

# Kincasslagh Parish Newsletter, 29<sup>th</sup> January 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. St. Bridget's Day

Thursday @ 10.00 a.m. Candlemas Day

Friday @ 10.00 a.m. Bless Throats, St. Blaise

### St. Columba's Church, Acres

#### Next Weekend

Saturday @ 6.00 p.m.

Sunday @ 11.00 a.m.

#### Next Week

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

No Mass Tuesday

## Anniversaries and Masses

**Toney Owenie Manus**, Tullyisland, Sat 28<sup>th</sup>, StC

**Laurence Breslin**, Sat 28<sup>th</sup>, StM

**John Rosie Gallagher**, Belcruit, Sun 29<sup>th</sup>, StM

**Bridget Boyle**, Milltown & USA, Sun 29<sup>th</sup>, StC

**Ellen McCole**, Burtonport, Wed, StC

**Josie O'Donnell**, Dimnick Pat, Meenmore, months mind, Sat 4<sup>th</sup> Feb, StC

**Mary Sweeney & Patrick Sweeney**,

Bunawillian, Sat 4<sup>th</sup>, StM

**Stephen Sweeney & his Grandfather Charlie**,

Sun 5<sup>th</sup>, StC

**Charlie Ward**, Kerrytown, whose anniversary occurs at this time.

## Fundraising Events

**Caislean Oir, Annagry Quiz** on **Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup>**

**Oct, 10pm.** In aid of **The Crèche Gweedore.**

€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 Bonagee Utd

Youths. **Saturday @ 2pm.**

Cappry Rovers v Keadue Rovers. **Sunday @ 2pm.**

## Donations

I acknowledge receipt of €1273 from the highly entertaining Vegas night in Caisleán Oir during Christmas Break. Thank you to all involved, organisers, Croupiers, and of course, gamblers!

**The AGM of The Community Centre** will be held on Saturday evening the **28th January 2017 @6.45pm** after Mass in Acres.

**The WAAR LAUNCH** will take place on Saturday 25th February in the Health & Wellbeing room CLG Naomh Muire, Mullaghderg, to announce details of the "Bigger & Better" 2017 Wild Atlantic Adventure Race.

**Pilgrimage: Saints of France** – a 13-day journey departing 27th April 2017. Come and join Fr Rory Brady as we journey together through the most sacred regions of France to explore villages of saints, before culminating in Lourdes to honour Mary Our Blessed Mother. Detailed information can be found at [www.harvestjourneys.com](http://www.harvestjourneys.com)

**Anam Cara**, the national organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding a Bereavement Information Evening on **Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> of February from 19:30 to 21:30** in the Mount Errigal Hotel, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal. This is a free event open to all bereaved parents. As Anam Cara will need to confirm numbers for event, please RSVP to [info@anamcara.ie](mailto:info@anamcara.ie) before **Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February** or call **01 4045378**, NI **02895213120**.

**Meeting in Clanree** Letterkenny on Friday 3rd February at 8.00 p.m. regarding the future of your area natural constraint (ANC) (Disadvantaged area) payment. All elected representatives will be in attendance. Everyone welcome.

There will be a **Cancer Charity Dinner Dance** in the Waterfront Hotel, Dungloe on Saturday 11th February 2017. This is a ticket only event and tickets are €35 each. Tickets are on sale in local shops. Entertainment on the night by the popular Gary Fitzpatrick and DJ Tubsy will end the nights entertainment. Enquires to Rosemary on 0877028202 or Nicola on 086 4038526

## Faith for Life

**Who should do this programme?**

People who are searching for ways to deepen their faith.

Groups that are beginning to form or people who

are involved in ministry already.

People who are considering a change of direction in their life.

The course is open to all denominations. They will take place in the Old Chapel, Dungloe on:

18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> February 2017

8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> April 2017

27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> May 2017

1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2017

Saturdays 9.30 a.m. – 4.30 p.m./Sundays 9.30 a.m.- 3.30 p.m. All enquiries to Fr. Aodhán Cannon at 074 95 21008.

## World Meeting of Families, 22-26 August 2018

The Launch of a Raphoe Diocesan Committee will take place on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> Feb at St. Mary's Centre, Stranorlar at 7.30 p.m. Are you interested? Can you represent your group, i.e., youth group, Grandparents, Couples, etc.?

You may be aware that there was no Ecumenical service this year. The Church of Ireland is currently dealing with a shortage of Ministers. It would be wrong to think that this is something that we do not have to worry about, or that it is something we can deal with further down the line. The time to reassess our situation is now. We need to prepare for 'priestless parishes'.

We have already seen our parish drop from three priests to two, (including the Arranmore curate). It didn't seem to affect us as almost immediately, Fr. Matt McInerney took over, and for 12 years has been a great benefit and help to us in our services.

Fr. Matt has thought that on his 80<sup>th</sup> birthday, it is time officially retire from this service. Not so much because he couldn't continue, rather he thinks that it gives the illusion that all is ok, that there will always be a priest to step in & that there will be business as usual.

There is little hope of a replacement priest in the near future. In fact, most parishes are preparing for the future, which involves lay people running parishes, and visiting priests to provide the sacraments and the like.

In our parish, I have spoken about the need to rationalize Masses, to reconsider times and availability of Masses. It is my intention to continue to offer Mass in Acres on Mondays and Thursdays, and in Kincasslagh on Wednesdays and Fridays.

Regarding the weekend, it is no longer necessary to have four Masses. Indeed, for one priest, Canon Law prohibits it. In light of that, we have been carefully watching the attendance of each Mass and it has been obvious that Kincasslagh Mass on a Saturday evening is the least attended. Many people in the Kincasslagh area also now go to Acres Mass, as there is no brae to contend with on the way in or out. Coupled with the fact that I often have weddings and baptisms on Saturdays, it seems practical that the parish continues with one vigil Mass on Saturdays, at 6.00 p.m. in Acres, and two Masses on Sunday, one in each Chapel. I would also feel it necessary to have at least an hour and a half between Masses on Sunday, as getting from one service to the other can be a bit of a squeeze with only one hour to finish Mass, take bookings for Masses and other things people may want, drive to the other chapel and begin the Mass there. So I believe we should also look at the Mass times on Sunday, to make it more serviceable. With this in mind, I would like to call a meeting with parishioners to hear your views. If you have a suggestion or a point of view, I would like you to come to a meeting on Saturday 4th February in St. Mary's Hall to share it as we try to begin the process of rationalization.

**Burtonport**  
**WELCOME CENTRE SOCIETY**  
Crafts | Art | Gifts | Museum  
WILDATLANTICWAY Information Maps & Point of Interest

**SALE**

**CAR BOOT SALE**

**SATURDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY**  
**10.30 TILL 3**  
Will be held indoor in bad weather

**TO BOOK A TABLE PLEASE CONTACT**  
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