**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

**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** |
| **Monday 23rd December** | **10.00am** | **John & Mary Kenny, Lisnamonaghie, their sons John & Martin and daughters Nuala & Tina** |
| **Tuesday 24th December** | **10.00am** | **Kathleen Barker, Cordarragh Drive**  **Shamus Kelly, Thornhill** |

**SOLEMNITY OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD (CHRISTMAS)**

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| **Tuesday 24th December** | **07.30pm** | **Christmas Eve Mass – People of the Parish** |
| **Wednesday 25th December** | **09.00am**  **10.30am** | **Christmas Day Mass – People of the Parish**  **Christmas Day Mass – People of the Parish** |
| **Thursday 26th December** | **10.00am** | **Feast of St Stephen, First Martyr** |
| **Friday 27th December** | **10.00am**  **07.30pm** | **Feast of St John, Apostle & Evangelist**  **Tom & Ann Maughan & dec’d children, grandchildren & great grandchildren**  **Annie & John Forde, Cordarragh & dec’d family members** |
| **Saturday 28th December** | **10.00am** | **Feast of The Holy Innocents, Martyrs**  **Dec’d members of Harry Walsh’s family, Carrick** |

**FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH**

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| **Saturday 28th December** | **07.30pm** | **Nance & John Walsh, Lisduff**  **Pia Gill, Greenfields, Month’s Mind, her parents Maureen & John Gill & her brother Christy Gill** |
| **Sunday 29th December** | **10.30am** | **People of the Parish** |

**4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT** – Every now and then like John the Baptist we leap in this womb of ours, which is our life on earth. Every now and then we recognise God’s presence, just as John recognised Jesus’ presence, and we leap with joy. Maybe it was the decision on who to marry, in the birth of a child, a change in job circumstances, or the death of a parent. Maybe it was a moment in prayer, the grace of a sacrament, advice in the confessional, wise words from a friend or relative at a critical moment. Life is constantly moving on and God is always with us. He brings us into being, sustains and feeds us, and will welcome us into life eternal. We celebrate at Christmas; a birth, a life, a death and a resurrection.

**DEC. 25: THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST**: After the annual celebration of the paschal mystery in Holy Week, the church has no more ancient custom than celebrating the memorial of the Nativity of the Lord and of his first manifestations. This takes place in Christmas Time which runs from Christmas Eve to the Sunday after Epiphany or after 6 h January. Mass on Christmas Eve at 7.30pm and on Christmas Day at 9am & 10.30am.

**DEC. 26**: St Stephen, deacon, is the first Christian martyr after Jesus himself. Stephen’s only “crime” was to have spoken hard truths that his audience did not want to hear. So the frenzied mob put him to death by stoning. Under the rocks crushing out his life, Stephen commended his spirit to Jesus, and with his dying breath, prayed for his killers.

**DEC. 27:** St John, Evangelist, was the son of Zebedee, a fisher man from Bethsaida near the Sea of Galilee. With his brother James and Peter, he shared in some of the most significant events in the life of Jesus and wrote about them in the Fourth Gospel.

**DEC. 28**: The Holy Innocents. It commemorates the massacre of young male children by King Herod, the Roman-appointed King of the Jews. It happened after he had been told the prophesy by the Magi of the birth of a new-born king of the Jews.

**DEC 29:** The Holy Family is seen as the model for the human family, the religious community and the Church itself. Families in our parish are invited to come as a family if at all possible to Saturday evening Mass at 7.30pm or Sunday Mass at 10.30am next weekend to dedicate their family through the Holy Family for year ahead. Our Church is dedicated to the Holy Family.

**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. All content will go live in the early hours of each morning. Go to bishop.ie to access calendar.

**LIGHT IS ON:** Fr. Victor from Swinford Parish will be here in the Church on this 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 experiencing the Saviour’s healing forgiveness in our lives. Sacrament of Reconciliation also available on Christmas Eve at 2.00pm.

**CAROL SERVICE**: Congratulations to all who contributed to the Carol Service on Wednesday last. It was wonderful to have such variety on the night in the lead up to Christmas. Thank you to everyone for your participation and giving of your time.

**FR. MICHAEL, FR. PAT AND DEACON MARTIN** wish all parishioners and all from our parish elsewhere a Blessed, Peaceful, Safe and Happy Christmas

**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 to process to the Cathedral for the Mass.

**OFFERTORY AND REFURBISHMENT BOXES FOR 2025** will be available in front of St Joseph’s Chapel. Laid out from Number 1 onwards. Thank you for your generous contributions during the year. Thanks to Deacon Martin, Transition Students, and Sacristan James for preparation of boxes. Thanks also to Finance Committee, Collectors and Counters for all their help. ChY 3 Tax Rebate Form is available at side door.

**PRIEST CHRISTMAS COLLECTION** on Christmas Eve & Christmas Day. Please use purple envelope and make cheques payable to Kiltimagh Priests Revenue A/C. Thank you for your support during the year.

**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.

**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 21st Dec** | **07.30pm** | **Winifred Wimsey** | **Pat Lavin & Eadhmon MacSuibhne** | **T1: B. Kelly, E. Laffey, J. Burke** |
| **Sunday 22nd Dec** | **10.30am** | **Thomas Maloney** | **Ann English & Margaret Carney** | **T2: M. Walsh, A. Kelly, R. Leonard** |
| **Tuesday 24th Dec** | **7.30pm** | **Margaret Carney** | **Christina Cosgrove & Sarah Fitzgerald** | **T3: B. Ryan, C. Donnelly, T. Doyle** |
| **Wed 25th Dec** | **09.00am**  **10.30am** | **Adrian McHugh**  **Orlene Mooney** | **Attracta Mulderrig & Walter Connell**  **Bridie Doherty & Anne Forde** | **T4: J. Houlihan, E. Forde, P. Byrne**  **T5: O. Ivers, Z. Kane, L. Kearney, J. O’Reilly** |
| **Saturday 28th** | **07.30pm** | **Katie Duffy** | **Pat Lavin & Eadhmon MacSuibhne** | **T1: B. Kelly, E. Laffey, J. Burke** |
| **Sunday 29th Dec** | **10.30am** | **Petua Mooney** | **Jo Kelly & Monica Rowley** | **T2: M. Walsh, A. Kelly, R. Leonard** |

**CHILDREN’S CORNER** - Loyola Press. We can trust someone when they tell the truth and keep their promises. Today’s Gospel reading Luke 1:39–45 is about two women who trusted God. One of them is Mary. Who is Mary? (Jesus’ mother) Mary was chosen by God to be the mother of his Son, Jesus. What did Mary say when God asked her to be Jesus’ mother? (Yes.) Mary trusted God. After she said yes to God, she went to visit Elizabeth. We hear about her visit. Elizabeth was so happy! She trusted God. She knew Mary was going to be Jesus’ mother. What did Elizabeth call Mary? (Blessed) Mary was blessed because she was going to be Jesus’ mother. Mary trusted God and said yes to God. God took care of Mary, and he takes care of us. We can trust in God’s promises, just as Mary did. Pray a prayer, telling God that you trust in his promises, just as Mary did.

**FAMILY PRAYER TIME** – Loyola Press. In the encounter between Mary and Elizabeth described in today’s Gospel, we learn that other people can help us recognize God’s presence and action in our lives. Mary travelled to see Elizabeth because Elizabeth’s pregnancy was a sign that everything the angel told Mary would truly happen. Elizabeth recognized Mary as the mother of her Lord because her unborn child, John the Baptist, leapt at the sound of Mary’s greeting. Elizabeth and Mary rejoiced together at the wonderful things God was doing in their lives. We too are blessed when we have people who help us recognize God’s action in our lives. We pray that our family can be this for one another. As you gather as a family, work together on a word search or hidden-picture puzzle. Help one another until everyone has found each of the words or pictures in the puzzle. Talk about this experience, noticing how some people found words or pictures more easily than others and how easy it was to see the word or picture once someone else pointed it out. Observe that sometimes we need the help of others to recognize God’s presence and action in our lives. Read together today’s Gospel, Luke 1:39-45. Ask: What did Elizabeth recognize about Mary? (that she was to be the mother of Jesus, the Lord) How did Elizabeth know this? (Her baby, John the Baptist, leapt with joy at Mary’s greeting) Pray together that as we share our faith together as a family, we may help one another recognize God’s presence and action in our lives. Pray together the Hail Mary.

**SEEING YOUR LIFE THROUGH LENS OF THE GOSPEL - FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT (Intercom)** 1. The greeting of Elizabeth to Mary ‘Blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of yourwomb’ is a joyful welcome of the child to come. Bringing new life into the world through pregnancy andbirth is one of the most awesome human experiences. How have you experienced this for yourself or insomeone close to you? 2. The image of the pregnant Mary going a distance to visit her cousin is asymbol of her willingness to look beyond her own needs to the needs of another. When have youwitnessed that kind of generosity in others, or have been able to act in this way yourself? 3. Mary ispraised for her faith, because she believed the promise made her by the Lord would be fulfilled. In thisshe is a model for us. In what ways have you experienced blessings from your faith and trust in God’spromises? What are God’s promises that mean the most to you?

**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

**KILTIMAGH WOMEN’S GROUP:** The Kiltimagh Women’s Group are having lunch in the Park Hotel on Monday, January 6th at 2pm, in celebration of Nollaig na mBan. All are welcome.

**ENJOY SOME CHRISTMAS CAROLS** and other choral pieces at the National Museum of Ireland, Turlough Park, Castlebar, on this Sunday, 22 December. The Cill Aodain Choral Society will perform at 2.15pm and the Mayo Male Voice Choir will perform at 3pm. There is also a ‘live crib’ display in the Courtyard with Kiltimagh

Pet Farm. Admission free. No booking required. See museum.ie for further details.

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

**ENABLE IRELAND VOLUNTEERS:** Enable Ireland Mayo Services require Volunteers in all areas of County Mayo to work with Children with a disability Usually work one-to-one with a child within their home but also within their community or at our centre in Castlebar. No more than three hours are required per week. Training is provided. Please email [**sduffy@enableireland.ie**](mailto:sduffy@enableireland.ie) for info.  This is a very rewarding role and our Volunteers are very positive about their experience.

**FR. PEYTON CENTRE CHRISTMAS HOURS:** Closed 2pm Fri. 20th Dec. 2024 to 2nd Jan. 2025 at 9.30am.

**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.

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