

Kincasslagh Parish Newsletter, 6th September 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.

This Week

Wednesday @ 7.00 p.m.

Friday @ 10.00 a.m.

St. Columba's Church, Burtonport

Next Weekend

Saturday @ 6.00 p.m.

Sunday @ 11.00 a.m.

Next Week

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

Anniversaries & Masses

Patrick Doogan, Gortnasade, Saturday 5th, StM
Bridget & Jon Sweeney, Kincasslagh, Sun 6th, StM

Jim Gallagher, the Cope, Sun 6th, StC

Hudie John O'Donnell, Acres, Tues, StC

Hannah Murray, Sat 12th, StC

Ann Teresa Bonner, Belcruit, Sat 12th, StM

Bridget Brennan, Crickamore, who was buried from Acres on Wednesday.

Christopher Farrell, father of Linda Boyle, Upper Belcruit, who was buried in Moone on Saturday, whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Fundraising Events

Caislean Oir, Annagry

Quiz on **Wednesday @ 10.00 pm**. Proceeds in aid of the **COLLETTE AND THE PERU HOME FOR SICK CHILDREN**. 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**.

Whist every Tuesday night in St. Mary's Parochial Hall, Kincasslagh at 8.00 p.m.

DIOCESAN MASS FOR EXPECTANT FAMILIES

In ST. EUNAN'S CATHEDRAL LETTERKENNY on **Tuesday 8th September 2015 at 7.30 pm**

Celebrant: MOST REV. PHILIP BOYCE, O.C.D., D.D. BISHOP OF RAPHOE

*"It was you who created my inmost part and knit me together in my mother's womb"
Psalm 139:13*

Anam Cara is holding its monthly Parent Evening on Thursday 10th of September 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.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul / Important Meeting

There will be a meeting on Mon 7th September at 8.00 pm at Burtonport Community Centre. The purpose of the meeting is to seek new volunteers for the local SVP conference, which was set up in 2008. The current officer board must step down as per the rules of the society. Anyone who would like more information or is interested in becoming a SVP volunteer is welcome. We cannot stress enough, how important the continued presence of an SVP conference is to our community.

There will be an RNLI meeting in the community centre on Monday 7th September at 7:30 pm

Northwest Ladies/Widows Support Group

The group will resume their meetings on Saturday 12th September @ 2pm. The meetings are held in The Angle Day Centre, Gweedore Road, Dungloe, across the road from Top Shop Filling Station. The group offers support, social and enjoyable activities to woman on their own. The group is open to single, widowed, separated or divorced women. Contact us on 0874369126.

Summer Serenity at the IOSAS Centre and Celtic Garden, Derryvane, Muff, Co. Donegal on Wednesday 9th September. Join us for an afternoon of food, faith and fun in the beautiful Celtic Garden and IOSAS Centre. Hot lunch at 12:30pm followed by a tour of the Celtic Garden and a short healing service and blessing. Music and story-telling until 4pm. Cost €10 / £8 per person. Individuals and groups welcome. Booking Essential (00353) 74 93 84866.

RCDP There are places available for the following courses: Child Protection Training, Safe Pass, First Aid, Manual Handling. These courses will commencing shortly if there are adequate numbers. Book before 18th September. Contact 074 9561686.

The following activities will commence in CDP na Rosann: English Classes - 4th September at 7 p.m. Kurling - 9th September at 2 p.m. Active Retirement - 29th September at 11 a.m. Playmatters - 5th October at 10 a.m. The 2015 Parenting Plus Programme will begin on Friday 18th September 2015 in the Rosses CDP. The course is a practical and positive evidence based course which is designed to help parents develop their existing parenting skills and learn new techniques which will help manage and solve everyday parenting issues. In addition the course will help to create satisfying and enjoyable family relationships whilst promoting children's learning and confidence. If interested please contact the RCDP in Dungloe on 074 9561686 or Caroline Barrett at Downstrands on 0873652577 by Wednesday 9th September. Selection of Autumn wear now available in Siopa Pobal na Rosann, Main St., Dungloe. If you have a few hours to spare, we would appreciate if you would volunteer in our shop. Call 074 9561686.

Service for people who are older & live alone

The Good Morning Service involves local volunteers making a regular phone call to people aged over sixty, primarily to ensure they are safe and well. The service is free and confidential. The calls are made at an agreed time and can be daily or once a week, depending on the preferences of the client.

The service also advocates for older people and refers clients to health services and any other organisation that may be of help in relation to each individual's concerns.

The telephone calls in the Rosses area are made from the St. Columba's Hall in Burtonport by local volunteers. **Call 074 9321598**

The fundamental question in all biblical passages is: what do they tell us about Jesus? Today's Gospel tells us three things about Jesus, summed up in the words "Our God has come to save us". We are told quite plainly that **Jesus is divine**, exercising the powers of creation by giving hearing and speech to one who did not have either. In the Book of Genesis, when God had completed creation, we were told that "he has done all things well" (Gn. 1: 31). The crowd now uses these words to endorse Jesus as having

divine powers, and therefore being divine. Secondly, we are told that **Jesus is the Messiah**. The prophecies were that the Messiah would give hearing to the deaf and speech to the dumb. He exercises both of these in this passage. The Age of the Messiah has arrived.

Jesus came into the world to save it, that is, to heal the broken relationship with God. When he heals this deaf and tongue-tied man, he is showing himself as our Saviour. We are not to regard him as a mere miracle-worker or a magician. He is proclaiming the Good News that God loves us.

We are also shown that **God has truly come in the flesh**: the hand that heals, the finger, the saliva, the sigh, the look to heaven and speech.

In the Rite of Baptism there is an element that is based exclusively on this Gospel reading. After the actual pouring of water, the officiating priest makes the sign of the cross on the ears and mouth of the child or person being baptised, using the words "The Lord Jesus made the deaf hear and the dumb speak. May he touch your ears to receive his word, and your mouth to proclaim his faith, to the praise and glory of God the Father". The reasoning behind this symbol and words is that as in Baptism we have undertaken a special relationship with Jesus, we are one with him (Rm. 6: 11), our ears are to be open to hear his word and our tongues loosened to proclaim his deeds and words, like the crowd, in awe and wonder.

Friday nights

It's that time of the year again and we are hoping to start our Friday nights in St. Columba's Community Centre on Friday 11th September 2015 from 7pm until 8.30pm for national school children and from 8.30pm to 10pm for secondary school pupils. Please support this opportunity

Visitation

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

Confirmations

The Bishops office has informed me that confirmations will be held in our Parish on Sunday 29th May 2016 in St. Mary's Church, Kincasslagh.