

Kincasslagh Parish Newsletter, 29th March 2015

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Schedule of Masses

St. Mary's Church, Kincasslagh

Next Weekend

Saturday @ 9.00 p.m.; Sunday @ 10.00 a.m.

This Week

Monday & Tuesday @ 10.00 a.m.

Wed & Thurs @ 7.00 p.m.

Friday @ 3.00 p.m.

St. Columba's Church, Burtonport

Next Weekend

Saturday @ 9.00 p.m.; Sunday @ 11.00 a.m.

Next Week

Mon, Tues, Wed, @ 10.00 a.m.

Thursday @ 6.00 p.m.

Fri @ 3.00 p.m.

Anniversaries & Masses

Charles McDevitt, Sat 28th, StC

Annie Gallagher, Chapel Gate, Sat 28th, StM

Anne McBride, Keadue & Glasgow, Sun 29th, StM

Susan & Neilly Bonner, with Patsy & Danny Bonner, Sun 29th, StC

Eamonn McLaughlin, brother of Claire Mc Cole, Mon, StC

Sarah O'Donnell, Wed, StM

Jim O'Connor, father of Pauline Sharkey, Rannhual who died recently, Thurs, StM

Mary Sharkey & Hugh Francis, Sun 5th, StM

Anglea Breslin & deceased members of the family, Sun 5th, StC

Paddy Doohan, Lower Crickamore who was buried in Derrybeg on Wednesday.

John Biddy & Bridget Biddy O'Donnell, Meenbannad, whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Fundraising Events

Caislean Oir, Annagry

Quiz on **Wednesday @ 9.30 pm**. Proceeds in aid of the **ROMANIAN APPEAL FUND**. Teams for 4, €20 per team.

St. Mary's Hall, Kincasslagh

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

KEADUE ROVERS FC. Snowball is € 1,100 and the Jackpot stands at €3,500. On the field this weekend, on Saturday (28th) Keadue reserves play at home to Castlefinn Celtic while on Sunday (29th), Keadue Rovers are at home to Gweedore United. Kick-off @ 2pm.

Good Friday Table Quiz 2015

The Annual Good Friday Table Quiz will again, take place in Burtonport Community Centre, on Good Friday 3rd April, commencing at 8:30pm. Teams of four €20. All proceeds again this year to Dungloe District Hospital. Refreshments served. Please support this worthy event.

The Old Railway - Family Easter Egg Hunt

Our annual Easter Egg Hunt will take place on the Railway Walk from 30th March to 6th April. For further instructions pick up your entry forms at The XL Service station in Burtonport before heading out to hunt. €5 per family entry. One lucky family will win a beautiful Easter Basket.

Easter Sunday in Acres

Due to the Success of last years gathering in the Community Centre after Easter Sunday Mass, it was proposed to host it again this year. There will be home baking for sale and raffle prizes including an Easter hamper. Please come along and join us for a nice cuppa and a chat! Proceeds to parish funds. Any donations of home baking or prizes will be greatly appreciated. Please contact Mary Ellen @ 087 752 3631 or Joe 2 087 207 4952 or Noreen a2 086 301 5362.

Easter Monday Walk/run on The Old Railway

On Easter Monday at 3 o'clock a fundraising 5km walk/run will leave Burtonport Community Centre. We have been really unfortunate with the weather on the past two walks so we hope the sun will shine bright on the day to encourage as many walkers/runners as possible to take part. **Registration** will be from 2 o'clock and Refreshments will be served after the walk/run. Draws for both the Easter Hamper and the Easter Hunt basket will be drawn on the day.

Altar Servers

This Monday after 10.00 a.m. Mass there will be a special training for Altar servers regarding the holy week services. Would all servers involved in Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday please come along as the services are a little different than the normal Mass. Thank you.

GAA Dungloe Club membership for 2015 is closing on 31st March. Any members from last year or new members can contact Adrian ON 0868591071 for more information. The club has a small number of CLUB DONEGAL cards for 2015. These are great value for money for regular attendees of club games. Contact Adrian on 0868591071 for more information

Adrian Ward would like to express his deep appreciation and gratitude to the community once again who contributed to the Church gate collection last weekend, I am hoping to travel to Haiti in April. This money will help so many people. Your donation amounted to €3,081.03. Your generosity was overwhelming and this task is impossible without your help!

Fancy living as a hermit for a while?

Come to Holy Hill Hermitage for **FREE** Young adults programme (18-35): Cost- **FREE**. Dates- 1st Oct until 1st Dec 2015. Working retreats: Cost- 15hrs work a week. Dates- Ongoing, so when can you come? <http://www.holyhill.ie/> <https://www.facebook.com/holyhillhermitage> Holy Hill Hermitage is a Catholic Diocesan Institute of Consecrated Life practicing Carmelite spirituality

Confessions

Confessions for Easter will be held in St. Mary's Church at 7.30 p.m. on Monday 30th March. They will be held in St. Columba's Church on Wednesday 1st April at 6.30 p.m. A number of visiting priests will be available at these times and there will be a communal preparation at the beginning of each service.

Readings for Holy Week

You can find the readings for Holy Week on our parish website at www.kincasslagh.ie under the Sundays Gospel Icon.

Holy Week Ceremonies Ministers Kincasslagh Holy Thursday: Bridget Marry

Good Friday: Ann Carmel O'Donnell (1st reading & Psalm), **Debbie Boyle** (2nd reading), **Cathleen Stewart** (others), **James Breslin**

(Narrator), **Kathleen Bonner** (Solemn Intercessions).

Holy Saturday: Kathleen Bonner (1st reading), **Charlie Bryson** (3rd Reading), **Cathleen Stewart** (5th reading), **Denis Boyle** (7th reading), **James Breslin** (Epistle)

Easter Sunday, Ann Carmel O'Donnell & Cathleen Stewart

Holy Week Ceremonies Ministers

Burtonport

Holy Thursday: John C Boyle

Good Friday: Gerry Gallagher (1st reading & Psalm), **Margaret Boner** (2nd reading), **Sarah Ward** (others), **Tony Gallagher** (Narrator), **Gerry Gallagher**, (Solemn Intercessions)

Holy Saturday: Bridget Mary Crean (1st reading), **Ursula McCready** (3rd Reading), **Anne Hindle** (5th reading), **Mary Forrestal** (7th reading), **Tony Gallagher** (Epistle)

Easter Sunday, Peter McGee

Welcome



The community welcomes little Jack Gerard Ward into the fold after his baptism in St. Columba's last weekend.

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If you received the Christmas fuel allowance or if you are on job seekers for over 6 months and have children under 7 years, or if you receive the FIS allowance, you may be eligible for free attic and cavity house insulation. For more information contact Terence on (086) 3192721.

Mothers & Fathers Matter

You are invited to a meeting to be held in Kee's Hotel, Stranorlar, on Thursday 9th April at 8pm about the Redefinition of Marriage and the Rights of Children. The meeting organisers are *Mothers and Fathers Matter*. The guest speaker is David Quinn of the Iona Institute and columnist with the Irish Independent.

An hour for the Lord? In our parish, as a special meditation for this Easter Week we are holding a vigil based on the 24-hour journey composed, through revelation, by Louisa Piccetta, of her walk with Christ from before the Last Supper, to his death on the cross.

Vigil starts at 5pm on Holy Thursday and runs through to 5pm on Good Friday.

We would like 2 volunteers for each hour in front of the altar of repose. (Reading material provided) Please consider accompanying Christ on His journey for one hour by singing Rota in Chapel.

On behalf of all at Acres N.S. we wish to thank you for your support and generosity in our recent very successful fundraising events Acres Got Talent and our Easter draw. Winners of draw were, Tori McIntyre, Chloe Boyle, Margaret Rose Bonner, Jamie McBride, and Pat McElroy.

Darkness into Light

There will be a fundraiser for mental health in the Rosses this May. The Darkness into Light event is a worldwide suicide and self-harm fundraiser held to support Pieta House Crisis Centre. The event is a public 5K charity walk or run beginning 4:15am and ending at approximately 5:30am – 5:45am on Saturday 9th May 2015 in Maghera, Dungloe, with all proceeds going to Pieta House. People can register for the event in advance and will be given a free t-shirt at the event. However, those who do not register in advance of the event can attend and contribute a donation on the night. Let's start

the conversation about mental health in Donegal. Both registration and more general information can be sought on our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/dilmaghery> and further inquiries can be made by e-mailing dilmaghery@gmail.com

Bishop Boyce's Letter Regarding Marriage

Please find enclosed a letter from Bishop Boyce to all parishioners regarding the church's stance on the forthcoming referendum and the importance of the family in society.



In the upcoming Referendum, on 22nd May, we will be asked to make a choice that will have a grave impact for good or for bad on marriage and family life.

Our Irish Constitution states that the family is the “fundamental” unit of society. Where families are sound, society will be strong. The Constitution is referring to families made up of a man and a woman, a father and a mother, where children are born. We are being asked however (if we vote “yes”) to change our Constitution, to change the meaning of the word “family”. That would have serious and far-reaching consequences.

It is not simply for religious reasons that we say “No” to such a change, and that we promote and defend marriage as a loving union between a man and a woman. Human reason and the very way we have been created by God support the traditional nature of marriage. No matter what beliefs a person may have, it is clear that only a man and a woman can procreate a child.

“The bottom line is that we are made male and female, and that we come into existence through a male and a female. This is a universal truth. The correct understanding of marriage, as between one male and one female is then based on the very fact of how we are made, without any necessary reference to any religious belief.” It springs from our human nature.

Pope Francis is well known for his compassion and mercy. He is eager to help people in all kinds of difficult situations. Nevertheless, when he was Archbishop of Buenos Aires, and the Argentinean Government was preparing to legalise same-sex “marriages”, he issued a statement opposing this law and said: “What is at stake here is the identity and the survival of the family: father, mother and children. What is at stake is the life of so many children who will be discriminated against... by depriving them of the human development that God intended through a mother and a father.”

My dear people, children are important. They are our treasure, let us protect them and give them what is best for their human growth and development. The family is important: think before you change it.

Bishop Philip Boyce, O.C.D.
19th March 2015