

CRÍOCHA CALLAN PASTORAL AREA

INCH-KILMALEY-CONNOLLY NEWSLETTER

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT "Year B" 20th DECEMBER 2020

KILMALEY PARISH LIVE MASS FACEBOOK. Fr Martin will celebrate the following masses this week via Kilmaley Parish Live Mass Facebook from Kilmaley Church on **Christmas Eve** at 10.00am and 8.00pm St. Stephen's Day @ 7.30pm, Sunday 9.15am and 10.30am. Inch Church **Christmas Day** at 9.30am Connolly Church **Christmas Day** at 10.30am.

Date	Time	Church
Christmas Eve	10.00am	Kilmaley
Christmas Eve	8.00pm	Kilmaley (Behind closed doors)
Christmas Day	9.15am	Inch (Behind closed doors)
	10.30am	Connolly (Behind closed doors)
St Stephen's Day	7.30pm	Kilmaley
27 th December 2020	9.15am	Kilmaley
	10.30am	Kilmaley
28 th & 29 th December 2020	10.00am	Connolly
30 th December	8.00pm	Inch
31 st December	10.00am	Kilmaley

MASS SCHEDULE FOR CHRISTMAS PERIOD

MASSES ON FACEBOOK

Kilmaley: Saturday 19th December @ 7.30pm
Sunday 20th December @ 9.15am

Sunday 20th December @ 10.30am
Connolly: Tuesday 22nd December @ 10.00am

Kilmaley: Saturday 26th December @ 7.30pm
Sunday 27th December @ 9.15am

Sunday 27th December @ 10.30am

Margaret White, nee Sullivan Kilclogher & Dublin.

Susan Cahill, New York & Kilmaley Hill

Patsy Cahill, Kilmaley Hill

Noel Killeen, Clonfeigh, Inch

Catherine Keane, Corncreagh

Sean Keane, Corncreagh

Dan Murphy, An Cluainín

Joe & Kitty Maher, Inchmore

Anne Maher, Knock, Inch

Special Intention

SYMPATHY: We offer our sympathy, support and prayers to the family and friends of **Christy Moloney, Ennis and late of Renagisha, Kilmaley** who was buried last week.

CHRISTMAS MASSES: In order to reduce gatherings of people a key element in the fight to curb the spread of the virus the Parish Council 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.

PRAYER AROUND THE CRIB will be live streamed from Kilmaley Church **on Christmas Eve at 7.15pm.** Families are invited to gather around their crib at home and join Fr Martin and team for a short, telling of the Christmas Story and the Blessing of the Crib. All families are encouraged to participate via **Kilmaley parish live mass Facebook.**

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 @ 10.00am.

MINISTRY OF THE WORD: KILMALEY - Sat 26th December @ 7.30pm **Mike Rynne;** Sun December 27th @ 9.15am **Christopher Forde;** Sun 27th December @ 10.30am **Mary Keane**

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

HAPPY CHRISTMAS: The Priests of the parish would like to wish you every blessing, joy and peace this Christmas. We take this opportunity to thank you for being part of the faith community of Kilmaley Parish and your ongoing support and prayers.

CLARE HOSPICE AT CAHERCALLA: Weekly Draw Result — 1st Prize €650.00 – Fr Brendan Moloney, 2nd Prize €200.00 — Mary Moylan. To join contact Fundraising Office 065 682196 or www.cahercalla.ie

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 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. When number 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. **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 mask 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 collect last week was as follows: Weekly Envelopes €1144.87, Priests Collection €658.30, Other Collections €318.62.

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.killaloediocese.ie. The full contribution as received by the Diocesan website will be fully paid to Kilmaley Parish. 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.

PARISH ENVELOPES FOR 2021 are now being distributed, thanks to our volunteer distributors. Have you received a box? Maybe you are new to the Parish. Boxes are available at the Parish Office or by calling 065 68 39735.

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.

KILMALEY LOTTO: Numbers Drawn 1, 13, 14, 32. Jackpot next week €4,500. €30 winners: Niamh Cahill, Mary Griffey, Eileen Pyne, Shonagh Enright, Noel Clancy. **Please Note:** play on line at www.kilmaleygaa.ie. Tickets also available in local businesses.

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

CHRISTMAS MISCELLANY, REFLECTIONS AND CAROLS: On Sunday, December 20th at 7.00pm from St Columba’s Church of Ireland Church in Bindon Street, Ennis and other churches from around the Diocese, will go out on the Diocesan Website www.killaloediocese.ie and on all social media platforms. Jointly sponsored by the Catholic Diocese of Killaloe and the Church of Ireland Dioceses of Limerick, Killaloe and Clonfert, this promises to be a lovely evening of music, reflection and prayer.

BEREAVED BY SUICIDE AND CHRISTMAS: Christmas can be a difficult time for people bereaved by suicide, especially this year with COVID. Clare Suicide Bereavement Support volunteers are available to help you. Support and help is only a phone call away. Phone/text us at one of our numbers confidentiality assured. 086 0565373/087 3698315. www.claresuicidebereavementsupport.com

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, all who are lonely, sick or away from home.

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

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

Notices for Newsletter to Parish Office by 1.00pm on Wednesday
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