

# Kincasslagh Parish Newsletter, 11<sup>th</sup> March 2018

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## Schedule of Masses

### St. Mary's Church, Kincasslagh

#### Next Weekend

Sunday @ 10.00 a.m.

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Monday @ 10.00 a.m.

Tuesday @ 9.30 a.m.

Wednesday @ 7.00 p.m.

Thursday @ 10.00 a.m.

Friday @ 7.00 p.m. Eve of St. Patrick

Saturday @ 11.00 a.m. St. Patrick's day

### St. Columba's Church, Acres

#### Next Weekend

Saturday @ 6.30 p.m.

Sunday @ 11.30 a.m.

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Monday- Friday @ 10.00 a.m.

Saturday @ 11.00 a.m. St. Patrick's day.

## Anniversaries and Masses

**James Michael & Mary Kate O'Donnell**, Sat 10<sup>th</sup>, StC

**Brigid Gillespie**, Months mind, Sat 10<sup>th</sup>, StM

**Kitty McGonagle**, Belcruit, Sunday 11<sup>th</sup>, StM

**Claire McCole**, Acres, Sunday 11<sup>th</sup>, StC

**Paddy & Christopher McLaughlin**, Mon, StM

**James O'Connor**, Wednesday, StM

**Mary Sweeney**, Mullaghderg, Fri, StM

**Patrick Langan**, Saturday Morning, StC

**Mary Boyle**, Saturday Morning, StM

**The Breen Family**, Acres, Sat 17<sup>th</sup>, StC

**Evelyn O'Donnell**, Sun 18<sup>th</sup>, StM

**Elizabeth (Lilly) Lynch**, Cashelard & Birmingham, Months mind, Sun 18<sup>th</sup>, StC

#### Recent Deaths

**Liam Melly**, Ranafast & Birmingham, uncle of Jim McMillan, Acres.

#### Anniversaries

**Liam Miller**

## Fundraising Events

**Caislean Oir, Annagry Quiz** on **Wed @ 10pm.** in aid of **the Donegal Hospice.** €20, team of 4

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

## Rosary for Faith and Life

There will be a rosary at Kerrytown Mass Rock for Life and Faith on March 18<sup>th</sup>, at 2.30 p.m.

**HEY (Help Empower Youth):** Workshops over 3-Days (27-29<sup>th</sup> March) developing core Inter-Personal Skills for TEENAGERS. Interactive & Fun, HEY integrates practical learning with theory and involves youth actively being involved in their own development. Receive Nationally recognised Foróige Cert in 'Youth Leadership' PLUS invite to a group celebration Surf Trip (date to confirmed). Open to all teens, advance booking required on 086 828 0149

## Our Common Humanity' - statement of the Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference

### Fundamental right

*Every one of us has a right to our life. It is not given to us by the Constitution of Ireland or by any law. We have it 'as of right', whether we are wealthy or poor, healthy or sick. All human beings have it. For us as a society to now declare that any category of human being should have that right taken from them would be a shocking step. It effectively says that unborn children do not exist or, if they do, they do not count. That is a manifest injustice.*

### Life begins at conception

*At every point, from conception on, the baby has the potential to realise the fullness of life that God intended. All that is needed is time and nurturing. Today we see more clearly that human life begins at conception. There is no later stage in a baby's development where we can say; 'up until now the foetus was not a person and now it has become a baby'.*

### Are we allowing ourselves to be desensitised?

*Making abortion freely available desensitises people to the value of every human life. The scientific evidence about the beginning of human life has never been clearer. It is, therefore, a great irony that we in Ireland are for the first time in our history losing our clarity about the right to life of the unborn. Knowledge about the mysterious workings of DNA & the stunning evidence of ultrasound images of little persons in the earliest weeks in the womb should be making us more committed than ever to the protection of unborn life.*

### Choose life

*The child in the womb has life and potential. However, like all babies, before birth or in the early years, she or he has no choice. Powerless to defend themselves they rely on the rest of us to protect their lives and vindicate their rights. By using the word 'choice' we need to remember that, for the baby waiting to be born, the choice we make can be a matter of life or death.*

**Two lives, one love**

*An expectant mother needs and deserves the care and support of everyone around her, particularly if her pregnancy poses a serious crisis for her and her family. A mother may be informed that her baby faces serious challenges or is perhaps terminally ill. She might be pregnant as a result of rape. Especially in those tragic cases both the mother and her unborn child can - and must - be loved and cherished.*

*A compassionate society will do all in its power to support & love the mother & baby, & encourage responsible support from fathers. This vision of life makes sense to people of all faiths & none. While it is enriched by our Catholic faith, it is our common humanity that convinces us of the right to life of every human being.*

### A declaration of equality

*Article 40.3.3 is a declaration of equality and respect for human life. It represents, at the very foundations and substructure of our laws, a conviction that all human life is worth cherishing equally. To repeal this Article would leave unborn children at the mercy of whatever permissive abortion laws might be introduced in Ireland in the future.*

*We invite people of faith to pray earnestly that Ireland will "choose life" and that the lives of all women and their unborn children will always be loved, valued, welcomed and respected in this country.*

## Time for a new challenge?

Interested in becoming a Facilitator with ACCORD Catholic Marriage Care Service, Irelands leading provider in marriage preparation courses?

Would you like to share your positive married experience with engaged couples preparing for their married life together?

ACCORD is a voluntary Catholic organisation that aims to promote a deeper understanding of Christian Marriage and to offer people the means to safeguard and nourish their marriage and family relationships.

Professional training is provided, certificate in Marriage Education, accredited by Maynooth University.

Please contact ACCORD in Letterkenny at 074 91 22218. Or email

[accordletterkenny@eircom.net](mailto:accordletterkenny@eircom.net)

## Service of Remembrance

You are warmly invited to the Service of Remembrance (Interdenominational)

which is being held for those who have suffered the loss of a baby through Miscarriage, Stillbirth or Neo-Natal death at Letterkenny University Hospital Conwal Parish Church (Church of Ireland beside St. Eunan's Cathedral) Letterkenny. Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2018 @ 4pm  
From the Management, Chaplains & Staff of Letterkenny University Hospital

**Anam Cara Donegal**, an organisation that supports bereaved parents, will hold a Bereavement Information Evening on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> March from 7.00-9.00pm in the Abbey Hotel, Donegal Town, Co. Donegal. A guest speaker experienced in supporting bereaved parents will talk for about forty minutes. Afterwards there'll be an opportunity to speak/listen to other bereaved parents or to speak to the professional should you have any questions or concerns. If attending, please RSVP to [info@anamcara.ie](mailto:info@anamcara.ie) before Monday 19<sup>th</sup> March or call the Information Line on 085 2888 888.

**The AGM** of St Columba's Community centre will take place on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> of March at 9pm.  
All members of the public welcome please come along and support us, as we prepare for the silver anniversary of the centre 11<sup>th</sup> of July 2018

## St Patrick's Day:

Celebrations in Burtonport continue after 11 o'clock mass in St Columbas Community Centre 12 - 2. Committee require help in way of food to be shared out on the day as well as donations of items which can be used as prizes. If you are free to help with the wrapping of prizes on Tuesday evening at 7.30 we would really appreciate your help.

## Leprechaun Hunt in aid of Playmatters

Takes place from 10 am Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> March through to Monday 19<sup>th</sup> March at 6. Family entry is €5.00. Entry forms with instructions can be picked up from XL service station, Burtonport.