

INCH-KILMALEY-CONNOLLY PARISH NEWSLETTER

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THIRD SUNDAY ADVENT “YEAR B” 17th December, 2017

<u>MASSES:</u>	Inch	Sun 17 th December @ 9.15am	Special Intention (Prayer Ritual Holy Communion)
		Sun 24 th December @ 9.15am	Special Intention
	Connolly	Sun 17 th December @ 10.30am	Special Intention (Prayer Ritual Holy Communion)
		Sun 24 th December @ 10.30am	Special Intention
	Kilmaley	Sat 16 th December @ 7.30pm	Angela O’Connor, Derrynacarragh 1 st Anniv
		Sat 23 rd December @ 7.30pm	Tom Casey, Kilclogher Gerry Cabey, Lispuckaun Vera Hennessy, Culleen

**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:**

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

BISHOP FINTAN VISIT: Mass and the Sacrament of Anointing for Christmas will take place on **Thursday 21st at 11.00am in the Kilmaley Day Care Centre. We welcome Bishop Fintan Monahan who will lead us in prayer that day. **Mayor of Clare Tom McNamara will also be joining us on the day.** All are welcome.**

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: There will be **No Adoration on **Tuesday 26th of December St Stephen’s Day.** Adoration will resume again on **Tuesday 2nd January 2018.****

CHRISTMAS FOOD GIVING MASS: Clarecare would like to express a very sincere thanks to all who contributed so generously to the Annual Food Giving Appeal last weekend. Sincere thanks to Seamus Lynch for organising all the boxes in the churches.

CAROL SINGING: This will take place in **Kilmaley Church next Saturday 23rd December before and after 7 30pm Mass. All support would be appreciated.**

SYMPATHY: We offer our sympathy, support and prayers to the family, relatives and friends of **Michael Dillon, Clounboula, Connolly buried during the week. We offer our sympathy, support and prayers to the family, relatives and friends of **Willie Burke, Drimeen, Ennis** buried during the week. The death occurred recently of **Mrs Ciss Neylon (Sydenham, London)** Sympathy is extended to her loving husband John Neylon formerly of Kilclogher and her sons James and Michael. Also sister in law of Mary Neylon Magowna Inch, Clara Murphy Derrynacarragh, The late Mike Joe Neylon and Kathleen Spellissy Kilclogher. Burial will take place in London on Tuesday 19th December.**

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

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

MINISTRY OF THE WORD:

KILMALEY Sat 23rd Dec @ 7.30pm Ann Griffin;

INCH Sun 24th Dec @ 9.15am Christopher Forde;

CONNOLLY Sun 24th Dec @ 10.30am Patrina Cullen;

Christmas Eve @ 7.30pm Mary Ita Griffin

Christmas Day @ 9.15am Martina O’Loughlin

Christmas Eve 9.00pm Roisin Ní Ceallaigh

Christmas Day 10.30am Rose Fox

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 €685.67; Priests Collection €701.12; Immaculate Conception €292.10; All Saints €15.70; Assumption €2; Missions €6.90; Trocaire €1.70; Sick & retired Priests’ Fund €11.70**

FESTIVAL OF CRIBS LISCANNOR CHURCH: This will take place on **Sat 16th, Sun 17th, Mon 18th December. Well worth a visit.**

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 **Tuesday 19th 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 18th 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)

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 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.

TROCAIRE CHRISTMAS APPEAL: "In love there is no room for fear, but perfect love drives out fear..." John 4:18. Trócaire's Christmas Appeal, 'Until Love Conquers Fear', is raising money to support people all over the developing world who face fear every day of their lives – like the fear of not being able to feed their children or the fear of having to flee their homes because of conflict. To find out more about the appeal visit www.trocaire.org

KILMALEY LOTTO: Numbers Drawn 8, 9, 13, 22. **No Jackpot Winner - Jackpot Next Week €4,000** ---- €30 Winners – Caroline Ryan, Sean Nugent, Shane McGuane, Mary McMahon, James Egan. Next Draw on Saturday 16th December. Play online at 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 / 01 505 3028**.

CLARE HOSPICE AT CAHERCALLA: Weekly Draw Result – **1st Prize €650.00** – Mary Enright, Ballynacally. **2nd Prize €200.00** – Stephanie Hennessy, Data Display, Ennistymon. To join contact Fundraising Office 065 --6821966 www.cahercalla.ie

ST. FLANNAN'S COLLEGE WILL PROVIDE 1-DAY INTENSIVE REVISION COURSES during the Christmas Holidays for 2018 French and German Leaving and Junior Certs Honours students. A French native speaker, Carinne is a qualified French and German teacher with over 20 years' experience as a Teacher, Oral Examiner and Leaving Cert. Corrector. Students from all schools are welcome. Phone/text 083 8287708 for further details.

PILATES CLASS: Pilates classes every Thursday evening commencing 11th January in Kilmaley Daycare Centre at 8pm. Contact Mairead for further details 087 2969194.

A CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM MIDOC YOUR GP OUT OF HOURS SERVICE: Opening Hours for the Christmas and New Year. MIDOC will be operational during the Christmas period 2017 from 18:00pm Friday 22nd December until 08:00am on Wednesday 27th December 2017. 25th December 2017 (Monday) - Christmas Day (24 hrs); 26th December 2017 (Tuesday) - Stephens Day (24hrs). MIDOC will be operational during the New Year period 2017-2018 from 18:00pm on Friday 29th December 2017 until 08:00am on Tuesday 2nd January 2018. 1st January 2018 (Monday) - New Year's Day (24hrs) MIDOC can be accessed by dialling the free low call number at 1850 302 702 to talk to a triage nurse before you present to the Midoc centre. During peak periods there may be a delay in answering your call as telephone lines may be extremely busy. People are requested to be patient until your call is answered. Have a peaceful Christmas and a Happy New Year!

MARIAN ATHLETIC CLUB: The Annual Turkey trot will take place on St. Stephen's Day at 12 Noon from Waterpark House, Drumbiggle. Registrations at 11.15am All proceeds to R.N.L.I. Life Boats & Seeking Vision Clare. Lots of Prizes and all are welcome!

STAMP APPEAL - USED STAMPS WANTED: – Don't throw away your used postage stamps. The local branch of Apostolic Works Society would be delighted to received them. They can be given to any member of the society or dropped into the box at Connolly Church.