

INCH-KILMALEY-CONNOLLY PARISH NEWSLETTER

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FOURTH SUNDAY ADVENT ---YEAR “A” --- 18th December, 2016

<u>MASSES:</u>			
Inch	Sun 18 th December @ 9.30am	Noel Killeen, Clonfeigh Joe Killeen, Clonfeigh & Ballybunion, Month’s Mind Patrick Gregan, Knock, Inch Sean O’Connor, Strasburgh, Inch Jimmy & Maura Hickey Ivy Hill and their sons Jimmy & Stephen	
	Sat 24 th December @ 6.00pm	Christmas Eve – Children’s Mass	
	Sun 25 th December @ 9.30am	Christmas Day	
Connolly	Sun 18 th December @ 10.30am	Jarlath Hassett Peter Baker	
	Sat 24 th December @ 8.30pm	Christmas Eve	
	Sun 25 th December @ 10.30am	Christmas Day	
Kilmaley	Sat 17 th December @ 7.30pm	Special Intention	
	Sun 18 th December @ 11.30am	Gerry Cabey, Lispuckaun Patsy Cahill Vera Hennessy, Culleen	
	Sat 24 th December @ 7.30pm	Christmas Eve	
	Sun 25 th December @ 11.30am	Christmas Day	

COMMUNION CALL FOR CHRISTMAS: Fr. Pat will visit his Communion Calls for Christmas on **Wednesday 21st December** at usual times.

MASS TIMES FOR CHRISTMAS: **CHRISTMAS EVE-- Inch** 6.00pm Children’s Mass; **Kilmaley** 7.30pm; **Connolly** 8.30pm
CHRISTMAS DAY - Inch 9.30am; **Connolly** 10.30am; **Kilmaley** 11.30am.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION/CONFESSION: There will be an opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation in preparation for Christmas on **Monday 19th December at 8.00pm in Connolly Church.** All are welcome

CHRISTMAS FOOD GIVING THANK YOU: A very sincere thanks to all who contributed so generously to the Annual Food Giving Appeal for Clarecare through food & financial support. Sincere thanks to Seamus Lynch for organising all the boxes in the churches.

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 17th & Sun 18th 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.**

SYMPATHY: We offer our sympathy, support and prayers to the family, relatives and friends of **Angela O’Connor, Derrynacarragh, Kilmaley** who was buried during the week. We offer our sympathy, support and prayers to the family, relatives and friends of **Breda Meehan, Culleen, Kilmaley** who was buried during the week. We offer our sympathy, support and prayers to the family, relatives and friends of **Mary Geagan nee Talty, Inagh & Boston**, sister of Catherine Roche, An Cluainín, Kilmaley buried recently in Boston. We offer our sympathy, support and prayers to the family, relatives and friends of **Noreen O’Keeffe nee Cahill, Kilnamona** who was buried last weekend.

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 18th December from 6pm-7pm in Inch Church.**

ANNIVERSARY MASSES: The dates for the January 2017 Grouped Anniversary Masses are as follows - **Kilmaley** – Sat 7th at 7.30pm & Sun 22nd at 11.30am **Connolly** - Sun 8th & Sun 22nd at 10.30am; **Inch** –Sun 8th & Sun 22nd at 9.30am

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

MINISTRY OF THE WORD: **Kilmaley** - Sat 24th @ 7.30pm Leanne McMahon **Sun 25th @ 11.30am** Seamus Lynch
Inch – Sun 25th Dec @ 9.30am Brid Higgins **Connolly** – Sun 25th Dec @ 10.30am Róisín Ni Ceallaigh & Noeleen Doherty

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

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

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 € 778.65; Priests Collection €804.30; Missions €5 (to date €755.11); All Saints €5; Christmas Day €1; Immaculate Conception €306;.50; Sick & Retired Priests Fund €5; Peters Pence €1**

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.killaloe-diocese.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.

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 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.

THE CHRISTMAS SEASON CAN BE A DIFFICULT TIME FOR PEOPLE BEREAVED BY SUICIDE: Support and help is only a phone call away. Clare Suicide Bereavement Support Volunteers are available to help you. This is a free and confidential support service. Please phone 086 0565373 or 087 3698315.

“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.**

CHRISTMAS JUMPER NIGHT & “TOY SHOW”: The Kilmaley Inn will host a Christmas Jumper Night together with a "Toy Show" on **Saturday 17th 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 1, 8, 22, 26. No Jackpot Winner. **Jackpot Next Week €2,900----** €30 Winners: Gareth Pyne, Tina O’Gorman, Paddy O’Looney, Kathleen McMahon, Eoin Clancy. Next Draw on Saturday 17th December. Play online at www.kilmaleygaa.ie

CLARE HOSPICE AT CAHERCALLA: Weekly Draw Result–**1st Prize €650.00** –Mary Higgins, Athlone. **2nd Prize €200.00** – Owen Dillon, Crusheen. To join contact Fundraising Office 065 6821966 www.cahercalla.ie

BINGO: Christmas Bingo on Thursday 29th December in Lissycasey Hall starting at 7.30 p.m. hosted by Fergus Athletic Club. A great family night out guaranteed with excellent prizes on offer. Raffle on the night and all welcome.

CALLING ALL EMIGRANTS HOME FOR CHRISTMAS - ‘Home For Work’ Event in the Harbour Hotel, Galway city on Thurs 29th Dec from 10-1pm. Bring along your CV and talk to experts about local job opportunities on the day. All are welcome. Any questions feel free to give me a call on 091 706717.

AT THIS TIME OF YEAR MANY OF US ARE THINKING OF GIFTS. Imagine if you could give the gift of a home for just €2 !! The Mid-West Simon Community have launched our €2 campaign. We ask you to donate just €2 to our cause by texting the word KEYS to 50300. Your €2 can make an extraordinary difference to someone's life, so give a gift this year of just €2.

DON’T BE LONELY THIS CHRISTMAS: Senior Help Line, Ireland’s only national listening service for older people, will be open every day over Christmas and the New Year from 10am to 10 pm. We are here to take your call if you are on your own, feeling isolated, worried or would like someone to talk to. Christmas can be a sad time for many people, and in the midst of apparent universal gaiety, some of us can feel very alone. Senior Help Line volunteers are trained older people who understand the ups and downs of life, and are happy to listen, to keep company and to support. **So let us put the companionship into Christmas this year. LoCall 1850 440 444, no call costs more than 30 cents. All calls confidential.**

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.