

## Schedule of Masses

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

[Next Weekend](#)

**Sunday @ 10.00 a.m.**

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**Wednesday @ 7.00 p.m.**

**Friday @ 10.00 a.m.**

**St. Columba's Church, Acres**

[Next Weekend](#)

**Saturday @ 6.30 p.m.**

**Sunday @ 11.30 a.m.**

[Next Week](#)

**Monday @ 10.00 a.m.**

**Thursday @ 10.00 a.m.**

## Anniversaries and Masses

**Eugene Ward**, Kerrytown, Sat 5<sup>th</sup>, StC

**Noreen Crossan**, Cruit, Sun 6<sup>th</sup>, StM

**Mary Coyle**, Meenmore, Sun 6<sup>th</sup>, StC

**The Crew of the Evelyn Marie**, Monday, StC

**Paddy Bonner, Bridget Bonner & Denis**

**Bonner**, & the **Donn family** Bunawillian, Wed, StM

**Hugh McGonagle**, Kinballycrowie, Thurs, StC

**Anthony Houston**, Lackenagh, Sat 12<sup>th</sup>, StC

**Hughie O'Donnell**, Belcruit, Sun 13<sup>th</sup>, StM

**John Ward**, Acres, Sun 13<sup>th</sup>, StC

## Recent Deaths

**Neil Boyle**, Stackamor, Arranmore

## Fundraising Events

**Caislean Oir, Annagry Quiz** on **Wednesday @**

**10pm**, in aid of **Dungloe Mental Health Day**

**Centre Comfort Fund**, €20, team of 4

**St. Mary's Hall, Kincasslagh Bingo** on **Friday**

**night at 8.30 p.m.**, in aid of **Keadue Rovers FC**.

## Bishops Call

Bishop McGuckian has been having constructive talks with the priests of the Diocese since he took up office. He now wants to extend that conversation to include the laity from our parishes. To that end he wants two people from each Church area to take part in a listening meeting in January. The venue closest to us of the three planned diocesan meetings is at Ostan Loch Altan Gortahork on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> January. So I want people to consider who they would like to represent them at such a meeting and let

me know as soon as possible after Christmas. Thank you.

**Anam Cara Donegal**, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding a Parent Evening on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> of January at 7:20pm in the Radisson Blu Hotel, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal.

## St. Mary's Church Draw

The first Monthly Draw will take place on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> January in St. Marys Hall. 253 people have committed to our draw and we thank you from the bottom of our hearts for the great welcome and encouragement we received as we went from house to house. If you have signed up for that draw please be sure to have made your first months contribution by then. Good Luck!

## Upcoming Courses in Teach Niall O'Donail 2019

Basic DIY – starting January 14<sup>th</sup>: 11am-1pm  
*Planned Classes with dates and times to be confirmed.*

Upholstery classes

Decoupage Class

Art/Painting Class

Creedal and Basket making Class

Conversational Irish Class

Anyone interested in any of the above classes, please call Nuala on 0860559157.

## Welcome



The Community welcomes our last member for 2018. Say hello to Ronan Michael Ferry who came all the way from Surrey for his

baptism. He wasn't terribly impressed with this photoshoot!

## Congrats!



The final hours of 2018 were spent by the Bonner and Meehan families in St. Columba's Church in Burtonport to share the happiness of Peter and Marguerite on their special day.

Which spiritual books did I find most helpful this year?

## Makoto Fujimura, *Silence and Beauty*

This is a beautiful book, written by an artist highly attuned to aesthetics. It's a book about art, faith, and religion. Fujimura is a deeply committed Christian and an artist. For most people this would constitute a tension, but Fujimura not only shows how he holds faith and art together, he also makes a sophisticated apologia for religion.

## John Shea, *To Dare The Our Father, A Transformative Spiritual Practice*

Shea takes up each article within the Lord's Prayer to challenge us regarding various aspects of our lives, not least vis-à-vis our struggle to come to reconciliation with others. The section on Jesus' own struggle in Gethsemane is especially insightful.

## Gerhard Lohfink, *Is This All There Is?*

A world-class scripture scholar takes up the question of the afterlife as spoken of in scripture.

This is first-rate scholarship rendered accessible to everyone. Lohfink is a gifted scholar and gifted teacher. This is a graduate course on the afterlife made available to everyone regardless of academic background.

## Benoit Standaert, *Spirituality An Art of Living*

Standaert is a Dutch Benedictine monk and this book (easy to read because it is broken up into short meditations) is a gem of wisdom and challenge.

## Thomas Moore, *Ageless Soul, The Lifelong Journey Toward Meaning and Joy*

Moore is one of our generation's best defenders of the soul. But this book comes with a bit of a warning label: some people may find it a bit too much of a stretch in terms of lacking religious boundaries. Be that as it may, it's a brilliant book.

## Elizabeth Johnson, *Creation and the Cross, The Mercy of God for a Planet in Peril*

One of the foremost Catholic theologians of our generation pushes her thought (and ours) a little further apposite the issue of how the incarnation of God, in Christ, is a 'deep incarnation' that affects physical creation as well as humanity.

Christ came not only to save the people on this earth, but also to save the earth itself.

Christ also takes in nature. Johnson helps explain how that might be better understood. The book contains an expert theological synthesis on Christian views of why Christ came to earth.

## Jordan Peterson, *12 Rules for Life, An Antidote to Chaos*

This is one of the most argued about books of this past year.

It's brilliant, a good read, even if you don't agree with everything or even most of what Peterson says. Some conservatives have used the book very selectively to suit their own causes; just as some liberals have unfairly rejected the book because of some of its attacks on liberal excesses. Both these readings, to my mind, are unfair.

Peterson's overall depth and nuance doesn't allow for the way it has been misused on the right and criticised on the left. In the end, Peterson lands where Jesus did, with the Sermon on the Mount. Its title is somewhat unfortunate in that it can give the impression that this is just another popular self-help book. It's anything but that.

*Fr. Ron Rolheiser writing in the Irish Catholic*