

# Kincasslagh Parish Newsletter, 9<sup>th</sup> December 2018

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## Schedule of Masses

**St. Mary's Church, Kincasslagh**

[Next Weekend](#)

**Saturday @ 6.30 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](#)

**Sunday @ 11.30 a.m.**

[Next Week](#)

**Monday @ 10.00 a.m.**

**Thursday @ 10.00 a.m.**

## Anniversaries and Masses

**Joe Forker**, Cruit, Sat 8<sup>th</sup>, StM

**Kate & John Sweeney**, Kincasslagh, Sun 9<sup>th</sup>, StM

**Connie Ellen John Boyle**, Sun 9<sup>th</sup>, StC

**Jimmy & Bridget Conaghan**, Cloughglass and their sons **Denis and John**, Mon, StC

**Mary Ellen Bonner**, Rannyhual, months mind, Wednesday, StM

**Mary Ferry**, Keadue, Thurs, StC

**Dorothy Moore**, Cruit and Dublin, Fri, StM

**Mai & Owen JF O'Donnell**, Sat 15<sup>th</sup>, StM

**Noreen Crossan**, Cruit, Sun 16<sup>th</sup>, StM

**Margaret Boyle** and her son **John**, Lackbeg House, Sun 16<sup>th</sup>, StC

[Recently Deceased](#)

**Liam Duffy**, Inisfree and Tralee who was buried on Monday.

[Anniversaries](#)

**Pa Sonny Boyle**, Meenmore

## Fundraising Events

**Caislean Oir, Annagry Quiz** on **Wednesday @ 10pm.** in aid of **Mullaghduff Band**. €20, team of 4

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

**We are launching** a fund raising initiative for renovation works in St. Mary's Church, Kincasslagh this weekend. Please support. Someone will be on hand to receive any commitment intentions after Masses next weekend in both Chapels.

**Scoil Mhuire Belcruit** Memory lane Tea party is on next Saturday the 8<sup>th</sup> of December at 7pm after mass. We are inviting everyone in the community to come along for a cup of tea and a chat and reminisce on times gone by with neighbours, friends and family and to make new memories. This is a community get together and everyone is welcome.

## Bazaar

St Columba's Community Centre Annual Bazaar on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> of December at 3pm. All Kinds of items on offer, draws bingo and auction etc. All Welcome

**Cruit Island Calendar** is now for sale and is available in Kincasslagh, Annagry and Burtonport Post Offices and of course, at the Clubhouse. All local photographers and scenes.

**The Rosses Credit Union** AGM, Monday, 17<sup>th</sup> December @ 8pm, in Ionad Teampaill Chroine, all members welcome.

**Annual Donegal Pro Life Mass** on the Feast Day of Our Lady of Guadalupe on Wednesday, 12<sup>th</sup> December 2018 at 8pm in the Church of the Irish Martyrs. All welcome.

## St Columba's Church Acres, Burtonport

It's that time of the year again folks, we are trying to organise our Christmas Eve children's mass. We are looking for children to participate in all aspects of the mass from singing in the choir, reading the story of Christmas to re-enacting the nativity scene.

This is open to all children in the area who would like to take part.

A meeting will be held in St Columba's church on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> December after the 11:30 mass

**Annual Christmas Carol Service** with local choirs will take place on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> December in St Columba's Church Acres at

7pm. Everyone welcome to this special evening, please spread the word. Refreshments afterwards in the centre.

## 'Do not let the downtrodden retreat in confusion, give the poor and needy cause to praise your name.' Psalms 74:21.

Millions of people have had to flee conflict in South Sudan and Yemen. In one area alone in northern Uganda 33,000 mainly women and children from South Sudan have taken refuge. They have witnessed and experienced the worst kind of violence and have arrived traumatised and broken. Trocaire's Christmas Appeal will help these people and many others rebuild their lives. Visit [www.trocaire.org](http://www.trocaire.org) to find out more.

## Welcome



Fr. John Joe Duffy called recently to baptise his nephew, Ryan. Congrats to Emer and Michael.

## It's now 175 years since Charles Dickens

published his phenomenally successful A Christmas Carol, in 1843 – so successful that it has almost come to define modern Christmas. It has spawned endless editions and many and diverse movie versions, and its allusions have gone into the language: we all know what a 'Scrooge' is, and we all think

him a mean-spirited killjoy for his catchphrase, "bah! Humbug!" Who could not cheer for the sweet-natured and amiable Cratchits against the dastardly – and of course lonely – Ebenezer Scrooge? Dickens himself admitted that he had over-egged the morality of the tale – he even described it as a "sledgehammer", driving home his message, which to some extent, was a sermon against the Protestant work ethic which had traditionally frowned upon holiday merriment. Dickens recognised that A Christmas Carol was a form of propaganda: on the positive side, it was propaganda for kindness and thought for others – "Many thousands are in want of common necessities, hundreds of thousands are in want of common comforts", as the reader is reminded.

On the somewhat more questionable side, it was propaganda for easy sentimentality which is not really truthful; characters like Scrooge seldom suddenly change overnight from nasty old misers to jovial philanthropists. But it is written so engagingly, with Dickens' genius for storytelling and charm, that it would take a heart of stone not to be impressed by it.

Still, while admiring A Christmas Carol, I retain an element of scepticism – not so much about the story itself, as about the way it has been manipulated over the past 175 years to create a phoney, slightly blackmailing approach to spending at Christmas.

Yes, we should all be kind and generous to those less fortunate, but Christmas is not just sentimental Victoriana: for Christians, it's essentially about the Nativity, and in Dickens' world, that aspect of Christmas scarcely ever appears.

Mary Kenny

