Second Sunday of Christmas 5th January 2025

Diocese of Killaloe

<u>KILMALEY-CONNOLLY-INCH PARISH</u>

Críocha Callan Pastoral area

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Mass times ~ **Kilmaley:** Saturday 7.30pm, Thursday and Friday 10am. **Connolly:** Sunday 10.30am, Monday and Tuesday 10am. Inch: Sunday 9.15am, Wednesday at 8pm

THE PARISH OFFICE IS TEMPORARILY CLOSED.

For all Parish business please contact Fr John on 065 68 39735 or email kilmaleyparish@gmail.com. Website: www.kilmaleyparish.ie



MASS CARDS:

For your convenience, mass cards are now available for sale in all three churches in the parish.

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK:

ANNIVERSARY MASSES can be booked at 065 68 39735 or email kilmaleyparish@gmail.com.

KILMALEY—SATURDAY AT 7.30PM:

Martin and Nora O'Sullivan Furroor. 4thJan Agnes Coyne Attygoodane, Cleggan, Galway who died recently. 11thJan Mollie McCarthy Shean.

Tommy Fawley Shean. INCH—SUNDAY AT 9.15AM:

5th and 12thJan No intention booked

CONNOLLY - SUNDAY AT 10.30AM:

Thomas Monahan, Corrancreagh. 5thJan 12thJan Gemma Lernihan Connolly.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION is taking a break for January resuming on the first Tuesday in February. Thanks to all participants and a very happy Christmas.

2025 COLLECTION ENVELOPES: Most envelopes have been delivered, but there are still a few areas which have not been picked up yet. Help would be appreciated. **READERS 2025 MISSALS** are available in the sacristy.

FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY



The Feast of the Epiphany will be celebrated on Monday January 6th. It is a Holy Day of Obligation.

This feast commemorates the visit of the wise men to worship the baby Jesus. Tradition tells us that their names were Caspar, Melchior and Balthassar. The men were astrologers who were looking for the star that would lead them to the promised Messiah. This was prophesied in the Book of Micah. According to the Gospel narratives, the wise men brought gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh with them. These gifts were very meaningful.

Gold was a precious and expensive gift, and showed how important Jesus was.

Frankincense is a sweet perfume which was often burned in the temple to worship God. It was a sign that Jesus should be worshipped.

Myrrh was used to keep things fresh, and it was used by the women to anoint Jesus' body when he died. By bringing it as a gift to Jesus, the wise men foretold his suffering and death.

Mass times are as follows:

Inch 9.15. Connolly 10.30am. Kilmaley: 7.30pm.

KILMALEY CAMOGIE CLUB will host IRELAND LIGHTS UP

Ireland Lights Up 2025, commencing Monday 6th January from 7-8pm at Lisbiggeen Facilities. Everyone is welcome to come along and join this initiative.

BASKET & ENVELOPE COLLECTIONS:

Weekly & Holy Day Envelopes €733

Major Repair Fund Priest's Collection

€53 €36,676 to date! €32

We sincerely thank you for your generous contributions, they are vital in keeping our parish going. As well as during the offertory at mass, contributions can also be dropped into the Parochial House or the "mass card donation

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boxes" or online using the DONATE button on Kilmaley Parish Website or the IBAN numbers above. Major Repair Fund Donations can also be made on our i-donate page using the QR code.



New Year's Prayer

As the dawn breaks on a new year, let us give thanks for all we hold dear: our health, our family and our friends,

Let us release our grudges, our anger and our pains, for these are nothing but binding chains.

Let us live each day in the most loving ways, the God-conscious way.

Let us serve all who are in need, regardless of race, colour or creed. Let us keep God of our own understanding in our hearts and to chant God's name each day.

Let us lead the world from darkness to light, from falsehood to truth and from wrong to right.

Let us remember that we are all one, embracing all, discriminating against none.

May your year be filled with peace, prosperity and love. May God's blessings shower upon you and bestow upon each of you a bright, healthy and peaceful new year.

- Rev. Marcy Sheremetta

Notices for Newsletter can be sent by email to *kilmaleyparish@amail.com* or drop them in the letterbox at Kilmaley presbytery by **1.00pm on Wednesday.** We include notices for parish and church related events. Where space permits we also include notices for local not-for-profit groups.

