

Kincasslagh Parish Newsletter, 29th December 2019

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Schedule of Masses

St. Mary's Church, Kincasslagh

[Next Weekend](#)

Sunday @ 10.00 a.m.

[Next Week](#)

Wednesday @ 11.00 a.m.

Friday @ 7.00 p.m.

St. Columba's Church, Acres

[Next Weekend](#)

Saturday @ 6.30 p.m.

Sunday @ 11.30 a.m.

Sunday Evening @ 6.30 p.m. Vigil Epiphany

[Next Week](#)

Monday @ 7.00 p.m.

Tuesday @ 10.00 a.m.

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Wednesday @ 11.00 a.m.

Thursday @ 10.00 a.m.

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Vigil Mass reverts to Acres next weekend

[Anniversaries and Masses](#)

Maureen Sharkey, Belcruit, Sat 28th, StM

Kathleen Stewart, Keadue, Sunday 29th, StM

Josie & Nellie O'Donnell, Sunday 29th, StC

Brenda Boyle, Arlands, Mon, StC

Hugh McGonagle, Kinballycrowie, Tuesday, StC

Jim Bonner (Gorry), Arlands & Bedford, New Jersey, Tues, StC

James Rodgers, (Barney), Months Mind, Wed 1st January 2020, StM

Mary Rose Beattie, Wed 1st January 2020, StC

Mary Veronica Smith, Thurs, StC

Charlie McCole, Friday, StC

Peggy Houston, Bunawillian, Months Mind, Friday, StM

Mary Ward, Cloughglass, Sat 4th, StC

Charlie Ward, The Glen, Sunday 5th, StM

Mary Campbell, Burtonport, Sunday 5th, StC

The Crew of the Evelyn Marie, Sunday evening, vigil Mass for Epiphany, StC

[Anniversaries](#)

Cathal Murray, Acres

Annie McGarvey, The Hill, Kincasslagh

Dominick Gallagher, Meendrain & Glasgow

Eugene Ward, Kerrytown

Danny Boyle (Barney), Acres

Jim O'Donnell NT, Kincasslagh

Fundraising Events

St. Mary's Hall, Kincasslagh Bingo on Friday

[night at 8.30 p.m.](#) in aid of **Keadue Rovers FC.**

Rosses Women's Shed 50-50

The winner last week of €239 was won by Louise Meehan, Carnmore Road.

Keadue Rovers

Bingo Results 20/12/19. Winners of the 7 big €100 house jackpots were:

Game 6: Maria Viodinu, Dungloe

Game 7: Sile Sweeney, Mullaghderg

Game 8: Ester Boyle, Meenbanad

Game 9: Margaret Murray, Burtonport

Game 10: Emma Harley, Arlands

Game 11: Brid McGee, Cloughlass

Game 12: Toni Boyle, Keadue

No winner of the Snowball, and it now stands at €6,600 Friday 27/12/19.

Club lotto draw took place. Lotto numbers drawn were 1, 5, 8 & 23. No jackpot winner with runners up prizes won by Sile Gallagher, Mullaghduff (€50) & Rita Byrne, Keadue, (€20). Jackpot of €1,100 to be drawn in 2 weeks Friday 3/1/20.

Annual Christmas Draw. Winners were:

€200 McDevitts Oil Voucher: Conal McDyre, Glenties

€100 HealthWise Hamper: Danny Doogan, Loughanure

€100 Donegal Airport Voucher: Neil Bonner, Dungloe

4 Viking House Lunch Vouchers: Stella Rafferty, Tullylillion

SuperValu Hamper: Stella Rafferty, Tullylillion

Monthly 100+ club draw will be made Friday 27/12/19, with €2,600 in prizes. 10 prizes in total with top prize of €1,000.

Adoration in Kincasslagh Chapel will resume on Wednesday 8th January.

Adoration in St. Columbas Church will start @ 10 am on Tuesday 31st December 2019.

COMMUNITY CENTRE MARKET/ BARGAIN RAIL

We will open on Tuesday 7th January, 2020.

The Divine Mercy pilgrimage on the 7th to the 14th of July 2020. Spiritual director: Fr. Eamonn Kelly and the Sisters of Merciful Jesus. Price: €930. Please contact us at dmcletterkenny@gmail.com, tel. 0749169934 or check on our FB site (@divinemercycentreletterkenny).

Anam Cara Donegal is holding a Parent Evening on 9th January at 7:20pm in the Radisson Blu Hotel, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal.

Extract from Eugene McDermott's writings, printed December 20, 1971.

There is at least one place that will tell you it was Christmas Eve, if you were returning from a journey along the planets. For on this night, and this night alone - Arranmore becomes an island of light but can be seen from afar. On Christmas Eve it has always seemed an enchanted land where the Heavens have come down, and where, on the backcloth of the ocean, the stars are gleaming just as they do in the skies above.

Now, I have made home on that island, which I always longed to gaze on at Christmastime.

For years past, on Christmas Eve, I used to drive from Meenacross to Maghery, Dungloe and Burtonport, just especially to see that panorama of light that shone on the ocean's edge.

The sight entranced me. Vividly, it portrayed the excitement that is Christmas, so visibly affecting those who dwell across the sea. Deeply, it made me feel that Christmas, for all its annual reoccurrence, is an epochal event that transforms this world of ours.

From every window, in every house in Arranmore, the candlelight was gleaming. Because the houses are all on the landward side, you could see each glistening light. The beacons and the perches added their rays of red and white, and the great beam from the powerful lighthouse searched the sky. A thousand golden threads of light were reflected in the waters of the bay. Fairy bridges that rose and fell with the waves, seemed to join the Island to the mainland. It was a scene from a magic winter wonderland.

Now I see the lights from within. I have not the panoramic view I used to have. But I perceive details of beauty and of colour that I missed before. And I appreciate more the message of intimate friendship that the lights convey.

On the windows, the blinds are not drawn. Two candles (and not one as I thought) are burning on each window-sill. We can see into each neighbour's kitchen and he into ours. Each house is open to the other, and people are running back and forth all night. Tonight,

it is supremely true we are one big happy family.

Islanders love light – they are used to the light from the sea and the light from the sky. In the long winters nights, they have missed it badly, there being – incomprehensibly – no public lighting on our island. But this night, they are making up for the deprivation in one great glorious spree of candle-burning abandon. I can view the huge arc of intermittent light that stretches from Glen Head to Bloody Foreland, with here and there, a cluster of special brightness and with a cloud of colour hovering over Dungloe Town. I note that the mainland lights always seem closer to the island than the island lights seem to the mainland – isolation always creating the illusion of distance.

The candles shining from the window-sills are a feature of the Gaeltacht everywhere, and add their charm to all those homes in Cloughaneely and Gweedore that nestle in the foothills of Errigal and the mountains of the West. But, viewed across moving waters, they have an effervescence that makes them more entrancing still, and it is from the islands, that the message of the lights is most impressive and heart-warming. On Arranmore, as in all the Gaeltacht, the belief that the Christ Child walks again on Earth on Christmas Eve has long been held- and the candles in the windows are meant to guide Him on His way.

It is a lovely belief that has got striking corroboration in recent years. For now, we realise as we did not do before, that Christ is specially present whenever men's hearts are moved to kindness and to love – as happens pre-eminently on that night that ushers in the season of goodwill.

On the islands, more than elsewhere, Christmas is a festival of homecoming. The islander is compelled to travel, of it is only to the mainland, and the tradition of sea-faring and adventure has given us more than our share of exiles. There will be many a party in many a neighbour's house, and many a story of life at home and of life abroad will be swapped. And the big community gatherings will still further assure the homecomers that they still belong.