRAYER TIME** (Loyola Press) The theme of the season of Advent is sometimes described as a period of waiting for the birth of Jesus. However, today’s Gospel reading suggests something different. John the Baptist did not tell the crowds to wait for the Messiah. He told them to prepare for the Messiah through acts of repentance. Advent is a busy time of preparation, more like the waiting we might do when preparing for dinner guests. Our challenge is to not make this season a frenzied time, but rather a time of joyful anticipation and making ready for God who comes to dwell among us and changes our lives with the gift of salvation. As you

gather as a family, talk about the preparations your family is making during the season of Advent. Reflect together on these activities, not only on what you are doing but why you are choosing to do these things. Read together today’s Gospel, Luke 3:10-18. Consider how Advent is a time for making ourselves ready to receive Jesus in our lives. Could your family make some changes in your Advent activities so that each person is well prepared to celebrate the gift of salvation at Christmas? Pray together that your family will live the spirit of Advent. Sing together an Advent song, such as “O Come, O Come Emmanuel” or pray today’s second reading, Philippians 4:4-7, as you light the third candle on your Advent wreath.

**SEEING YOUR LIFE THROUGH LENS OF THE GOSPEL - THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT** (Intercom) **1.** ‘What should we do?’ The common thread in John’s answers was to encourage his questioners to be other-centred rather than self-centred, each in the context of their own circumstances. In your experience what difference has it made for you when you changed your attitude in this way? **2.** John told the people in a direct and honest way what they should do. Perhaps you have had friends who did not beat about the bush but have told you honestly what they thought about your behaviour when you asked them? In gratitude recall such friends. **3.** The humility of John comes out in this passage, happy to acknowledge that he only had a minor role to play in relation to the Messiah. At the same time, he was enthused by his mission to ‘proclaim the good news to the people’. What difference has it made for you when you were able to see the good in yourself, and use your gifts without having to score by portraying yourself as greater than someone else?

**SENSORY-FRIENDLY MASS** in the Parish Church at Knock Shrine on Sunday December 22nd at 12:15pm. This Mass will have no music, dimmed lighting, and pictorial resources for those with additional needs. Families are encouraged to bring materials that can assist with comfort during the liturgy. Contact Nicola Mitchell for more information at **faithrenewal@knockshrine** or 094-9388100.

**‘THE LONGEST NIGHT’ SERVICE AT KNOCK SHRINE:** This is a service for those who feel isolated from the general feelings of joy and happiness typically associated with this time of year. It seeks to bring comfort by reminding us that we are not alone and that there is always hope in Christ. It takes place in the Apparition Chapel on the 21st of December at 8:30pm. All are welcome.

**COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**VICTIM ASSISTANCE CHARITY** are holding a fundraising Draw for the all new Nissan Qashqai Hybrid, supplied by Cleary’s Nissan, Kiltimagh. Tickets cost €20 each or 3 tickets for €50.  This would make an ideal Christmas Gift.  Tickets available online from [**victimassistance.ie/fundraising/cardraw**](http://victimassistance.ie/fundraising/cardraw) and from Victim Assistance head office on Aiden Street, Kiltimagh.  094 9000251 /1800 277 477.  Please support

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

**CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT** in Knock Basilica on Sunday, December 22nd at 8pm. An evening of Christmas carols and festive favourites. All are welcome.

**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 this Sun Dec 15th Admission is free. See www.museum.ie for further details.

**CENACOLO COMMUNITY** in Aughtaboy, Knock F12 WK74 will hold a live Nativity play on Saturday, December 21st at 5pm. Your support would be greatly appreciated for this event.

**BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP:** Life after a bereavement can feel empty and lonely. Sometimes spending time with others who know the experience can be helpful. Trained facilitators conduct a weekly Bereavement Support Groupmeeting at the Family Centre, Knock each Wednesday at 11am.

No booking required. Further information from Monica Morley on 094-9375320.

**FR. PEYTON CENTRE HOURS:** Mon. to Fri. 9.30am to 5.30pm. Tel: 096-45374.

**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