



## Kilmaley Connolly Inch Parish



**Wishing you all a very  
Happy Holy and Peaceful Christmas!**



As we come to the end of 2022 we have much to thank God for in our Parish. We are blessed by all those who work tirelessly in a voluntary capacity in all our churches and in the parish. We are also blessed by the numbers of people who come to our churches each day to pray. To all involved in education and in handing on the faith we owe a great debt of gratitude. So much has happened in our local church this year. Look at the hand of God in all that is happening, look at God's hand leading us into God's own future. To the many people who, in so many ways, make this the vibrant and life-giving parish it is. Your presence and contribution are valued and appreciated. My prayer is that you will have a happy and holy Christmas and a bright New Year.

With God's Blessing  
Fr John

## MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK:

### Kilmaley:

Sat 31<sup>st</sup> 7.30pm

Mary Mc Mahon nee Quinn Cahermore

### Inch:

Sun 1<sup>st</sup> 9.15am

No intention booked

### Connolly:

Sun 1<sup>st</sup> 10.30am

No intention booked

**No weekday masses this week.**

**ANNIVERSARY MASSES** can be booked for any of the scheduled masses.  
Contact 065 68 39735.

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:** There will be no adoration on Tue the 27<sup>th</sup> of Dec and Tue the 3<sup>rd</sup> of Jan. Adoration will resume on Tuesday the 10<sup>th</sup> of Jan.

**COLLECTION ENVELOPES:** Thank you to all those who are busy distributing boxes of church envelopes at the moment. If you haven't received on it may be that there is no distributor for your area. Maybe you might like to volunteer to help? All the boxes are available in the lobby of Kilmaley Church.

## **Family Table Prayer for Christmas Day**

Loving God, on this Christmas day we give thanks  
that Jesus, your Son, has come into our world  
bringing us gifts of peace and joy.

Bless us as we sit down together at this table for  
our Christmas meal.

Bless the food we share and help us to remember  
those who are hungry.

Be with our neighbours and our friends, those who  
are lonely, sick or away from home.

We pray that our departed loved ones may now sit  
at your table in heaven.

May the joy of this feast give us strength and light,  
now and in the days ahead.

We ask this prayer through Christ, Our Lord.

Amen

## FIRST READING

Isaiah 9:1-7

The people that walked in darkness has seen a great light;  
on those who live in a land of deep shadow a light has shone.  
You have made their gladness greater, you have made their joy increase;  
they rejoice in your presence as men rejoice at harvest time,  
as men are happy when they are dividing the spoils.

For the yoke that was weighing on him, the bar across his shoulders,  
the rod of his oppressor, these you break as on the day of Midian.

For all the footgear of battle, every cloak rolled in blood, is burnt, and consumed  
by fire.

For there is a child born for us, a son given to us  
and dominion is laid on his shoulders;  
and this is the name they give him:

Wonder-Counsellor, Mighty-God, Eternal-Father, Prince-of-Peace.

Wide is his dominion in a peace that has no end, for the throne of David and for  
his royal power, which he establishes and makes secure in justice and integrity.

From this time onwards and for ever,  
the jealous love of the Lord of Hosts will do this.

The word of the Lord

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 95(96):1-3,11-13

**Today a saviour has been born to us: he is Christ the Lord.**

O sing a new song to the Lord,  
sing to the Lord all the earth.

O sing to the Lord, bless his name.     **R**

Proclaim his help day by day,  
tell among the nations his glory  
and his wonders among all the peoples.     **R**

Let the heavens rejoice and earth be glad,  
let the sea and all within it thunder praise,  
let the land and all it bears rejoice,  
all the trees of the wood shout for joy  
at the presence of the Lord for he comes,  
he comes to rule the earth.     **R**

With justice he will rule the world,  
he will judge the peoples with his truth.     **R**

## **SECOND READING**

Titus 2:11-14

God's grace has been revealed, and it has made salvation possible for the whole human race and taught us that what we have to do is to give up everything that does not lead to God, and all our worldly ambitions; we must be self-restrained and live good and religious lives here in this present world, while we are waiting in hope for the blessing which will come with the Appearing of the glory of our great God and saviour Christ Jesus. He sacrificed himself for us in order to set us free from all wickedness and to purify a people so that it could be his very own and would have no ambition except to do good.

The word of the Lord

## **Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia!

I bring you news of great joy:

today a saviour has been born to us, Christ the Lord.

Alleluia!

## **GOSPEL**

Luke 2:1-14

Caesar Augustus issued a decree for a census of the whole world to be taken. This census – the first – took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria, and everyone went to his own town to be registered. So Joseph set out from the town of Nazareth in Galilee and travelled up to Judaea, to the town of David called Bethlehem, since he was of David's House and line, in order to be registered together with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. While they were there the time came for her to have her child, and she gave birth to a son, her first born. She wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger because there was no room for them at the inn.

In the countryside close by there were shepherds who lived in the fields and took it in turns to watch their flocks during the night. The angel of the Lord appeared to them and the glory of the Lord shone round them. They were terrified, but the angel said, 'Do not be afraid. Listen, I bring you news of great joy, a joy to be shared by the whole people. Today in the town of David a saviour has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord. And here is a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger.' And suddenly with the angel there was a great throng of the heavenly host, praising God and singing:

'Glory to God in the highest heaven,  
and peace to men who enjoy his favour.'

The Gospel of the Lord