

Kincasslagh Parish Newsletter, 27th 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 @ 11.00 a.m. New years day

St. Columba's Church, Acres

Next Weekend

Saturday @ 6.00 p.m.

Sunday @ 11.00 a.m.

Next Week

Tues & Thurs @ 10.00 a.m.

Fri @ 11.00 a.m. New years day

Anniversaries and Masses

John Murray, Burtonport, Sat 26th, StC

Owenie Bonner, Sat 26th, StM

John Boyle, Burtonport, Sun 27th, StC

Annie McGarvey, Wed, StM

Danny Boyle, Barney, Thurs, StC

Eugene Ward Kerrytown, Fri, StM

Hugh McGonagle, Kinballycrowie, Fri, StC

Cathal Murray, Sat 2nd, StC

Denis & Neil Ward, Sat 2nd, StM

Charlie Ward, The Glen, Sun 3rd, StM

Patrick Ward, Keadue, Sun 3rd, StC

Paddy Gallagher, (Neilly), Belcruit, who died on Wednesday. Funeral arrangements later.

James J O'Donnell, Kincasslagh,

Rosie Boyle (Walsh)

John (Roise) Gallagher, Roshine North,

Timmy John Teague, Roshine, whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Fundraising Events

Caislean Oir, Annagry

Quiz on **Wednesday @ 10.00 pm**. Proceeds in aid of the **KEADUE BAND**. 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**.

Thanks to all those that kindly donated toward the Quiz from all the staff and clients of Piermount House and the Angle Dungloe and also all those who attended the Quiz.

Childrens Liturgy in St. Mary's

Due to the fact that not many children are coming to Mass on Saturday evening we have decided to move the children's liturgy to the Sunday morning at 10.00 a.m. Mass to see if this suits parents better. This will begin on the first Sunday of the new year.

Stress management course

commencing on Thursday 14th January in the Rosses CDP, Dungloe. This course will run for 6 weeks. Cost €25 to be paid on booking. Book before Friday 8th January.

The Carers Association are providing the QQI (FETAC) Level 5 Communications in Buncrana (07/01/2016) also Safety and Health at Work in Donegal Town (30/01/2016)

For more info contact the training unit on 057 93 70221.

Thank you

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your generosity over the Christmas period. The Christmas Day Collection makes up a part of the priests salary for the year. Go raibh maith agat.

Parish Calendars

Once again we have a Calendar representing our two beautiful Churches and they are in the chapels at this time. All we ask is for a donation to the SVP over the holidays. Thank you.

Church Envelopes

The Church envelopes are available in each chapel these days. You can take a box with you, and if you would like your donation to be recorded, please write your name and address on the first two envelopes that you use from the new box of envelopes. Otherwise your donation with the envelope number will be recorded, but it will be anonymous. I would ask that people would consider contributing to the upkeep of the chapels in the parish even if they are not regular mass-goers, as we do tend to want them to be in good condition when needed for our family occasions, and we expect the graveyards to be kept in a reasonable condition also. A little from everybody is enough. Thank you.

Dungloe GAA

The next club 200 draw will take place on the 3rd of January. Please ensure all monies are with Aideen Gillen prior to the draw.

The Minor Annual presentation night will take place on Monday the 28th of December in the Clubhouse at 6:00pm. Members of the County senior panel will be in attendance on the night. All welcome to attend.

The Senior Annual presentation night will also take place on Monday the 28th of December in the Stepping Stone at 8:30pm. Admission is €20, payable at the door. Food will be served at 9pm. Please come along and support the club.

Thanks

On behalf of the parish I would like to thank all those who have contributed to the smooth running of the parish this year.

Thanks to the ministers of the Eucharist and of the word. Your contribution is invaluable, and we would encourage other parishioners to consider themselves as ministers this year.

Thanks also to those who collect the envelopes each week.

Thanks also to those in the altar societies, who keep our chapels in great condition each week and provide the flowers which adorn the altar.

Thank you to Jimmy and Margaret Rose for opening and closing St. Columba's chapel and setting up for mass.

To the Doherty's in Kincasslagh who open and close the chapel and those who set up for Mass. To the choirs of the parish for their ongoing gift of music for our services.

To those who spend an hour each week in adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

To Adrain Ward and his helpers for their unique and special devotion to St. Mary's Chapel in Kincasslagh.

To those who tend the graveyards and Church Grounds.

To the altar Clerks who provide great service in our weekend Masses.

To our child protection reps, The Kincasslagh Hall committee, the money counters, advisors, teachers, SNA's, those who decorate our chapels so beautifully at Christmas time, Eileen Oglesby for her flowers at Christmas and Easter in St. Mary's, and all of you who contribute to the chapel so faithfully each week.

Bishop Boyce – Christmas Message

"A Holy Season has come upon us again and "God's grace has been revealed" (Tit. 2:11). We celebrate the coming of God's Son into our world as a Saviour. His birth has changed the course of human history.

"A new Star led the Wise Men from the East to Jerusalem and then on to Bethlehem, where they found the Child with Mary his Mother. They fell down on their knees and worshipped Him. No new star would go unnoticed nowadays, but not everyone is led to Bethlehem and to a Saviour.

"This is the meaning of Christmas and the real reason for our celebrations: He came to save us.

He is God in human flesh, the Unseen made visible, the all-powerful placed at our mercy, the 'Creator in a cradle'. To remind us of this fact, it is important to have a Crib in our homes and streets, and not simply a tree.

"This year Christmas falls in the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy. God's merciful and forgiving love is offered to us with greater abundance. We are invited to go through the Holy Door in the Cathedral (or at Rosstown or Ards Friary) to receive mercy in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

"Faced with the tragedy of many people becoming homeless in our country and the multitude of refugees and asylum seekers entering Europe as they flee from persecution and warfare, we do need God's mercy. "In this Child at Bethlehem God's Mercy was born" (Mother Julia).

"May we in turn become merciful as our heavenly Father is merciful, as Pope Francis wrote: "A little bit of mercy makes the world less cold and more just".

"May the blessings of Christmas enlighten your journey and bring you peace. Beannachtaí na Nollag oraibh go léir."

