

CRÍOCHA CALLAN PASTORAL AREA

INCH-KILMALEY-CONNOLLY NEWSLETTER

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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT "Year A" 13th DECEMBER 2020

KILMALEY PARISH LIVE MASS. Fr Martin will celebrate weekday mass from Kilmaley Church on Thursday & Friday @ 10.00am, Saturday @ 7.30pm, Sunday 9.15am and 10.30am. To view **log onto- Kilmaley parish live mass facebook.**

MASS SCHEDULE FOR CHRISTMAS PERIOD

Date	Time	Church
Christmas Eve	10.00am	Kilmaley
Christmas Eve	08.00pm	Kilmaley (Behind closed doors)*
Christmas Day	09.15am	Inch (Behind closed doors)*
	10.30am	Connolly (Behind closed doors)*
St Stephen's Day	07.30pm	Kilmaley
27 th December 2020	09.15am	Kilmaley
	10.30am	Kilmaley
28 th & 29 th December 2020	10.00am	Connolly
30 th December	08.00pm	Inch
31 st December	10.00am	Kilmaley

MASSES ON FACEBOOK

Kilmaley: Saturday 12th December @ 7.30pm
Sunday 13th December @ 9.15am

Sunday 13th December @ 10.30am

Kilmaley: Saturday 19th December @ 7.30pm

Sunday 20th December @ 9.15 am

Sunday 20th December @ 10.30am

Attracta Healy, Lispuccaun. 1st Anniversary.

Faule Family, Ballymacooda.

Sean O'Connor, Strasburg, Inch

O'Driscoll Family, Ennis

Angela O'Connor, Derrynacarragh

Bridie & William O'Connor, Derrynacarragh

Catherine Keane, Corncreagh

Sean Keane, Corncreagh

Special Intention

Noel Killeen, Clonfeigh, Inch

CHRISTMAS MASSES: The Parish Council have seriously considered the challenges linked with the celebration of Mass during the Christmas Period. Obviously, it is not possible for our usual large congregations to assemble for Mass on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day. In order to reduce gatherings of people a key element in the fight to curb the spread of the virus they have regrettably reached the very difficult decision to suspend the public celebration of Masses on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Influencing the decision was the fear of having to refuse parishioners access due to current Covid-19 capacity restrictions. Parishioners are reminded that the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days remains suspended during the pandemic. But Christmas is about more than just one day. Families are encouraged to attend mass at some point during the twelve days from Christmas Eve to Epiphany. Christmas Masses will be broadcast live and families are strongly encouraged to 'tune in' from the "domestic Churches" of their living rooms in welcoming the birth of the Christ-child. In the spirit of Christmas If you know of someone who does not have access to online facilities you might assist them to find away to participate in our Christmas Celebration of Mass.

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION: There will be distribution of Holy Communion at the following times: **Christmas Eve Kilmaley** from 8.45pm to 9.15pm **Christmas Day Inch** 10.00am to 10.30am, **Connolly** 11.15am to 11.45am.

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES: Connolly — Mon & Tues 10.00am; Inch—Wed 8.00pm; Kilmaley – Thurs & Fri @ 10.00am.

MINISTRY OF THE WORD: KILMALEY - Sat 19th December @ 7.30pm **Ann Griffin**, Sun 20th December @ 9.15am, **Siobhán Maher**, Sun 20th December @ 10.30am **Roísín Ni Cheallaigh.**

ANNIVERSARY MASSES: Group Anniversary Mass will not take place for the time being. Anniversary Masses can now be booked for any scheduled mass by contacting the parish office. One intention per Mass.

CLARE HOSPICE AT CAHERCALLA: Weekly Draw Result — 1st Prize €650.00 – Gerard Foley, 2nd Prize €200.00 — Bridie Browne. To join contact Fundraising Office 065 682196 or www.cahercalla.ie

KILMALEY LOTTO: Numbers Drawn 17, 22, 23, 30. Jackpot next week €4,350. €30 winners; Mark Connellan, Mairaid Murphy, Michael Hehir, Sean O'Neill, Martin Enright. **Please Note:** play on line at www.kilmaleygaa.ie. Tickets also available in local businesses.

RELIGIOUS SERVICE GUIDELINES: The obligation to attend Mass on Sunday is suspended at this time but those who are concerned or anxious about this can attend on any other day or join us through Facebook live or the parish radio link Thursday to Sunday from Kilmaley Church. The health and safety of everyone attending mass is very important adhering to HSE guidelines seating capacity is reduced. In the event if numbers exceeds agreed limit we intend to switch on the outside speakers so mass can be heard from peoples cars. Capacity varies in all three churches and **as a result of this having considered the latest Government and HSE advice and guidelines regarding Covid-19 Connolly and Inch Churches will not re-open for Sunday Mass at the moment.** **ON ARRIVAL** 1.) Enter the church 2.) Sanitise your hands on entering 3.) Seating has been marked out indicating the areas where people can sit allowing one person to sit at the end of each free row while members of the same **household** attending mass are asked to sit in the same seat. We ask you in the interest of public safety that you adhere to social distancing. 4.) Once seated you are asked to remain in your seat, with no standing or kneeling during Mass. 5.) Holy Communion will be distributed only in the Hand. Holy Communion will be distributed at the very end of mass observing social distancing. The Priest/Eucharistic Minister will wear a face covering and sanitise their hands before and after distributing Holy Communion. 6.) Exit from the church as directed. **These procedures are put in place to ensure the safety of everyone attending Mass.**

BASKET & ENVELOPE COLLECTIONS: We sincerely thank all who continue to contribute to the various collections. These contributions are vital in keeping our parish going. Parish Contributions can be dropped into the Parish Office or into one of the secure locked post boxes located at the entrances to Kilmaley Church. Alternatively you can donate online via the Diocesan Website. We thank you for your support during these challenging times. Total contributed last week was as follows: Weekly Envelopes €831.97, Priests Collection €307.50, Other Collections €179.50.

COLLECTIONS: In these times of Government lockdown and restrictions on attendances at public masses, many people who are unable to attend church services are interested in contributing to the support of their parish or their priests. Sincere thanks to all our parishioners who have contributed during this time. It is now possible to make a contribution by credit or debit card directly to your parish using the Diocesan Website – www.killaloe-diocese.ie. The full contribution as received by the Diocesan website will be fully paid to [Kilmaley Parish](http://www.kilmaley-parish.ie). Simply go to the Diocesan Website and click on the red “Donate to your Parish” button on the top of the page. You will be invited to select your parish and the parish fund you wish to contribute to. Your support is greatly appreciated

TAX EFFICIENT DONATIONS: If you donate a total of €250 or more in a calendar year to the parish and if you are an Irish taxpayer (PAYE or Self Assessed), the parish can claim back tax relief of 31% on your total donations.

That means that your donation of €250 could be actually worth €362 to the parish – at no extra cost to you. All you have to do is complete a CHY3 form and return it to your local parish office.

ENVELOPES FOR 2021: Are now been distributed.

CHRISTMAS MASS BOUQUETS now on sale from the Parish Office.

NOLLAIG AN DÓCHAIS, CHRISTMAS OF HOPE: From St Mary's Church, Mullagh, Co Clare, starting on **Monday, 14th December running until Friday, 18th December.**

This beautiful Christmas festival of hope, will bring an array of fantastic musical acts from our local community and also within the county of Clare. This is all in aid of two great charities, - St Vincent de Paul and The Lighthouse Peer Support Centre Kilrush, supporting people in recovery of mental health issues. All donations can be made through <https://www.ifundraise.ie/christmasofhope>. We will have a raffle on our final night, 18th December. Lines are available for €5 at our Parish Office Mullagh, Pascal Dwyer's Filling Station, XL Dwyer's Quilty, SuperValu, and Londis Miltown Malbay. To view this wonderful festival click on to webcam link <http://www.kibparish.ie/our-parish/webcam/>

ON LINE EUCHARIST ADORATION: Adoration continues every Tuesday from 6-8pm concluding with the rosary and benediction. All are welcome to attend while maintaining social distancing. It will also continue on the parish Facebook page for those who are unable to attend at present.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS OF LOVE: As you know Christmas is a busy time for Trócaire and we have recently launched our Christmas Gifts of Love which allows people to buy vital gifts for the people we support. We have 17 gifts in total ranging from a 6 months supply of Soap for a family to our new Quarantine Care Kit which gives a family everything they will need for 16 days of quarantine. You can purchase these gifts on behalf of someone this Christmas by phoning: 1850 408 408 or by visiting our website: www.trocaire.org/gifts

YOUTH 2000: are having their Christmas Retreat online this year. The Youth 2000 Christmas E-Retreat will take place from the **18th - 20th of December.** Registration is now free on www.youth2000.ie

LEGION OF MARY: Please note the Legion of Mary will be on at the earlier time of **6pm on Tuesday 15th December** and will be available to view on the webcam from Mullagh Church. We would sincerely love for people to join in with these prayers by tuning in to www.kibparish.ie view our webcam.

YOUTH TAKEOVER OF BEYOND BELIEF: On **Sunday Dec 13th,** there will be a youth takeover of Beyond Belief on Clare FM at 9pm. The Meitheal College leaders will host the programme. Highlights of the programme include interviews with Clare Hurling Captain, David McNerney and Writer and former Clare Hurler, Tony Griffin. This takeover comes at the end of the leaders week long fundraising event via their Facebook and Instagram @meithealsmerrymission. This fundraiser is in aid of Happy Feet, Happy Minds and Clare Haven Services. All donations greatly appreciated and accepted through their gofundme page (can be found on their Facebook and Instagram). Their social medias are full of entertaining videos and activities and well worth visiting.

**Notices for Newsletter to Parish Office by
1.00pm on Wednesday
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