

## INCH-KILMALEY-CONNOLLY PARISH NEWSLETTER

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**SECOND SUNDAY ADVENT "YEAR B" 10<sup>th</sup> December, 2017**

<b>MASSES:</b>	<b>Inch</b>	Sun 10 <sup>th</sup> December @ 9.15am	Jack & Agnes (Quennie) Devaney Noel Killeen, Clonfeigh Sean O'Connor, Strasburgh Frank & Angela Lyons, Ennis Joe & Kitty Maher, Inchmore Patrick Gregan, Knock Tommy, Lil & Sonny Hogan, Tullassa Christy Barry, Tullassa
		Sun 17 <sup>th</sup> December @ 9.15am	Special Intention (Prayer Ritual Holy Communion)
	<b>Connolly</b>	Sun 10 <sup>th</sup> December @ 10.30am	Jarlath Hassett, Clounboula Catherine Keane, Corncreagh Agnes Doherty, England 1 <sup>st</sup> Anniv Peter Baker, Corncreagh
		Sun 17 <sup>th</sup> December @ 10.30am	Special Intention (Prayer Ritual Holy Communion)
	<b>Kilmaley</b>	Sat 9 <sup>th</sup> December @ 7.30pm	Teresa Neylon, Cahermore Margaret White, Kilclogher & Dublin
		Sun 10 <sup>th</sup> December @ 2pm	Funeral Mass Mary Neylon
		Fri 15 <sup>th</sup> December @ 7.30pm	Breda Meehan, Culleen 1 <sup>st</sup> Anniv
		Sat 16 <sup>th</sup> December @ 7.30pm	Angela O'Connor, Derrynacarragh 1 <sup>st</sup> Anniv

**MASS TIMES FOR CHRISTMAS: CHRISTMAS EVE -- Inch 6.00pm Children's Mass; Kilmaley 7.30pm; Connolly 9pm CHRISTMAS DAY - Inch 9.15am; Connolly 10.30am:**

**BAMBINELLI SUNDAY - BABY JESUS SUNDAY:** A beautiful advent tradition every year on one of the Sundays of Advent, families bring the figure of the Baby Jesus to St. Peter's Square in Rome for the Pope to bless. It is called "Bambinelli Sunday". Many homes in our parish still give a central place to the crib among their Christmas decorations. On next weekend 16<sup>th</sup> / 17<sup>th</sup> December we invite you to bring the Baby Jesus from your Crib to any mass in the Parish and they will be blessed by the celebrant.

**RECONCILIATION/HOLY COMMUNION** – Our next Prayer Ritual in preparation for Reconciliation and Holy Communion will take place during all Masses next weekend 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> December. We ask you to remember all the boys and girls in your prayers. A meeting of the Core Group of Parents will take place on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm in Fr. Pat's House to plan this Prayer Ritual.

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION/CONFESSION:** There will be an opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation in preparation for Christmas on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December at 8.00pm in Connolly Church. All are welcome

**CHRISTMAS FOOD GIVING MASS:** Christmas is quickly approaching and on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December Santa will be at the Vigil Mass in Kilmaley to collect for the Annual Christmas Food Appeal which will take place on this Weekend of 9<sup>th</sup> / 10<sup>th</sup> December. Parishioners are asked to donate non-perishable food item(s) to give to families throughout Clare who are in need this Christmas. Collection Boxes will be provided in all three Churches. In our support of this appeal we are making sure it will be Happy Christmas for many others. Hamper items which would be useful - tea bags, coffee, sugar, selection boxes, minerals, biscuits, soaps, jam, baked beans / peas, cereals, custard, crackers, creamed rice, shampoo, toilet rolls, tinned fruit, soup, jelly, baby food, nappies, spaghetti, noodles, tayto. All items will be distributed through Clarecare.

**SYMPATHY:** We offer our sympathy, support and prayers to the family, relatives and friends of Mary Neylon, Gortaganniv & Drimanure buried this weekend.

**BAPTISM:** We welcome into God's family and the Christian Community Daire Mickey Fitzgibbon, Barnageeha, Darragh, Ennis. We congratulate his parents Michael & Aida and pray that God will always guide and protect him.

**ANNIVERSARY MASSES:** December Group Anniversary Masses are as follows- Kilmaley – Sat 9<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm & Sat 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7.30pm Connolly - Sun 10<sup>th</sup> & Sun 31<sup>st</sup> at 10.30am Inch – Sun 10<sup>th</sup> & Sun 31<sup>st</sup> at 9.15am

**WEEKDAY MASS TIMES:** Connolly – Mon, Tue, Wed @ 10.00am Kilmaley – Thur, Fri, Sat @ 10.00am

**MINISTRY OF THE WORD:** KILMALEY – Sat 16<sup>th</sup> Dec @ 7.30pm Roisín Burke

INCH – Sun 17<sup>th</sup> Dec @ 9.15am Anne-Marie Upenieks Connolly – Sun 17<sup>th</sup> Dec @ 10.30am Roisin Ni Ceallaigh

**BASKET & ENVELOPE COLLECTIONS:** A sincere thanks to all who contribute so generously every weekend to all the various collections: The total last weekend was as follows- Weekly Envelope €710.70; Priests Collection €1,697; Immaculate Conception €8;

**CHILDREN'S MASS:** Any musicians or singers interested in joining the music group for the **Annual Children's Mass on Christmas Eve in Inch Church**, please attend a rehearsal on **Wed 13th December from 6.30pm - 7.30pm in Inch Church**.

**ONLINE ADVENT 2017 CALENDAR:** As a unique Advent prayerful resource, the Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference has provided its online Advent 2017 Calendar which can be enjoyed by people of all ages. The calendar is available online, and on your smartphone, on catholicbishops.ie. This year's Advent Calendar focuses on the theme of family as we prepare together for next year's World Meeting of Families in Dublin from 21 – 26 August. Each day during Advent you are invited to click open a virtual door where you will find faith content for family, school and parish. During Advent, families are invited to take special time together to pray, to talk, and to be together. Family members are encouraged to undertake a daily act of kindness or charity – as suggested by the calendar – and by so doing reaching out to help those around us. By using the online calendar, we hope that you will be part of our journey through Advent this year - <http://www.catholicbishops.ie/advent-calendar/>.

**KILMALEY NATIONAL SCHOOL STUDENTS PRESENT A MEDLEY OF CHRISTMAS CAROLS** on **Monday 18<sup>th</sup> of December at 6:30pm in Kilmaley Church**. All are Welcome. Please join us at the community event to enjoy the festivities, refreshments and meet Santa, (photograph opportunity for each family)

**KILMALEY YOUTH CLUB - Church Gate Collection** will be held at Inch, Kilmaley & Connolly Churches on **Saturday 16th & Sunday 17th December**. All support would be greatly appreciated. Also, a Dance will be held in **Hotel Woodstock on Thursday 28th December from 9.30pm to Midnight**. **Music by Dave Culligan & Mountain Dew**. **Admission €5**. Spot Prizes on the Night.

**ADVENT SERIES OF TALKS:** Reformation – Martin Luther and his message for today on Dec 12th - The Church – always in need of reform. Speaker - Eugene Duffy. 7.30pm Blessed Terence Albert Hall, Dominic Street, Limerick. (Entrance to the side of St Saviour's Church and opposite Costello's pub). Donation €5.

**CONCERT: Clare Youth Trad Orchestra will be performing in GLOR on Sunday December 17th @ 7pm**. Tickets from GLOR - €15 with surprise special guests. **Come out and support some of the young musicians from our parish** who are members of this 100 strong Trad Orchestra. Proceeds to Our Lady's Children's Hospital, Crumlin & St. Raphael's Paediatric Neurosurgical Ward in Beaumont Hospital.

**KILMALEY LOTTO:** Numbers Drawn 6, 10, 12, 24. **No Jackpot Winner- Jackpot Next Week €3,900----** €30 Winners – Adeline O'Malley, Roisín Ni Cheallaigh, Brendan Slattery, Joe Coote, Anthony Dillon. Next Draw on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December. Play online at [www.kilmaleygaa.ie](http://www.kilmaleygaa.ie)

**TOWARDS PEACE:** Christmas and New Year is often a time when we are reminded of our deeper selves and deepest hopes, and deepest pain. The vision of Towards Peace is to provide a safe supportive space for people who have been affected by abuse in a Church context, and who are seeking to explore the spiritual impact of the abuse. If you have been abused and would like a space to reflect on the impact of the trauma of abuse on your own relationship with God and spirituality, **Towards Peace is here for you: [www.towardspeace.ie](http://www.towardspeace.ie) / 01 505 3028**.

**CLARE HOSPICE AT CAHERCALLA:** Weekly Draw Result – **1<sup>st</sup> Prize €650.00** – Patricia Moroney, Ennis. **2<sup>nd</sup> Prize €200.00** – John O'Leary, Newmarket-on-Fergus. To join contact Fundraising Office 065 --6821966 [www.cahercalla.ie](http://www.cahercalla.ie)

**ST FLANNAN'S COLLEGE TRAD GROUP IN CONCERT WITH KILFENORA CEILI BAND** - Fundraiser for the school. Friday Jan 5th in Glór, Ennis. Tickets at [www.glor.ie](http://www.glor.ie) 065-6843103.

**ST. JOHN BOSCO COMMUNITY COLLEGE TRANSITION YEAR PRESENT** 'The Exam' By Andy Hamilton, a one act play on **Thursday 14th and Friday 15th December in Kildysart Community Centre at 8pm**. Complimentary teas, coffees and mince pies served on the night. Tickets can be purchased in advance from TY students or the school office. (Tel. No. 065 6832300)

**SANTA, MRS. CLAUS AND THEIR FRIENDS ARE ARRIVING IN A HORSE AND CARRIAGE ON SUNDAY 10TH OF DECEMBER AT 3PM** Bogdale House, Lisroe, Kilmaley, Ennis, Co. Clare. Children will meet Santa and receive a toy. Everyone will get a Polaroid picture taken with Santa and feel free to bring your camera and take a few family pictures for the mantelpiece with Santa and all his friends. We will also have a Kiddies disco with treats, colouring corner, face painting and lots more on the day. Free entry for parents with complimentary tea, coffee and biscuits. **All monies raised go towards the Ray of Sunshine Foundation Ireland where a group of 200 volunteers from Ireland will travel to build a rescue centre for children in Africa.** [www.rayofsunshine.ie](http://www.rayofsunshine.ie)  
Contact Emma 087 2347969

**COMMUNITY GAMES:** Inch Kilmaley Connolly Community Games AGM will take place on **Monday 11th of December at 8:30pm in the Kilmaley Inn**. New members welcome.

**ANNUAL AN GARDA SÍOCHÁNA OLDER PERSONS CHRISTMAS TEA PARTY** which will be held at the **West County Hotel on the 15th December 2017, between 2pm and 5pm**. This event is **free and all persons over the age of 55 are welcome to attend**. There is tea, sandwiches and cake during the event. Music is being provided and everyone will be asked to dance the afternoon away. Due to the large numbers that attend we would ask that anyone that would like to attend to contact Ennis Garda Station on 065 6848100 and ask to put their name down for the event. Transport is available to persons living in the Ennis area, they are asked to indicate if they need a lift when they ring the station.

**ART4U VISUAL ARTIST EXHIBITION:** Pay us a visit on **Sat Dec 16th between 10am and 3 pm in Ennis Town Centre Market** and pick up gifts for Christmas or any occasion or treat yourself. This is an unique opportunity to take in some beautiful works of art by fifteen local Clare artists including paintings, prints, greeting cards etc. By doing this you are supporting local artists.

**CAKE SALE:** Kilmaley Camogie Club will hold a cake sale this Sunday in Inch School after 9.15am mass. Drop off Sunday morning from 8.45am. Raffle for spot prizes on the day. Your support for this important fundraiser would be appreciated.

**KILMALEY PARISH JOURNAL FINAL NOTICE:** Any clubs, organisations and individuals who intend to supply articles, photographs etc. are asked to do so immediately. This is to ensure their inclusion in this year's issue. They should be e-mailed to [Info@realprint.ie](mailto:Info@realprint.ie).