

Diocese of
Killaloe**KILMALEY-CONNOLLY-INCH PARISH**Críocha Callan
Pastoral area

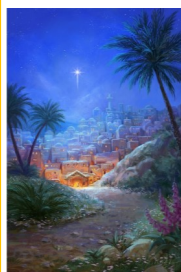
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IBAN numbers for personal banking donations: Parish Current Account: IE09 BOFI 9042 1030 1660 28 Priests' Salary Account: IE56 BOFI 9042 1073 5476 56.

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:**20thDec **Patsy and Susan Cahill** Kilmaley Hill & NY
27thDec **Month's Mind Jimmy Hennessy** Culleen.
Anniversaries **Kathleen Birmingham** Edenderry.
Mary McMahon, Cahermore.
Tommy Bracken Shean.**INCH—SUNDAY AT 9.15AM:**21stDec **Noel, Joe and Declan Killeen**, Clonfeigh.
Patrick and Bridget Gregan Knock Inch.
Sean O'Connor Strasburgh Inch.
The Faule family, Ballymacaula.
28thDec No intention booked.**CONNOLLY - SUNDAY AT 10.30AM:**21stDec **Martin Hehir** Bealcragga Connolly.
Peter and Catherine Baker, Corrancreagh,
their sons **Hugh** and **Anthony** and
deceased members of the **Baker** and
Crowley families.
Sean and Catherine Keane Corrancreigh.
28thDec no intention booked**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

Today, the Church invites us to slow down and reflect as Christmas draws very near. The Gospel for Cycle A places before us the quiet yet powerful witness of Saint Joseph, a man who teaches us how to welcome God even when life unfolds in unexpected ways. Joseph faces a painful and confusing situation when he learns that Mary is with child. His plans are disrupted, his future uncertain. Yet Joseph responds not with anger or fear, but with compassion. He seeks to protect Mary, revealing a heart already attuned to God's mercy. When the angel appears in a dream and tells him, "Do not be afraid," Joseph listens. He trusts God's word and allows his life to be reshaped by it. Joseph's faith is not loud or dramatic. It is expressed through obedience, courage, and action. He takes Mary into his home and names the child Jesus, making space for God's saving work to enter the world.

As we prepare for Christmas, this Sunday encourages us to ask: Where might God be calling us to trust more deeply? What fears or expectations do we need to release so that Christ may be born anew in our lives? Jesus is Emmanuel, God with us. Even in uncertainty, God is near, guiding us gently toward hope, peace, and joy.



*A warm welcome to parishioners, visitors,
friends and family. Wishing you a happy,
holy and peaceful Christmas.*

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Kilmaley	Christmas Eve at 7.30pm.
Inch	Christmas Day 9.15am.
Connolly	Christmas Day 10.30am.

BASKET & ENVELOPE COLLECTIONS:

Weekly & Holy Day Envelopes €909
Priest's Collection €1757
Major Repair Fund €140 **€54,601 to date!**

Sincere thanks for your generosity! 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.
THE CHRISTMAS PRIESTS' COLLECTION: Thank you for your contributions to the Priests' Collection last weekend. Donations always welcome by envelope or online.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: There will be no Eucharistic Adoration on Tue Dec 23rd. It will resume on Tue Feb 3rd.

BINGO: Connolly Development Bingo Night on Mon, 29th Dec at 7pm in the Woodstock Hotel. Tickets on sale for €10 each. All sponsorship and spot prizes are greatly appreciated.

CHRISTMAS DANCE at the Kilmaley Inn Sun Dec 21st. Spot prizes, finger food served. Funds raised will stay in the parish.

KILMALEY GOAL MILE FUNDRAISER at Kilmaley School on 26th Dec 11:30am. All are welcome, walk, jog or run. Sign up online or simply turn up on the day.

RNLI FUNDRAISER: Come and see the Christmas Lights at Connellan's, Shean V95X7H7 any evening between 7 and 9.30pm. Donate in person or at iDonate.RNLIkilrushlifeboat11.

Christmas Grace Before Meals

Loving God,
on this joyful Christmas day,
we thank you for the gift of Jesus, Emmanuel, God with us.
Bless this food, bless those who prepared it,
and bless all who share in your love today.
May our hearts be filled with gratitude, peace, and joy.
Amen.

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.