

Kincasslagh Parish Newsletter, Gaudete Sunday, 13th December 2015

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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 @ 7.00 p.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

Nelly O'Donnell, Meenmore, Sat 12th, StC

Joe Forker, Cruit, Sat 12th, StM

Mary Ferry, Keadue, Sun 13th, StM

Funeral, Sun 13th, StC

Daniel Boyle, Burtonport, Monday, StC

Neil Bonner, Crickamore, with Joe Gorry, and

Gerry Mullins, Tues, StC

Kate & John Sweeney, Wed, StM

Margaret Boyle, John Boyle & John Patrick

McCready, Thursday, StC

Dinny Gerard Boyle, Keadue & Belcruit, Fri, StM

Anthony Houston, Lackenagh, Sat 19th, StC

Dorothy Moore, Cruit, Sat 19th, StM

Noreen Crossan, Sunday 20th, StM

Gracie Bonner, Cloughglass, Sun, 20th, StC

Eddie Quinn, Glenahilt, who was buried after

Mass on Saturday @ 11.00 a.m. from St.

Columba's Church.

Connie Boyle, (Ellen John), Meenmore, who died

on Friday. Funeral at 11.00 a.m. Mass in Acres on

Sunday 13th.

Owen JF O'Donnell, Burtonport

Dan O'Donnell, Cruit,

James McGonagle, Gortnasade

whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Fundraising Events

Caislean Oir, Annagry

Quiz on **Wednesday @ 10.00 pm**. Proceeds in aid

of the **DAYCENTRE AT THE ANGLE AND CLIENTS OF**

PIERMONT HOUSE CHRISTMAS PARTY. Teams of 4,

€20 per team.

St. Mary's Hall, Kincasslagh

Bingo on **Friday night at 8.30 p.m.** in aid of

KEADUE ROVERS FC.

Christmas Confessions

**Kincasslagh on Sunday 20th @ 6 pm and
Acres Monday 21st @ 6 pm**

Christmas Carol Service

There will be an Evening of Christmas song/Carol service in St Columbas Church, Acres on Sunday 20th December at 7pm. Please come along and join our local choirs to remember in song the true meaning of Christmas. Refreshments will be served afterwards in the Community centre! Donations on the evening to parish funds!

Acres NS Nativity Play & Carol Service

To help us get in the mood for Christmas Acres NS are hosting the Story of Christmas and a Carol Service in St. Columba's Church on Monday 14th December at 7.30 p.m. If you can make this available to older folk around the area on our Webcam service please do so.

Belcruit NS Christmas Show

What better a way to enter into the spirit of the season than to join the Children of St. Mary's NS, Belcruit for their Christmas offering in St. Mary's Hall, Kincasslagh on Thursday 17th December at 7.00 p.m.

St Columba's Community Centre

The committee of St Columba's community centre is most grateful for your wonderful support of their 3rd annual bazaar on December 5th last. The bazaar yielded a profit of €3,655 which is a great help with paying the week to week expenses for insurance, oil, E.S.B. Etc. A special thanks to all those who attended, helped and donated items. We wish you all a very happy and holy Christmas and prosperous New Year in 2016.

Pilgrimage To Rome

- You are invited to come and follow in the footsteps of two great missionaries of mercy, Pope Francis and St. Francis from 5th - 12th April. Cost: €899 per person sharing. Please contact Amanda on 01-8794600 (Marian Pilgrimages). Spiritual Director: Fr. Eamonn McLaughlin.

Youth 2000 invites all young adults between ages of 16-35 to a Catholic weekend retreat

taking place from 18th-20th December 2015 at Newbridge College, Co. Kildare. This will be an exciting weekend attracting over 600 young people from all over the country.

What to expect? Good fun, excellent speakers, inspiring talks and workshops, prayer, fantastic live music, group activities, Youth Masses, Adoration, a Healing Service, games, lots of time to chill out and meet new people.

The weekend is being organised by young people for young people. Parental consent is essential for all those under 18. All meals are provided for and accommodation is on site! **Don't let money be an obstacle**; just bring a donation and a sleeping bag. **Newcomers very welcome!** There will be **free buses** picking up from various areas throughout the country. **Booking is essential.** For more information on the event or to book your place, see www.youth2000.ie, **Youth 2000 Ireland Facebook page** or Tel: **00353 (0) 1 6753690**

Thinking outside the Box

Parents, if you are wondering about how to pass on faith to your teenagers, think about the above. It is a properly established and well cared for activity for young people and if a group went for the parish and surrounding area it may give them an experience of church that they will not find in rural Ireland, but could bring to it. They at least could learn that there are other committed teens around their age group.

Maidin Cultúr/ A Morning of Culture

You are invited to Sean Teach Neil O'Dónaill for a morning of Songs, Crafts and the story of Neil O'Donaill. De Mairt 15ú Nollaig/ Tuesday 15th December ó 11- 2 o'clock/ From 11am to 2pm. A bus will be available for the Rosses CDP on the Chapel Road for booking bus contact the Rosses CDP 07495 61686 before December the 7th at 4pm.

Beidh bus ar fáil ó CDP na Rosann, Bóthar an tSéipéil. Le d'ait a chur in áirithe ar an mbus, cuir scáirt órainn ar 074 95 61686 roimh 4 o'clock ar an 7ú Nollaig. Beidh soláistí ar fáil/ Refreshments will be served. Cead isteach: saor in aisce. Fáilte roimh gach duine. Free admission. All welcome. This is funded by the SICAP programme.

Yoga, wellbeing and exercise

for men to maintain and improve your physical fitness with gentle stretching and strengthening exercises. Commencing on Wednesday the 13th January for 4 weeks 10am to 11.30am in the Rosses CDP Chapel Road Dungloe : Cost €20 to be paid on booking. Contact the Rosses CDP on 074 95 61686 to book.

Question: What Is Gaudete Sunday?

Certain Sundays throughout the liturgical year have taken their names from the first word in Latin of the Introit, the entrance antiphon at Mass. Gaudete Sunday is one of these.

Answer: Gaudete Sunday is the Third Sunday of Advent. (The Introit for Gaudete Sunday, in both the Traditional Latin Mass and the Novus Ordo, is taken from Philippians 4:4,5: "*Gaudete in Domino semper*" ("Rejoice in the Lord always"). Like Lent, Advent is a penitential season, so the priest normally wears purple vestments. But on Gaudete Sunday, having passed the midpoint of Advent, the Church lightens the mood a little, and the priest may wear rose vestments. The change in color provides us with encouragement to continue our spiritual preparation—especially prayer and fasting—for Christmas. For this same reason, the third candle of the Advent wreath, first lit on Gaudete Sunday, is traditionally rose-colored. Gaudete Sunday has a counterpart in Lent: Laetare Sunday.

Jesse Tree in St. Columba's

A Jesse tree is a symbolic tree or branch on which hangs symbols of the events, which start from the account of creation to the birth of Christ, i.e., the Old Testament history leading to our salvation. There are 24 events that are symbolized on the tree from 1st December to 24th, starting with Adam and Eve, and many more including Noah, Jacobs ladder, Josephs coat, etc. Keep an eye on this interesting journey throughout advent.

