

# Kincasslagh Parish Newsletter, 24<sup>th</sup> December 2017

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## Schedule of Masses

### St. Mary's Church, Kincasslagh

#### Next Weekend

Saturday @ 6.30 p.m.

Sunday @ 10.00 a.m.

#### Christmas Masses

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> @ 9.00 p.m.

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> @ 10.00 a.m.

#### Next Week

No scheduled weekday Masses

### St. Columba's Church, Acres

#### Next Weekend

Sunday @ 11.30 a.m.

#### Christmas Masses

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> @ 6.00 p.m. Childrens Mass

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> @ 8.45 p.m.

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> @ 11.30 a.m.

#### Next Week

Tuesday @ 10.00 a.m.

Thursday @ 11.00 a.m.

Friday @ 7.00 p.m. months mind.

## Anniversaries and Masses

**Joe & Annie Doherty** & their daughter **Mary**, Sat 23<sup>rd</sup>, StM

**Dr. Manus O'Donnell**, Belcruit, Sun 24<sup>th</sup>, StM @ 10.00 a.m.

**Fanny Forker & Annie Boyle**, Sun 24<sup>th</sup>, StC @ 11.30 a.m.

**Günter & Edith Jakob**, Belcruit, Sun 24<sup>th</sup>, StM @ 9.00 p.m.

**Bridget Donaghy**, Mon 25<sup>th</sup>, StM @ 10.00 a.m.

**Hugh McGonagle**, Kincballycrowie, Thurs, StC

**John Ferry**, Months mind, Friday, StC

**Seamus Doherty**, Belcruit, Sat 30<sup>th</sup>, StM

**Eugene Ward**, Kerrytown, Sunday 31<sup>st</sup>, StM

**Josie & Nellie O'Donnell**, Meenmore, Sunday 31<sup>st</sup>, StC

#### Recent Deaths

**Brenda Boyle**, Arlands, who was buried after Mass on Wednesday from St. Columba's Church.

**George Bonner**, Australia and Meenmore, who was buried after Mass on Wednesday from St. Columba's Church.

**Sheila Bonner**, Meenmore who was buried after Mass on Saturday from St. Columba's Church.

#### Anniversaries

**Michael Donaghey**, Arlands

**James McGarvey**, Belcruit

## Fundraising Events

**St. Mary's Hall, Kincasslagh Bingo** on Friday night at 8.30 p.m. in aid of **Keadue Rovers FC.**

## Christmas Cheer



Leo Boner recently uploaded a snap of his painting of the road between Doochary and Fintown. Magical glimpse into the mystery that is Leo!

**The next Alzheimer's Café** Letterkenny will take place on Thursday, 4<sup>th</sup> of January 2018 from 11am to 1pm in the Silver Tassie Hotel, Letterkenny. The Alzheimer's Café is free of charge and open to all people with Dementia and their families. Please join us for a morning of music, fun and laughter. Tea/Coffee and scones will be provided.

**For further information contact Mary (Secretary) on 087 9449903**

## Christmas Adoration in Burtonport

The Burtonport Adoration Group has decided that Adoration in St. Columba's Church, Burtonport for the holiday season would begin after Mass on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> December @ 10.30 am and finish at 12 noon. Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> of January 2018 will resume with the normal 12 hours of Adoration. Feel free to join us on St. Stephen's day for a while.

## Congrats!



'So there I was Joe, minding my own business, when he lifted a shell of water and poured it all over me... little Priya Rose sharing the experience with the Holy family.'



'I'm a celebrity, get me out of here!' Wide eyed Étain Cathleen calls time on the Crib experience!

## Donation towards Flowers

Thank you to those who donated money towards the flowers in St. Columba's Church for this Christmas. Much appreciated.

## Christmas and the Scandal of Christianity

'The Word became flesh and lived among us' must be the sentence that encapsulates more powerfully than any other the shocking presumption of Christian faith. For non-believers who give the Christian claim any serious thought it has to seem at best ridiculous and at worst scandalous. It is indeed really shocking; the eternal God

chose to become one of his own creatures and share our lot.

Since He took on human flesh then human flesh can never be looked on in the same way again. As human beings we all, without exception, have something in common with the Son of God. For that reason, all of our lives have infinite value. Because of Christmas it is simply not permissible to disdain any human life, my own or my neighbour's. We all have a brother in common and he is the Son of God. We have a brother in common with the families who have suffered repossession of their house during this year, with the Rohingya people who have been driven from their homeland, with victims of crime and with criminals. We have a divine brother in common with the member of our own family from whom we are estranged. Christian Solidarity and the Family

The reach of Christian solidarity is infinite. It includes the tiny innocent waiting to be born and the soul that has grown hard and bitter with the stresses of life. Our lives are a constant invitation to grow into the solidarity that Christmas signifies. The place where we first begin to learn about this solidarity is in our families. During the coming year we in Ireland will have opportunities to reflect on the importance of family, culminating in the World Meeting of Families in Dublin from 22<sup>nd</sup> to the 26<sup>th</sup> of August.

It is my prayer in my first Christmas in Raphoe that we will all open our hearts to the shocking, scandalous, truth of Christmas and learn to make our families, with all their weaknesses and strengths, centres of that solidarity that Jesus came to establish on earth. +[Alan McGuckian](#)

## Bowling Club Burtonport

Many thanks to the Bowling club in Burtonport for their donation of €300 towards the Church funds of St. Columba's Church. Much appreciated.

**Burtonport Festival** – Night at the races will take place on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> December at 10 pm in the lobster pot. Horses are available to buy locally or contact the festival committee