

# Kincasslagh Parish Newsletter, January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022

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## Schedule of Masses

### St. Columba's Church

Monday & Tuesday @ 10.00 a.m.

Wednesday @ 11.00 a.m.

Thursday & Friday @ 10.00 a.m.

Saturday Vigil Mass @ 6.30 p.m.

Sunday @ 11.30 a.m.

### St. Mary's Church

Wednesday @ 7.00 p.m.

Friday @ 10.00 a.m.

No Saturday Vigil Mass

Sunday @ 10.00 a.m.

## Anniversaries and Masses

St. Columba's = StC St. Mary's = StM

Denis O'Boyle, John Teague, Months Mind, Acres, Sat, StC

Sheila Devine, Months mind Mass, Sunday, StM

Mary Ward, Milltown, Sunday, StC

Denis JT, Monday, StC

Neilie (Hannah Phetie) Ferry, Roshine and his wife Mary and John Doherty Belcruit Strand, Tuesday, StC

Funeral Mass for Shirley Williams, Wednesday, StC

Seamus Doherty, Belcruit, Wednesday, StM

Andrew Early, Thursday, StC

Neil & Bridget Sweeney and deceased members of the family, Friday, StC

Donal Boyle Paddy Doney, Friday, StM

Andrew Bonner 100th Birthday and his wife Gracie, Sat, StC

Grace Gallagher Mullaghderg, Sunday, StM

Mary Maureen Bonner, an Choill, Sunday, StC

## Recent Deaths

Shirley Williams, Glashbeggan: mother of Cas O'Donnell, who died on Friday.

Funeral Mass on Wednesday in St. Columba's Church @ 11.00 a.m. after one night of repose at her home in Glashbeggan, burial to Belcruit.

Daire Conlon, Arranmore who was buried on Friday

Sadie McDermott, Scotland and Arranmore, mother of Marie, Trish and Alison, James and Denis

## Anniversaries

Kate Harvey, nee Greene, Meenmore

Mary Coyle, Meenmore

Kevin O'Donnell, Sheskinarone

Paddy Bonner, Hughie Gallagher, Johnny

O'Donnell, Rolo Faughnan, Tom Ham, Joe

O'Donnell, the crew of the Evelyn Marie

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When sin became crime  
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NEW YEAR  
NEW HOPE  
Reflections and hope for 2022  
From the Editor

BREDA O'BRIEN  
Spontaneity begins in the parish  
Part 2

**Vatican pays tribute to the 22 missionaries murdered last year**

The Irish Catholic on Sale @ €2.50

## Update on Burtonport Railway Walk.

1. A lot of maintenance work done on Railway walk in November 2021 and surface presently in reasonably good condition.
2. The new train kindly presented to us by the Rosses Men's shed organisation in mid-December is a huge attraction and a great asset to the walk. We are grateful to Rosaleen Sweeney for the lovely selection of Christmas lights erected along walk.
3. Membership for 2022 is now open as Friends of the Walk and remains at a very reasonable rate of €12 per year. We would encourage more people to consider registering as our fund raisers have been all curtailed due to Covid in 2020 and 2021. if you wish to become a member please contact Rosaleen Sweeney 087 6861251, David Alcorn 086 6086231 or leave your envelope with details in the donation box at Charlie Sweeneys. We wish all our supporters a most happy and Prosperous 2022.

## St. Columba's Community Centre

Crochet will be starting back on Wednesday 2nd of February 2022 at 11am. Unfortunately due to the high number of Covid cases in the area, we are not opening the Market / Bargain Rail on Tuesday the 11<sup>th</sup>

January 2022. Hopefully we will be opening on the 18<sup>th</sup> January 2022. We will keep you posted.

As the last of the ornaments are dusted and put away, nestled in their storage for another year, our homes take on a bareness, a functionality that the tinsel and microlights covered for the duration of the Holy Season. It startles us every time! For some it is a relief, for others it is accompanied by a type of sadness that the warmth these things brought has abandoned them to the cold light of a January day.

And yet we put them away, knowing that to hold on to them is not the right thing to do, that a return to reality is not an unhealthy thing, whether welcomed or lamented. The media tell of some houses in the world where the Christmas tinsel is there all year long, that he holiday spirit is extended into spring, through the summer and descending once again into the long uninterrupted darkness of winter. In our heads, we hear, "Ah no".

Until Covid visited, to put up your lights before December was frowned upon and seen as 'out of sync', perhaps out of touch. The pandemic did alter people's perceptions of this practice, allowing the myriad of little lights to dispel the darkness of another cold gloomy winter with this most unwelcome of guests. Gone were the 'tut tut's' and the quiet judgements of others as the little joyful shapes boldly flickered to life every evening in their attempt to make joyful the heart of the passer-by.



## We dispel the darkness

And so it was with the star, a light that guided the focus of the world to a child in his humble beginnings, a child who would become known as 'The Light of the World'!

All that came to be had life in him and that life was the light of all, a light that shines in the dark, a light that darkness could not overpower. John 1:4-5



## The unquenchable Light

Jesus does not put away his light after the Epiphany. Today we celebrate an event 30 years later, where, after relative obscurity, that light is once again made visible. After his baptism and while in prayer, the spirit rested on him, the heavens opened and the Voice of God called him his Son, and so the ministry of Jesus began.



## Returning emigrant looks at Birmingham

We understand the power of light, dispelling the darkness. We understand the gift of light that Jesus is. Every bulb, every illuminated shape, every joyful display, however temporary, remind us that we possess a light from our own baptisms that cannot be extinguished. It's in you right now, it's there when we realise it and when we don't. It doesn't rely on our being conscious of it for its existence. You are part of the heavenly light!