

Diocese of
Killaloe



KILMALEY-CONNOLLY-INCH PARISH



Críocha Callan
Pastoral area

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IBAN numbers for personal banking donations: Parish Current Account: IE09 BOFI 9042 1030 1660 28 Priests' Salary Account: IE56 BOFI 9042 1073 5476 56.

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:

11thJan **Mollie McCarthy** Shean.
Tommy Frawley Shean.
Michael Lynch Bealcragga.

18thJan No intention booked

INCH—SUNDAY AT 9.15AM:

12thJan No intention booked
19thJan **Paddy O'Malley** Cappalea South.

CONNOLLY - SUNDAY AT 10.30AM:

12thJan **Gemma Lernihan** Connolly.
19thJan

Month's Mind: **Martin Hehir**, Bealcragga.

Anniversary: **Kitty and Michael Dillon**, Glaun.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

18th—25th January

We are invited to pray the Prayer of Christ for all followers to be united and respectful of each other. We pray for unity and diversity.



THE FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD



The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord signifies the end of the Christmas season. The Baptism of the Lord is notable because it marks the beginning of Jesus' ministry and confirms his identity as the Son of God. This event is documented in all the gospels except John.

Christ's baptism remarkably shows all three Persons of the Trinity at the same time: the Son being baptised, the Holy Spirit descending, and the Father speaking from the heavens. In this event, the Father and the Holy Spirit confirm the deity of Christ, and Jesus submits to his Father's will.

Why Is Jesus Baptised?

When Jesus comes to John, John hesitates to baptise him. John's is a baptism of repentance, and Jesus has nothing for which he needs to repent. Why then does Jesus insist on being baptised? By choosing to be baptized, Jesus fulfils all righteousness – preparing himself to be a perfect sacrifice for us.

What Does Baptism Mean for Us?

As we reflect on Christ's baptism, we are reminded of our own baptism. Pope Benedict XVI said on the Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord: *"Baptism is communion with the One who conquered death and holds in his hand the keys of life. Belonging to this circle, to God's family, means being in communion with Christ, who is life and gives eternal love beyond death."*

Thanks be to God, who has redeemed us from our sins and given us eternal life through Jesus Christ.

<https://www.nationalshrine.org>

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION is taking a break for January resuming on the first Tuesday in February.

READERS 2025 MISSALS are available in the sacristy.

BASKET & ENVELOPE COLLECTIONS:

Weekly & Holy Day Envelopes €82
Major Repair Fund €588 ~~€37,264~~ to date!
Priest's Collection €50

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 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.



LOCAL WRITER'S COURSE: This 6-week in-person course is for all levels and starts on Thursday 16th January 8-10pm at the Ennis Parish Centre. Write Poems & Stories. Refreshments served each week. Phone Martin 0876007100.

Please pray for the happy repose of the souls of;

✠ **Fr. Seán Murphy P.E.** Miltown Malbay Parish Críocha Callan Pastoral Area.

✠ **Bridget McNamara** (nee Pilkington), Clonmoher, Bodyke, formerly of Aildavour, Connolly.

We offer our condolences to their families and friends.

Notices for Newsletter can be sent by email to kilmaleyparish@gmail.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.