

# Kincasslagh Parish Newsletter, 15<sup>th</sup> February 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 @ 10.00 a.m.

Thursday @ 10.00 a.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

Monday @ 10.00 a.m.

Tuesday @ 10.00 a.m.

Wednesday @ 10.00 a.m. & 7.00 p.m.

Thursday @ 10.00 a.m.

Friday @ 10.00 a.m.

*Direction for Our Times prayer group every 2<sup>nd</sup>*

*Monday in Sacristy, St. Mary's Church at 6.30 pm*

## Anniversaries & Masses

**John Connaghan**, Roshine and **Hugh and Grace Gallagher**, Meenagowna, Sat 14<sup>th</sup>, StC  
**Kevin Browne**, Mullaghderg & Dublin, Sat 14<sup>th</sup>, StM

**Patrick & Mary Sweeney**, Bunawillian, Sun 15<sup>th</sup>, StM

**Mary Breslin**, Roshine Acres, Sun 15<sup>th</sup>, StC

**The Breen family**, Mon, StC

**Nora Ward**, Cruit, Wed, StM

**Conal Doogan**, Gortnasade, Sat 21<sup>st</sup>, StM

**John Oglesby, Mary Celine O'Donnell** & deceased members of the Gallagher and Oglesby families, Sun 22<sup>nd</sup>, StM

**James Murray**, Burtonport, Sun 22<sup>nd</sup>, StC

## Fundraising Events

### Caislean Oir, Annagry

Quiz on **Wednesday @ 10 pm**. Proceeds in aid of the **ROSSES RADIO**. Teams for 4, €20 per team.

### Kincasslagh Hall

Bingo on Friday night at 8.30 p.m. in aid of **KEADUE ROVERS FC**. Snowball is € 800 and the Jackpot stands at €3,200. On the field this weekend Keadue Reserves are away to Mulroy Celtic and on Sunday Keadue Seniors play at home to Castletfin Celtic. Both games kick off at 2pm.

## Do something special this Lent!

Many people choose to abstain from alcohol for the duration of Lent. Take this opportunity to help someone you know with an alcohol or drug problem by offering up your sacrifice as a prayer for their freedom and well-being.

Take the Short-Term pledge and make a difference to someone's life!

For more information

visit [www.pioneerassociation.ie](http://www.pioneerassociation.ie) or contact your local pioneer centre

**CLG An Clochan Liath** will hold their annual Registration night on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> February in the following venues:

St. Columba's Community Centre, 5-6 pm.  
Maghera Community Centre, 6.30-7.30 p.m.  
And the Clubhouse, Rosses Park between 8-9 p.m. to renew membership or to join Dungloe GAA for 2015. New members welcome. Forms will be available on the night. For further info please contact Adrian Alcorn on 086 8591071.

## St. Columba's National School

St. Columba's National School, Acres would like to thank all participants, sponsors, helpers and in particular the organiser, Harry Bradley for a very successful fundraising Poker Classic held recently in The Lobster Pot, Burtonport. Thank you.

## Scoil Mhuire, Belcruit

The staff, children and parents of Scoil Mhuire wish to thank the organising committee of the Darren Mills Memorial 5k for their generous contribution. Go raibh míle maith agaibh.

## Secrets to Success

Life changing personal development Adventure that is practical, fun, exciting and suitable for all age groups. Confidence building Stress Management, identify your core beliefs, time management, etc. Start date 19<sup>th</sup> February for 6 weeks. 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. in Halla Naomh Brid, Leitir. Tel 074 9544939. Cost €3 per session.

## Ceili in the Rosses

At the CDP, Chapel Road, Dungloe on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> February. Starting at 8 p.m. Music by Michael Coyle. Admission €8.

## RCDP Tai Chi

Every Wednesday morning in the Rosses CDP, Dungloe. €5 per class.  
**Barn Dancing Classes** on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> February in the Rosses CDP, Dungloe at 3 p.m. Adm. €5. All welcome.

## Thank you

The Bluestack Church Gate Collection would like to thank parishioners for their generosity, offering €430 in all.

**Ash Wednesday**, a day of fasting, is the first day of Lent in Western Christianity. It occurs 46 days (40 weekdays plus 6 Sundays) before Easter and can fall as early as 4 February or as late as 10 March. Ash Wednesday is observed by many Western Christians, including Catholics, Lutherans, Methodists, Anglicans, and Presbyterians.

According to the canonical gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke, Jesus Christ spent 40 days fasting in the desert, where he endured temptation by Satan. Lent originated as a mirroring of this, fasting 40 days as preparation for Easter. Every Sunday was seen as a commemoration of the Sunday of Christ's resurrection and so as a feast day on which fasting was inappropriate. Accordingly, Christians fasted from Monday to Saturday (6 days) during 6 weeks and from Wednesday to Saturday (4 days) in the preceding week, thus making up the number of 40 days.

Ash Wednesday derives its name from the practice of blessing ashes made from palm branches blessed on the previous year's Palm Sunday, and placing them on the heads of participants to the accompaniment of the words "Repent, and believe in the Gospel" or "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return".

In addition, those who attend such Catholic services, whether in a church or elsewhere, traditionally take blessed ashes home with them to place on the heads of other members of the family, and it is recommended to have envelopes available to facilitate this practice. At home the ashes are then placed with little or no ceremony.

## Booking Masses

It has always been a good practice within the Catholic Church to pray for the dead. We believe we can help them on their pilgrim way, and that it

also helps us in our search for the divine, 'It is a holy and a wholesome thought to pray for the dead.', 2 Macc 12.46.

The practice of organising the Mass so that family members could be present has become increasingly popular. Therefore people tend in recent years to seek out a weekend Mass that is convenient to the family. Again, this is to be encouraged. However, increasingly in recent times, I have noticed that if a person cannot get the time of the Mass they hoped for, they don't book a Mass for the deceased at all. The practice makes me wonder have we missed something here. What is our understanding of what we are doing? What is the intention of having a Mass? The Mass of course has a value for the deceased, whether we can be present or not. So although it is good for a family to gather at these events, if the Mass is unavailable on a particular weekend, it can be the priests' intention during the week, while the family can still gather in prayer at the weekend. Being present at the Mass is desirable, but not mandatory. The practice of offering a Mass for the deceased should certainly not be determined by whether or not the family can gather on a day that the Mass can be said. Therefore I personally see nothing wrong with booking an anniversary Mass on a weekday and getting the family together the weekend before, where the community pray for the deceased in the prayers of the faithful that weekend.

## Youth Mass

A youth Mass for young people will be held on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> February at 3.00 p.m. in St. Patricks Church, Drumkeen. All are welcome, with social afterwards in St. Patricks Hall. For more information see Facebook (Raphoe Diocese Youth Ministry). This even has been organised by **Tim Jackson**, Youth Ministry Co-Coordinator 087 6457302. Tim has been appointed by the Diocese as a young Man from Ballybofey to organise and create Youth events in our Diocese.

**Thank you** to all the people who supported the Clothes Collection in St. Columba's Community Centre, Acres and St. Mary's Parish Hall, Kincasslagh the response was overwhelming.

**Rosses Radio AGM** will be held on **Monday** 16<sup>th</sup> February, Sean Tech Building, Gweedore Road, Dungloe... all welcome