**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

**FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD**

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| **Saturday 11th January** | **07.30pm** | **Louis Brennan, Goulboy, 2nd Anniversary & his son Kieran, Month’s Mind**  **Ailish O’Hora, Treenagleragh, 2nd Anniversary**  **Paddy Byrne, Main St., 7th Anniversary** |
| **Sunday 12th January** | **10.30am** | **People of the Parish** |
| **Monday 13th January** | **10.00am** | **First Week in Ordinary Time** |
| **Tuesday 14th January** | **10.00am** | **First Week in Ordinary Time** |
| **Wednesday 15th January** | **10.00am** | **Memorial of St. Ita, Virgin**  **Ellen, Jim, John & Tom Campbell, Kinaffe** |
| **Thursday 16th January** | **10.00am** | **First Week in Ordinary Time** |
| **Friday 17th January** | **10.00am**  **07.30pm** | **Memorial of St. Anthony, Abbot**  **Memorial of St. Anthony, Abbot** |
| **Saturday 18th January** | **10.00am** | **Rosaleen Walsh, Derryvohey, 1st Anniversary** |

**SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Catholic Schools Week Begins)**

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| **Saturday 18th January** | **07.30pm** | **Victor Ruane, Gortgarve, 41st Anniversary** |
| **Sunday 19th January** | **10.30am** | **People of the Parish** |

**BAPTISM OF THE LORD:** God alone can give faith, but you can offer witness. God alone can give hope, but you can give confidence to others. God alone can give love, but you can pass it on to others. God alone can give peace, but you can work for unity. God alone can give power, but you can sustain somebody who is feeling low. God alone is the light, but you can make it shine for others. God alone is life, but you can give others a taste for living. God alone can do the impossible, but through you it becomes possible. God alone is self-sufficient … but amazingly, God prefers to count on you.

**CELEBRATING THE FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD** this Sunday we welcome children baptised during 2024 and their families for a special blessing. We also welcome and pray God’s special blessing for our First Communicants and their families as they continue Grow in Love in preparation for the Sacraments.

**JAN 15:** St Ita, virgin, was born in County Waterford, Ireland of noble and Christian parents. Early on she set her mind on serving Christ in religious life. She founded a monastery in Killeedy, County Limerick, which attracted a variety of young people. She was given the title ‘foster-mother of the saints of Ireland’. She died in 570

**JAN 17:** St Anthony, Abbot. Born in 251 in Upper Egypt; died in 356. At an early age he gave away his possessions and sought the austere life and solitude in the desert. Yet he remained involved in the theological controversies of his day, defending the divinity of Christ. He attracted disciples who formed communities of hermits.

**18-25 JANUARY: WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY -** 2025 marks the 1,700th anniversary of the first Christian Ecumenical Council, held in Nicaea, near Constantinople in 325 AD. This commemoration provides a unique opportunity to reflect on, celebrate and enter more deeply the common faith of Christians, as expressed in the creed formulated during this council. The guiding biblical text for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2025 comes from John 11:17-27. The theme for the week, “Do you believe this?” (v. 26), takes its cue from the dialogue between Jesus and Martha when Jesus visited the home of Martha and Mary in Bethany following the death of their brother Lazarus.

**ORDINARY TIME:** Advent/Christmas Time and Lent/ Easter Time highlight the central mysteries of the Paschal Mystery, the incarnation, death on the cross, resurrection, and ascension of Jesus Christ, and the descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. The Sundays and weeks of Ordinary Time after the Baptism of the Lord and Pentecost, on the other hand, take us through the life of Christ. This is the time of conversion. This is living the life of Christ. Ordinary Time is for growth and maturation, a time in which the mystery of Christ is to penetrate ever more deeply into history until all things are finally caught up in Christ represented by the final Sunday in Ordinary Time, Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe.

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING** in Parish Centre on this Monday, January 13th at 8pm.

**EXODUS 90**: Are you a man looking to deepen your Catholic faith? Would you like to meet with other men who are trying to do the same. If so, you are invited to hear more about Exodus 90 on Thursday January 16th at 8pm in Pastoral Centre, Charlestown and hear how the 90 days between January 20th and Easter Sunday can transform your life. For more details contact Damien at 0861729064.

**POPE’S INTENTION FOR JANUARY: FOR THE RIGHT TO AN EDUCATION -**Let us pray for migrants, refugees, and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected**.**

**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. Sincere thanks for generous contributions to priest Christmas Collection and purple envelope collections throughout the year. Please make cheques payable to Kiltimagh Priests Revenue A/C

**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 11th Jan** | **07.30pm** | **Gerry King** | **Christina Cosgrove & Sarah Fitzgerald** | **T5: O. Ivers, Z. Kane, L. Kearney, J. O’Reilly** |
| **Sunday 12th Jan** | **10.30am** | **Ciara Roughneen McDonagh** | **Siobhan Devine & Ann English** | **T1: B. Kelly, E. Laffey, J. Burke** |
| **Saturday 18thJan** | **07.30pm** | **Michael O’Brien** | **Pat Lavin & Eadhmon MacSuibhne** | **T2: M. Walsh, A. Kelly, R. Leonard** |
| **Sunday 19th Jan** | **10.30am** | **Monica Rowley** | **Attracta Mulderrig & Walter Connell** | **T3: B. Ryan, C. Donnelly, T. Doyle** |

**CHILDREN’S CORNER -** Have you been to a Baptism? If you have do you remember what happens at this sacrament? (the child is dressed in white, the priest anoints the child with holy oil and baptizes the child with holy water, the godparents hold a candle.) Baptism is a gift from God. We are baptized in Jesus’ name and of the Father, and the Holy Spirit and our sins are forgiven. Today we hear what happened when John the Baptist baptized Jesus. After Jesus was baptized, he prayed and the Holy Spirit came to him. The Holy Spirit comes to us in Baptism. We become members of God’s family. God is our Father. We are brothers and sisters in Christ. As members of God’s family, we take care of one another and welcome new members. What would say to welcome a newly baptised child into God’s family or to tell the child about God? Conclude by thanking God for the gift of Baptism and for making us members of his family. Pray the Sign of the Cross.

**FAMILY PRAYER TIME** – Every family has a unique identity that is defined by the behaviours, attitudes, and expectations that govern a family’s daily life. This identity is influenced by the family history of the parents, but each Family’s expression of this history is unique. In today’s Gospel, we learn that Jesus’ behaviour, attitudes, and expectations were governed by his identity as God’s beloved Son. In our Baptism, we were made children of this same heavenly Father. This identity as members of the family of God, and as brothers and sisters of Jesus, also shapes our family’s daily life. As you gather as a family, identify some of the expectations and behaviours that govern your family life by answering the question, “What are some of the things that make our family life unique?” Celebrate these things about your family life. Read today’s Gospel, Luke 3:15-16,21-22. Observe that Jesus’ identity as the Beloved Son of the Father governed his behaviours, attitudes, and expectations. Recall that at our Baptism we were made children of this same heavenly Father. How does this identity as a member of the family of God govern and shape our family life? Conclude in prayer together that we will remain faithful to our baptismal identity as children of God and as brothers or sisters of Jesus. Conclude by praying together the Lord’s Prayer.

**SEEING YOUR LIFE THROUGH LENS OF THE GOSPEL**- **BAPTISM OF THE LORD** (Intercom) **1.** The people were searching and John pointed them in the direction of Jesus. On your life’s journey who have been the John the Baptist people for you, people who have pointed you in the right direction? **2.** The Baptism of Jesus was a very special moment for him that affirmed him in his identity as Son of God and in his mission. Recall the experiences that affirmed you – either in your sense of who you are, or in relation to the direction you were taking in life. **3.** The Baptism of Jesus marks a transition point in his life, and the start of his public ministry. Recall the transition points in your own life. Where did you see the grace of God at work in those times? **4.** This experience of Jesus occurred when he was at prayer. What part has prayer played in preparing you to be aware of God in your life? What part has prayer played in helping you through a transition in your life?

**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.

**COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**KILTIMAGH GAA HEALTHY CLUBS** are excited to participate in the annual Ireland Lights Up and Irish Life Steps Challenge for 2025.  A weekly group walk where everyone is welcome to join - walk at your own pace, get some steps in and have a chat along the way. Starting Monday January 13th @ 7.30pm for 5 weeks meeting at Kiltimagh GAA Pitch.  Please wear a Hi-Viz and dress weather appropriate. Help us along the way - Sign up on the MyLife app!!!!  Get off to a great start to 2025 and make every step count.

**KILTIMAGH WOMEN’S GROUP** will hold a social evening in the Park Hotel on Monday, January 20th at 6pm. All are welcome.

**KILTIMAGH KNOCK UNITED** are recruiting for a Women’s Over 30s team for the first ever Mayo Women’s Masters League this February/March. Drop a message to the club Facebook page or WhatsApp Dee on (087) 9291577 for more details.

**SVP VINCENT'S CHARITY SHOP** is looking for volunteers for the new charity shop opening in Ballyhaunis later in January. Could you spare a few hours a week to help a very important charity in our community? We are also looking for TUS scheme and RSS scheme workers to join our team. Please email [**vincents.ballyhaunis@svp.ie**](mailto:vincents.ballyhaunis@svp.ie)

**CHRONIC PAIN RELIEF CLASSES:** Clinical Somatics uses slow gentle exercises to relieve pain, reduce stress & improve your posture & movement. Classes for 1 hour every Wednesday in Claremorris Family Resource Centre (F12 H2C2) at 6.45pm. 50 euro for 5 weeks. Contact John Roe on 0877495573 or FRC Claremorris

on 094 9377838.

**5 STEP SUPPORT SERVICE:** Are you affected by the misuse of alcohol or other drugs by another individual? 5 Step Support can help you; it is a free, non-judgemental, one - one consultation service. Putting your needs and wellbeing first, helping you manage often stressful, difficult and emotional issues. For further information please contact 071 9150578 / 085 875 9319 or email [**sligoleitrim@alcoholforum.com**](mailto:sligoleitrim@alcoholforum.com)**.**  You don’t have to be addicted to suffer from addiction!

**CHURCH GATE COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND**- The Irish Pilgrimage trust will hold a church gate collection next weekend, on Saturday 18th & Sunday 19th January. All funds collected will go directly to the cost of bringing kids and young adults with additional needs to Lourdes on a week-long pilgrimage next Easter. Your support would be greatly appreciated.

**MAYO STOMA SUPPORT GROUP** will be holding a Meeting on the 23rd January 2025 at 7pm in the Ellison Hotel Castlebar. All are welcome. If you are attending please message Christopher on 087 6275766 with your name and number of people attending

**FR. PEYTON CENTRE HOURS:** Monday to Friday, 9.30am to 5.30pm. Tel: 096-45374.

**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