

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

Monday @ 10.00 a.m.

Tuesday @ 10.00 a.m.

Thursday @ 10.00 a.m.

Friday @ 10.00 a.m.

Anniversaries and Masses

Maurice & Rosann O'Donnell, Sat 16th, StC

Molly O'Donnell, Sat 16th, StM

Kate Harvey, Meenmore, Sun 17th, StC

Frank O'Donnell, Thurs, StC

John Ward, Arlands, Sat 23rd, StC

Eugene & Charlie Ward, Kerrytown, Sat 23rd, StM

Kathleen Boyle, wife of the late Donald Boyle, Acres and Eighter who was buried in Manchester during the week.

Hugh O'Donnell, (Rosie) formerly of Eighter who was buried in Kent during the week.

Manus P Gallagher, Cloughglass,

Teresa Dinny Gallagher,

James Ruddy,

Paddy Bonner (Cecily), Leffin

whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Fundraising Events

Caislean Oir, Annagry

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

aid of the **KEITH SHAW WARD, ST. JAMES'**

HOSPITAL, DUBLIN. 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.

Lenten Retreat at Ards Friary,

Fri 12th- Sun 14th February. Directed by Philip Mc Parland. A Fresh Look at Lent. At the beginning of Lent this retreat will offer some

reflections on the meaning and purpose of this sacred season. In particular, it will explore the way in which Lent speaks to our contemporary culture. Commences: 6pm (With Supper). Concludes: After Lunch. Cost: €140 Residential, €80 Non-Residential. Contact: Ards Friary on 074 91 38909 email: info@ardsfriary.ie

Mullaghduff Art Group is looking for new members for Mon. night session, starting 8th Feb. for 8 weeks in Mullaghduff Hall from 7.30pm to 10pm. Novice & experienced artists alike are welcome. Phone Sally @ 074 9562825 or Lynda @ 074 9562615.

The Community Centre Burtonport

The market/bargain rail is opened on a Tuesday at 10.00 a.m. until 2.00 p.m. and a Sunday after 11.00 a.m. Mass. Tea and coffee also available.

Jiving classes starting on Thursday 21st January at 7.00 p.m. for all ages, male and female are welcome.

Badminton is on Wednesday evenings at 8 pm

Donegal ETB's 2016 FET (Further Education and Training) Fair takes place on Wednesday 20th January 2016 in the Mount Errigal Hotel, Letterkenny from 11.00 a.m. - 3.00 p.m.

Playmatters - Dungloe

The Breakfast ArTBoX is a toddler group that is held regularly in the CDP Dungloe. The group is suitable for parents/carers with babies and toddlers 0 - 6. Lots of fun for everyone. Cost is €2 per child which includes Tea/Coffee, snacks and art supplies. New faces always welcome. Join us Mondays between 10.00 a.m. - 12 noon. Looking forward to meeting you.

Do this in Memory

The next Mass in the programme for First Holy Communion takes place in Saturday 23rd Jan in St. Mary's Church, Kincasslagh. There will be a meeting in St. Mary's Parochial Hall on Thursday 21st Jan at 7.00 p.m. to arrange this with parents. Please be aware that while occasionally parents may be unable to attend, it is expected that priority will be given to it, and non-attendance should be the exception, not the rule.

National Grandparents Day

St. Columba's NS, Acres is planning the annual get-together in St. Columba's Community centre, Burtonport of the Children of the school and their grandparents to make St. Bridget's Crosses and to spend some time together. This will take place on St. Bridget's Day, Monday 1st February after 10.00 a.m. Mass in the Chapel.

Annual Ecumenical Service

The Service has been organised for Sunday 24th January at 4.00 p.m. in St. Mary's Church, Kincasslagh. Light refreshments will be served in the Hall afterwards. Speaker Colette Moloney.

Irish Graveyard Surveyors

The Irish Graveyard Surveyors have been around and updated the signs at our graveyards, which they will do again in 2018.

They are keeping a comprehensive list of all who are buried in our graveyards, and ask that if you have further information, to pass it on to them so that the records can be updated.

Irish Graveyard Surveyors can be contacted at the following:

Email: info@irishgraveyards.ie

Phone: +353 94 936 6912

Mobile: +353 87 207 6248

They also have all the details online at

www.irishgraveyards.ie

Migrants and Refugees Challenge Us. The Response of the Gospel of Mercy

The letter of Pope Francis for the 2016 World Day for Migrants and Refugees on January 17th 2016 recognizes the challenges facing us but his message is clear. He insists that the only appropriate response to the plight of refugees, asylum seekers and migrants, is a response 'inspired by the example and words of Jesus Christ: *'The Gospel of Mercy'*. *Jesus told us that the Father stoops to help those overcome by physical or moral poverty; the more serious their condition, the more powerfully is his divine mercy revealed.'*

To have mercy is the attitude of the merciful people of the Beatitudes. (Mt. 5: 1-12). It implies bowing down to the dust from which the poor try to raise their heads, helping them to stand upright

and join a common struggle to inherit the earth. 'Blessed are the lowly for they will inherit the earth. Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.'

For world peace to be achieved today, a measure of justice has to be guaranteed. The absence of this justice is the main cause of the cruel conflicts endemic to some of our countries, especially in the developing countries. These conflicts are not about to end. Under these circumstances we are all called to humanize these conflicts in whatever way we can. We have to become aware of the immense damage to life in the form of millions of refugees and displaced people. They are the consequence of the forced resettlement by some regimes in order to wage war more freely, of the indiscriminate bombing of non-combatant civilians, of the unbearable atmosphere of terror. These displaced and homeless people, refugees and asylum seekers are commonly subjected to suspicion and harassment. As Pope Francis reminds us: *'Public opinion also needs to be correctly formed, not least to prevent unwarranted fears and speculations detrimental to migrants.'*

What are the alternatives? Leave them to die on the beaches or at sea? Hoard them in all kinds of refugee camps? Send them back to die in the killing fields from which they fled?

Pope Francis reminds us of the Christian alternative in his pastoral letter: the role of international solidarity. *'Mercy nourishes and strengthens solidarity towards others...Each of us is responsible for his or her neighbour; we are our brothers' and sisters' keepers, wherever they live. Concern for fostering good relationships with others and the ability to overcome prejudice and fear are essential ingredients for promoting the culture of encounter...Hospitality, in fact, grows from both giving and receiving...Biblical revelation urges us to welcome the stranger; it tells us that in so doing, we open our doors to God, and that in the face of others we see the face of Christ himself.'*

The plight of the migrants, refugees and asylum seekers lays claim to every heart and every conscience: *'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are my family, you did it to me.'* (Mt.25:40).

Find the full text of Pope Francis message on our website www.kincasslagh.ie.