

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

Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri @ 10.00 a.m.

Anniversaries and Masses

Packie Walsh, Months Mind, Sat 28th, StC

Baby Bodhi Scally, Sat 28th, StM

Mary Ellen Bonner, Burtonport, &

James O'Donnell, Meenmore, Sun 29th, StC

Imelda & Mary McGonagle, Kinballycrowie, Mon, StC

Mary & Pat Boyle, Meenmore, Friday, StC

Pa Sonny and the Crew of the Carraig Una, Sat 5th Dec, StC

Joe and Anne Doherty & Daughter Mary, Cruit, Sat 5th, StM

John Boyle, Meenbannad, Sun 6th, StM

Ann Celine Gallagher, Burtonport, Sun 6th, StC

John Doherty, of Cruit Island who died in Dumfermline on Friday.

Andrew McLean, Dumbarton, father of Pauline, whose anniversary occurs at this time

Fundraising Events

Caislean Oir, Annagry

Quiz on **Wednesday @ 10.00 pm**. Proceeds in aid of the **MULLAGHDUFF COMMUNITY CENTRE**. 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**.

Keadue School - Christmas Play.

The Children from Keadue School will be performing their fundraising Christmas play at Kincasslagh Hall on Thursday 3rd Dec at 7. We would love to have your company and your support. Come along and join us. Entry is €5 each or €10 for family unit.

Text Alert

A Text alert meeting will be held in the Rosses SDP on Tuesday 1st December at 7.30 p.m. with a view to establishing text alert in the Rosses area. Everybody Welcome.

Anam Cara is holding its monthly Parent Evening on Thursday 10th of December 2015 from 19:30 to 21:00 in the Mount Errigal Hotel, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal. All Anam Cara Services are available free of charge to bereaved parents.

Childrens Christmas Mass

Arising from last weeks meeting it has been decided to hold the Christmas Mass for Children in St. Columba's Church on Christmas Eve at 6.00 p.m. this year. Our first practice for the Mass will take place on Friday 27th November at 4.00 p.m. for one hour. All children who wish to take part must attend these practices. This is open to all children who wish to take part.

Christmas Craft Fair Belcruit NS

Annual Fundraiser for the school will be held in St. Mary's Parochial Hall on 29th November from 10.30 a.m. until 2.00 p.m. Special Guests include Santa & Mrs. Claus arriving at 12 to meet the children. Drop by and see the artwork and other crafts and try some of our tasty baked goods. The new periodical "Belcruit Buzz" will be on sale.

Tea Party will be held in Áislann Ranafast on Sunday 6th December from 4pm to 6pm. This tea party is in Aid of the Ranafast National School.

AGM of Burtonport Old Railway Walk

We are proposing to hold our AGM on Thursday 3rd Dec at 8. If you have any observations in relation to the current trails then this is the meeting to be at.

John Coll wants to thank everybody for their overwhelming generosity toward him and his stemcel fund for his forthcoming trip and treatment. The buckets will be taken in now and if you want you can still donate on www.gofundme.com/nt77bukc or the details given on the parish FaceBook page. Masie Sweeney will still take donations to pass onto him.

In Aid of the Ribbon Memorial Tree

Sunday 29th November 5-7pm

MUSIC BY **Conor O'Donnell**

TEA PARTY

in The Stepping Stone

GREAT RAFFLE PRIZES ON THE NIGHT

To book a table call **087 702 8202**

Donations on the night

Proceeds in aid of **Ribbon Memorial Tree**

"Follow the Star" to the Celtic Garden Christmas Trail at the IOSAS Centre, Muff. An interactive family experience to recapture the true spirit of Christmas and learn about some of the Christian stories behind our favourite Christmas traditions. Taking place on Fri 11th – Sun 13th Dec, Wednesday 16th Dec and Fri 18th – Sun 20th Dec at 4pm, 5:30pm and 7pm. Pre-booking is essential. For tickets and further information contact the IOSAS Centre (00353) 74 93 84866 or Email: goldenagecentre@hotmail.com

The Big Pack: Important Annual Fundraiser NYP Youth Project. Seeking Adults to donate a few hours for the rota Fri 4th December between 10am-2:00pm & Teens 2:00-6:00pm. Please contact 086 8280149 to help out.

Christmas Gathering

Sunday 6th December starting at 1.00 p.m. in Kincasslagh Hall

Parish Refugee Response

As everybody is aware the expected flood of refugees has not yet materialised. This unfortunately is not to say that the crisis has in

any way diminished. In fact, it is getting worse for those who are fleeing who are now having to contend with a current winter weather of 4 degrees.

During another meeting of the parish committee this week we had a chat with Rosaleen, the volunteer who spoke to us in the chapel on the first night we met, and who inspired us with her story of helping the refugees with blankets, water and food. She told us of the ongoing contact she has with those with whom she worked with in September. We told her we were uneasy having gathered parish money and not yet using it to help the crisis, & that we felt we could help better by bringing aid to where the crisis is now, rather than in Ireland. She told us that she plans to go out again early in the new year and is currently researching different groups that are at the 'coal face', reaching out to refugees who are trying to come to terms with their situation.

Our government has pledged to look after at least 4000 refugees. Trusting in that commitment to care for them when they get here, the refugee committee proposes to send our help to them where it is **now** needed, rather than wait for them to get to us. We propose to send it with the local volunteer and whatever group she goes to help. She has agreed to be our 'ambassador', and to use our funds to fulfill our goal. She will keep us informed as to how this is happening and document her mission. She also reflected upon the generosity of the response of the parish, highlighting our human desire to reach out to other human beings in need, and told us how important that human interaction is to those refugees, to know that a welcoming embrace is offered along with our cash. She spoke of her friend who went back to where the refugees were and simply rented a cheap apartment that he could drive them to and allow them to shower and get a meal, simple basic human touches to let them know they are important, not just a statistic in a political revolution.

We will keep you informed re our progress.

St Columba's community Centre annual bazaar is on 5th of December after 6pm mass. Donations gifts of any kind will be greatly appreciated. The committee is most grateful for all your support.

The Sick and Housebound will be visited with Holy Communion this Thursday, weather permitting.