

Kincasslagh Parish Newsletter, 5th January 2020

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Schedule of Masses

[St. Mary's Church, Kincasslagh](#)

[Next Weekend](#)

Sunday @ 10.00 a.m.

[Next Week](#)

Monday @ 10.00 a.m. Epiphany

Wednesday @ 7.00 p.m.

Friday @ 7.00 p.m.

[St. Columba's Church, Acres](#)

[Next Weekend](#)

Saturday @ 6.30 p.m.

Sunday @ 11.30 a.m.

[Next Week](#)

Sunday @ 7.00 p.m. Epiphany vigil

Monday @ 10.00 a.m. Epiphany

Tuesday @ 10.00 a.m.

Thursday @ 10.00 a.m.

Friday @ 10.00 a.m.

[Anniversaries and Masses](#)

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

Fanny Forker & Annie Boyle, Mon, StC

Margaret Joyce O'Donnell, Cruit, Wed, StM

Seamus Doherty, Cruit, Friday StM

Paddy (Dinnie) Boner & his parents and the

Donn Family, Bunawillian, Sat 11th, StC

Grace Gallagher, Mullaghderg, Sun 12th, StC

[Anniversaries](#)

Mary Coyle, Meenmore

Kate Harvey, nee Greene, Pole Road,

Meenmore

Dawn Croke, Dungloe

[Fundraising Events](#)

Final Quiz in Caislean Oir, Annagry Quiz on

Wednesday @ 9.30 pm. for the Keith Shaw

Ward in St. James' Hospital. €20, team of 4.

Please support John Bosco on his last evening.

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

[Ecumenical Service](#)

The community at St. Andrews Church, Carrickfinn invite us to an Ecumenical Service on Sunday 19th January @ 3.00 p.m. All Welcome.

The theme this year is **'Unusual Kindness'**.

[Keadue Rovers](#)

Keadue Rovers Bingo Results 27/12/19:

Winners of the €100 house jackpots were Laura Kessack Keadue/Margaret Hanlon Calhame (Shared) & Breeedge McDevitt Annagry. No winner of the Snowball and it now stands at €6,650 Friday 3/1/20. Club Lotto will also be drawn Friday 3/1/20 for €1,100.

Keadue Rovers 100+ Club Results - December 2019:

€1,000: Marian Carron, Crickamore

€500: Ann Davidson, Meenbannad

€300: Joe Ward, Tully

€200: Deirdre McKelvey, Dungloe

€100: Angela O'Donnell (Ruddy), Lr. Keadue

€100: David Boyle (Dinjo), Arlands

€100: Ann Boyle, Keadue

€100: Joey Bonner, Arlands

€100: Joseph Gillespie, Mullaghduff

€100: Hughie Boyle (Ban), Burtonport

[COMMUNITY CENTRE MARKET/ BARGAIN RAIL](#)

We will open on Tuesday 7th January, 2020.

[The Epiphany](#)

The Gospel of Matthew describes three Wise Men, named Melchior, Caspar and Balthazar, who were told of Christ's birth and set off, following the Star of Bethlehem, to meet the baby Jesus.

Each king brought with him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh to represent Jesus' elevated position, divine birth and mortality respectively.

Historically, Christmas was celebrated each day from Christmas Eve to the Epiphany, with January 6 being as large a celebration as December 25.

[Five facts about the Feast of the Epiphany](#)

1. The three Kings represent Europe, Arabia and Africa
2. Hundreds of years ago, roast lamb was served at Epiphany to honor Christ and the Three Kings' visit
3. In some European countries, children leave their shoes out to be filled with gifts, while others leave straw for the three kings' horses

4. In Prague, a Three Kings swim commemorates Epiphany Day at the Vltava River

5. In New York, El Museo del Barrio has celebrated and promoted Three Kings' Day annual parades for over thirty years

[Ards Retreat Centre](#)

Weekend retreat facilitated by Philip McParland.

Learning to Meditate.

This retreat offers an opportunity to learn about the purpose and practice of Christian meditation as well as the benefits and difficulties of meditating on a regular basis.

Especially beneficial to those who would like to start meditating.

Friday 24th January (6.00 pm) - Sunday 26th January (2.00 pm)

For more details contact info@ardsfriary.ie or phone 074 91 38909

[Fostercare](#)

The annual church gate collection for Irish Fostercare Donegal takes place on weekend of 11th & 12th January. Your cooperation is much appreciated in helping us to enhance their lives.

[Second part of Eugene McDermott's writings, printed December 20, 1971.](#)

Two hundred children will attend their won special Christmas party. Song and dance and a full festive fare, and Santa himself will ullience and the nervous energy of island children, what they will enjoy the most will be the rumbling and the tumbling and the racing up and down the floor, that in the spacious hall, they are always free to enjoy between the scheduled items of the programme.

Though the candles always gleamed in the windows (long ago they used rush lights and bowls of fat), Christmas in the past was a spartan celebration in comparison to what it is today. An apple or an orange was the typical gift a child got in his stocking thirty years ago. Today it is a tricycle or a Crolly doll.

"Every day now is Christmas" is a saying that refers to the frugality of the past rather than to the luxury of the present.

Christmas comes early, because transport may be delayed by rough weather, the shopkeepers must stock in weeks before their mainland colleagues. Likewise, we all must be unusually careful to post early for Christmas.

"Have a drink", an islander invited me at the end of November. I declined. "But, man, it's Christmas", he reminded me, and I could not but capitulate in view of this new-found realisation.

Our Christmas revellings proceeded at the quiet easy tempo that marks all of our life. There are no Guards, and we never fear the harsh precipitation to reality that so often lurks in those politely uttered words, 'Time, gentlemen, please'.

Gradually, spontaneously, naturally, festivities draw to a close. Freedom to relax, is a needed compensation in our lives. It is a measure of the authorities' confidence, and of the islanders cooperation, that the freedom remains.

A sense of glad companionship with those who are absent is a distinctive mark of island folk. They are seldom saddened by that consciousness of separation that so often oppresses other people. Rather, they feel that those who are far away are especially close to them at Christmas. They are, it would seem, gifted with a rare insight into that consoling Christian truth, that Presbyterian moderator J. Carson so clearly expressed in his lovely poem of prayer:

"Nor time nor distance can divide
The hearts that in his love abide".

The Christmas lights of Arranmore are thus far more than signs of joy and celebration. They are beams of friendliness that travel far beyond the sea horizon where they are so clearly visible to the most distant parts of the globe. They are mystic bonds of union that reach out to all who are far apart and that join them close together in the sharing of that love that so manifestly touched this earth on the night that Christ was born.