

Kincasslagh Parish Newsletter, 12th February 2017

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Schedule of Masses

St. Mary's Church, Kincasslagh

Next Weekend

Saturday @ 7.00 p.m.

Sunday @ 10.00 a.m.

Next Week

Wednesday @ 7.00 p.m.

Friday @ 10.00 a.m.

St. Columba's Church, Acres

Next Weekend

Saturday @ 6.00 p.m.

Sunday @ 11.00 a.m.

Next Week

Mon, Tues, Thurs & Fri @ 10.00 a.m.

Anniversaries and Masses

Seamus Doherty, Belcruit, Months mind, Sat 11th, StM

Joe Bonner, Burtonport, Sun 12th, StC

Agnes Murray, Burtonport, Sat 18th, StC

Mary Breslin, Roshine Acres, Sun 19th, StM

Paddy Rodgers, Keadue, brother of Suzie McGarvey, who died in Scotland this week.

Jim Duffy Meenmore, whose anniversary occurs at this time.

Fundraising Events

Caislean Oir, Annagry Quiz on **Wednesday 5th**

Oct, 10pm. In aid of **Rosses Branch of the Dyslexia Workshop**. €20 per team of 4

St. Mary's Hall, Kincasslagh Bingo on **Friday night at 8.30 p.m.** in aid of **Keadue Rovers FC.**

Keadue Rovers weekend fixtures

Keadue Rovers Youths v Fanad Utd Youths.

Saturday @ 1pm.

Keadue Rovers Reserves v St. Catherine's Reserves. Saturday @ 3pm.

Donations towards Windows

I would like to thank the O'Donnell family who in lieu of flowers at the funeral of Josie, collected €315 and donated it to Acres Church windows fund. I would also like to acknowledge a donation of €100 from a parishioner towards the project.

Looking to the Future

After a good meeting in St. Mary's Church regarding the best deployment of parish resources for Masses at the weekend, it was thought that another meeting may be held to

consider these three ways forward.

1. Cutting mass on a Saturday evening completely and carrying on with the remaining three Masses, one in Acres on Saturday, and one in each church on Sunday at new times.

2. Cutting one Mass from each church, so that there would be one Mass on Saturday and one in the other church on Sunday.

3. Alternating the Saturday evening Masses between the chapels, so that while the two Sunday Masses would be constant, The Saturday evening Mass would switch between chapels, perhaps on a monthly basis, or every six months. It is important that all Mass-going parishioners in our parish agree to the outcome of these discussions, so that people will still use the resources available for their Masses.

I would like the next meeting to be on Monday evening 20th February in the Community Centre at 8.00 p.m. and that all town lands, groups and ages be represented.

This is not an exercise in seeing what we can get; it is an exercise in using our main parish resource, the priest, effectively in the best way that suits our parish as a whole.

Elvis is Back

Join us in The Waterfront Hotel, Dungloe on Saturday 18th March for an amazing tribute to Elvis Presley. Performing on the night will be Oliver Steinhoff direct from Germany. This Elvis Event will benefit Piermont House and Rosses Radio. We will have a Gospel Mass on the Sunday morning at 11am in St. Columba's Church. For further information contact Beatrice on 0873392674 or elvisindonegal@gmail.com

Pope Francis invites us to celebrate St.

Valentine's Day! In his document on The Joy of Love (*Amoris Laetitia*), Pope Francis refers directly to Saint Valentine's Day as an opportunity to make the most of traditional religious practices, invite couples to grow in love and help their children to prepare for their future married life. This is why, as part of the preparations for World Meeting of Families in Ireland in August 2018, we invite you to mark this St. Valentine's Day in a special way.

The WMOF2018 office has prepared flyers with ideas on how to mark this special day and gift tokens that you can give to your loved ones this

14th February. These can also be downloaded from the WMOF2018 website:

www.worldmeeting2018.ie The tokens include: a technology-free evening to do an activity of your choice; set aside time for prayer, go for a hand-in-hand walk together; a special dinner cooked by me, loads of tender hugs; a journey down memory lane: take time to remember how we met and have grown together; pray together as a couple. And follow us on social media: Facebook www.facebook.com/wmof2018 and Twitter www.twitter.com/wmof2018

National School Enrolment

All Schools are seeking names for enrollment next September. For those families wishing to enroll their child in Scoil an Aingil Choimheadaí, Keadue, Scoil Mhuire, Belcruit and Scoil Colmcille, Acres, enrolment packs are now available in the schools.

The AGM of the Old Railway Walk in Burtonport will take place on Monday 13th Feb @ 8 in St Columba's Community Centre, Burtonport. We are hoping to elect new officials on to the committee so your support would be appreciated.

ST PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATIONS

Preparations are already currently well under way for the 13th annual "St Patricks day Celebration of Irish culture" which will be held once again at St Columba's Community Centre, Burtonport between 12 and 2 on 17th March. If you can help out in any way we would appreciate your support. Donations Welcome!

Old Clothes being taken in aid of, Keadue NS. Old clothes, shoes, belts, bed linen, handbags, etc. can be left at Keadue National School for collection on or before Wednesday, 21st Feb, mornings only. Thank you for your support!

Hugh Nancy's Trip to Achill!

Four-day trip to Achill island, from Friday 31st March to Monday 3rd April, stopping in Knock, sighting tours during day and dancing by night! for further information tel Hugh on 0877678206

Diocese of Raphoe Justice and Peace group

If you would like to play a part in welcoming refugees to Co Donegal, the Diocese of Raphoe Justice & Peace group would be most grateful if you could contact us at donegalrefugeeresponse@gmail.com or text Jim at 086 0566893.

Faith for life Programme starts next weekend

This Movement gives opportunities for:

- Introducing the Pastoral Cycle.
- Developing skills in compassionate listening.
- Reflecting on our growth in faith since baptism.
- Exploring images of God.
- Appreciating the value of St. Ignatius and Ignatian spirituality.
- Practising trust in groups.

This Movement gives opportunities for:

- Introducing Scripture.
- Examining the role of the Church in world.
- Exploring Catholic Social Teaching.
- Recognising injustice at local, national and global levels.
- Undertaking a Social Analysis.

This Movement gives opportunities for:

- Developing an overview of the Bible.
- Accessing Scripture in an adult way.
- Reflecting on Story in Scripture.
- Appreciating the importance of context.
- Recognising the role of prophets.
- Making connections between Scripture and life.
- Taking up the challenge to live the Gospel.

This Movement gives opportunities for:

- Drawing together the different strands of learning.
- Exploring concepts of conflict, power and freedom.
- Appreciating different types of prayer.
- Increased understanding of discernment.
- Developing spirituality's 'inward-outward' dynamic.
- Strengthening the desire to live faithfully.

We have only one confirmed participant from our parish so far. All others have 5. Can you participate?

Visitation

The Sick and housebound will be visited this Thursday with Holy Communion.