

## INCH-KILMALEY-CONNOLLY PARISH NEWSLETTER

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### THIRD SUNDAY ADVENT ---YEAR "A" --- 11<sup>th</sup> December 2016

<b>MASSES:</b>	<b>Inch</b>	Sun 11 <sup>th</sup> December @ 9.30am	Christy Barry, Tullassa Tommy, Lil & Sonny Hogan, Tullassa
		Sun 18 <sup>th</sup> December @ 9.30am	Noel Killeen, Clonfeigh Joe Killeen, Clonfeigh & Ballybunion, Month's Mind Patrick Gregan, Knock, Inch Sean O' Connor, Strasbourg, Inch Jimmy & Maura Hickey Ivy Hill and their sons Stephen & Jimmy
	<b>Connolly</b>	Sun 11 <sup>th</sup> December @ 10.30am	Catherine Keane, Corncreagh Mary Greaves, nee Keane, England Michael Augustine Scanlan Delia Scanlan Kate Teresa Scanlan, New York
		Sun 18 <sup>th</sup> December @ 10.30am	Jarlath Hassett, Peter Baker
	<b>Kilmaley</b>	Sat 10 <sup>th</sup> December @ 7.30pm	Teresa Neylon, Cahermore
		Sun 11 <sup>th</sup> December @ 11.30am	Special Intention
		Sat 17 <sup>th</sup> December @ 7.30pm	Special Intention
		Sun 18 <sup>th</sup> December @ 11.30am	Gerry Cabey, Lispuckaun Patsy Cahill

**CHRISTMAS FOOD GIVING MASS:** Christmas is quickly approaching and on **Saturday 10<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 the Weekend of 10<sup>th</sup> / 11<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, creed rice, shampoo, toilet rolls, tinned fruit, soup, jelly, baby food, nappies, spaghetti, noodles, tayto. All items will be distributed through Clarecare.**

**BISHOP FINTAN FIRST VISIT:** Mass and the Sacrament of Anointing for Christmas will take place on **Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December 11.00am in the Kilmaley Day Care Centre**. We welcome our new Bishop Fintan Monahan who will lead us in prayer that day. All are welcome

**BABY JESUS SUNDAY:** 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 Sat 17<sup>th</sup> and Sun 18<sup>th</sup> Dec we invite you to bring the Baby Jesus from your home to any mass in the Parish and they will be blessed by the priest.**

**BAPTISM:** We welcome into God's family and the Christian Community **Róisín Neville, Connolly**. We congratulate her parents Dónal and Claire and pray that God will always guide and protect her.

**SYMPATHY:** We offer our sympathy, support and prayers to the family, relatives and friends of **Agnes Devany, Magowna, Inch** who was buried during the week.

**CHILDREN'S MASS CHRISTMAS EVE:** 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 **Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December from 6pm-7pm in Inch Church**.

**ANNIVERSARY MASSES:** The dates for the December Grouped Anniversary Masses are as follows - **Kilmaley** – Sat 10<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm & Sun 18<sup>th</sup> at 11.30am **Connolly** - Sun 11<sup>th</sup> & Sun 18<sup>th</sup> at 10.30am; **Inch** – Sun 11<sup>th</sup> & Sun 18<sup>th</sup> at 9.30am

**WEEKDAY MASS TIMES:** Connolly – Mon, Tue, Wed @10am Kilmaley – Fri, Sat @ 10am

**MINISTRY OF THE WORD:** Kilmaley - Sat 17<sup>th</sup> Dec @ 7.30pm Billy Hamel Sun 18<sup>th</sup> Dec @ 11.30am Ann O'Loughlin

Inch – Sun 18<sup>th</sup> Dec @ 9.30am Siobhan Barry Connolly – Sun 18<sup>th</sup> Dec @ 10.30am Patrina Cullen

**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 €665.80; Priests Collection €1,650; Missions €5 (to date €750.11); All Saints €10; Christmas Day €22; Immaculate Conception €35;**

**“HOSANNA ROCK”:** Connolly N.S. presents “Hosanna Rock” a Christmas Nativity in Connolly Church on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm. Come join us on this special evening. Everyone is welcome.

**ADVENT REFLECTIONS:** A one page reflection on each Sunday Gospel for Advent called *Hearing, Happening, Hoping* can be downloaded from the Killaloe Diocesan website <http://www.killaloediocese.ie/diocesan-news/hearing-happening-hoping-advent>. Weeks one and two are available now. These reflections were compiled by Fr. Seamus O’Connell, Maynooth, Jane Mellett, Dublin Diocese, Philip Carder, Armagh Diocese, Sr. Marie McNamara and Maureen Kelly Killaloe Diocese.

**‘COME AND BECOME: ENTER ADVENT WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT’:** 3 Advent Sundays at Glenstal Abbey (27<sup>th</sup> Nov, 11 & 18<sup>th</sup> Dec). Talks in Monastery Library at 4.30 pm by Fr Luke MacNamara, Tea/Coffee and Vespers. OSB. 061 621005 / [www.glenstal.org](http://www.glenstal.org)

**TRÓCAIRE IS HOPING FOR THE USUAL TERRIFIC SUPPORT FROM PARISHIONERS for the Trócaire Gifts and Christmas Appeal.** The gifts make a huge difference to the lives of families and communities in some of the world’s poorest countries and start from as little as €5 (£4) for olive trees for Palestinian families. To find out more, buy a gift or make a donation log on to [trocaire.org](http://trocaire.org) or call 1850 408 408.

**WATCH FOR YOUR NEIGHBOURS:** As the weather gets colder and the days get darker the **killaloe diocese justice, peace & care of creation committee** urges all of us to keep an eye on elderly neighbours. As Church we all have a responsibility to look after each other so if you have any elderly neighbours living alone near you, take 5 minutes to check if they need any errands run and to ensure they are warm enough and have enough food. A little gesture can make a big difference.

**“LAND OF SAINTS AND SCHOLARS - THE STORY OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IN IRELAND”** is a new publication designed to appeal to younger people and children. Told in full colour picture format the book would make an excellent Christmas present. It is a special publication which is only available through parishes and there are pages dedicated to the Diocese of Killaloe. **It costs €10 and is available in churches this weekend and in the Parish Office.**

**KILLALOE DIOCESAN YOUTH COUNCIL invite young people aged 16 and over to their Christmas Fun, Faith and Social afternoon** on **Sunday 11th December from 2 to 4pm in the Church of Our Lady, Roslevan.** Everybody is asked to bring non perishable food items, which will make up hampers for those in need in our local community. For more information contact Cora Guinnane 0872400135

**CHRISTMAS JUMPER NIGHT & “TOY SHOW”:** The Kilmaley Inn will host a Christmas Jumper Night together with a "Toy Show" on **Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> December at 9.30pm.** Music and fun on the night. All toys brought on the night will be donated to Clare Care. We would greatly appreciate if the toys given are new, unused or in excellent condition. Spot prizes on the night with competitions for most novel jumper. There might even be a prize for everyone in the "audience"!!! Wishing everyone a happy and peaceful Christmas.

**KILMALEY LOTTO:** Numbers Drawn **9, 10, 14, 25.** No Jackpot Winner. **Jackpot Next Week €2,800----** €30 Winners: Michael Cahill, Noel Barry, Edel Connellan, Clare O’Looney, Thomas McCarthy. Next Draw on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> December. Play online at [www.kilmaleygaa.ie](http://www.kilmaleygaa.ie)

**CLARE HOSPICE AT CAHERCALLA:** Weekly Draw Result – **1<sup>st</sup> Prize €650.00** – Ann Pilkington, Microsemi Ireland, Ennis. **2<sup>nd</sup> Prize €200.00** – Noreen Dillon, Ennistymon. To join contact Fundraising Office 065 6821966 [www.cahercalla.ie](http://www.cahercalla.ie)

**THREE TENORS CONCERT:** SS. John & Paul Church, Shannon will be the venue for a **pre-Christmas Concert** with the Three Tenors, Ireland’s Greatest Voices on **Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December at 8pm.** Tickets available from the Parish Office Shannon, (061-364133) and Easons Skycourt Shopping Centre Shannon.

**PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE:** Date 14<sup>th</sup> June 2017 with Spiritual Director Flight from Shannon to Mostar. Contact Bernadette 0861634553

**CHRISTMAS MARKET on Sat December 10<sup>th</sup> from 2pm to 9pm and Sunday 11<sup>th</sup>, 12pm to 7pm,** at Jones Supervalu Miltown Malbay, huge selection of Crafts, Handbags Jewellery, Louise Morrissey's family music shop, Festive Foods and more, Book Santa or a Stall on 087 9777878, Graham Norton's Real Big Red Chair will be there, So Come along and Enjoy the Christmas Atmosphere.

**HEALTH CARE ASSISTANTS (CARERS) REQUIRED IN THE CLARE AREA.** QQI Level 5 in Health Care Support/Community Health or similar. Patient Moving & Handling. If currently studying for this award, applicants will also be considered. Experience required. **Contact:** Bluebird Care Clare on 065-6868222.

**THE VOCATIONAL SCHOOL ENNISTYMON ARE PERFORMING THEIR CHRISTMAS CONCERT in aid of Friends of Ennistymon** - Ennistymon Hospital and Day Care Centre on **Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30pm in The Fall’s Hotel.** Tickets (€10 /€5 student OAP) are available to purchase through the school: 065 7071375 and at the school’s stall on the Ennistymon Christmas Fair day, Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December. Call Angela on 065 7071375 to secure your place

**“I send my messenger ahead of you to prepare your way before you.” Are you called to be sent by Jesus as a priest, deacon, sister or brother? Contact: 086 2777139**