

# Kincasslagh Parish Newsletter, February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2022

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## Schedule of Masses

### St. Columba's Church

Monday & Tuesday @ 10.00 a.m.

Ash Wednesday @ 10.00 a.m.

Thursday & Friday @ 10.00 a.m.

Saturday Vigil Mass @ 6.30 p.m.

Sunday @ 11.30 a.m.

### St. Mary's Church

Ash Wednesday @ 11.00 a.m.

Friday @ 10.00 a.m.

Sunday @ 10.00 a.m.

Vigil Mass returns to St. Columba's next week

## Anniversaries and Masses

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

**Bridget Gillespie**, Mullaghderg, Sat, **StM**

**Rita Gallagher**, Keadue, months mind, Sunday, **StM**

**Michael McShane**, Burtonport, Sunday, **StC**

**Kitty & Peter Moy McCreath**, Ailt Mor, Wednesday, **StM**

**John Gallagher**, Friday, **StM**

**James Michael and Mary Kate O'Donnell**, Saturday, **StC**

**Doally and Rosaleen Sharkey**, Mullaghderg, Sunday, **StM**

## Recent Deaths

**Maureen Sweeney Pour**, niece of the late Susan Ward Keadue, who died in Chicago Thursday

## Anniversaries

**Shirley Murphy**, Daughter of Breege & the late Bryan Murphy, Keadue

**Sadie & Harry Reynolds**

**John Neil John Gallagher**

**Eddie Boyle**

Daily Mass during lent will mean travelling between both churches this year. Please organize a lift for those who need one. Thank you.

## The Peace of Christ! A message from Bishop Alan

That greeting is more relevant than ever in these days when the whole world looks on in horror at a war in Europe.

I know that you and all our people will be shaken and disturbed at what this means for the poor innocents caught up in it and how it threatens the whole world.

Pope Francis has given a lead and a call to the whole world in asking for prayers. The Pope reminds us of the words of Jesus that some demons can only be driven out by prayer and fasting and so he is calling on everyone to pray and fast especially on Ash Wednesday.

We should ask the whole diocese to respond to that call, making Ash Wednesday a special day of prayer and fasting this year.

One gesture we will make in the Cathedral is to have a **Rosary at 8.30 p.m.** on Ash Wednesday especially for peace in Ukraine. I will follow that rosary with an Examen (Ignatian Meditation). It was my intention to do *An Tobar Domhain* (Rosary and Examen) every Wednesday and Thursday night in Lent anyway and we will include a group from the parish in the Rosary on Wednesday.

You might consider doing something similar at the same time on that night – or another more suitable time - in your own parish. The Rosary and Examen from the Cathedral will be available online on St Eunan's Cathedral webcam and on Raphoe Diocese FaceBook page. It is important that we come together as much as possible in faith and prayer at this time.

In the Lord  
+Alan

## Taizé

Following on from Bishop Alan's call to prayer and fasting for the Ukraine, this Ash Wednesday there will be a Taizé evening for Peace in St. Columba's Church at 7.00 p.m. All are welcome to this expression of peace, those of faith and any others who wish to express unity with us in our desire for peace.

**Anam Cara Donegal**, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding its monthly Parent Evening for bereaved

parents on Thursday 10th March at 7:30pm in the Raddison Blu, Letterkenny. This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether their death was recent or not. We also offer an online service. Please contact us on 085 288 8888/info@anamcara.ie for further information.

## BURTONPORT COMMUNITY CENTRE

Circuit class Tuesday and Thursday 7-8pm

Beginners Irish Wednesday 10-12

Crochet Wednesday 11-1pm

Irish class Thursday 7-9pm

We are taking names for the following classes Manual handling , First aid, Safe pass, Self-defence for women , Level 3 internet skills, Art Craft and design

MARKET /BARGAIN RAIL open every Tuesday from 10am until 2 pm

ROSSES V.I.P(visually impaired people)

We meet in St. Columba's Community Centre on Tuesday mornings 11am -1pm new members welcome at all times. We meet and have a cup of tea and a discussion, we have music at times and visit local libraries on occasion.



**Keadue Rovers Bingo** was cancelled Friday 18/2/22 due to the weather conditions.

## Recent Keadue Rovers Recent Match Results:

### Reserves:

Keadue Rovers Reserves 2

Kilmacrennan Reserves 1

Goalscorers: Luke Neely & Liam Boyle

## Relaxation of restrictions

As you are aware, the government has removed the unlawfulness of breaking restrictions this weekend. They still recommend diligence and care in how we mind each

other in confined areas but it will no longer be an offence not to adhere to the protocols that were in place. They have replaced this with a call to self-monitor ourselves and our behaviours.

Our Churches have been safe places throughout the pandemic, more because of the care of parishioners and Covid-Response Teams than the peculiar lack of joined up thinking from the government in communicating Nphet's recommendations during this time. Mr Varadkar's off-the-cuff comments that were not Nphet's recommendations were particularly unhelpful. There seemed to be a reluctance to acknowledge that the activity of a great number of the Islands population included public worship.

Again, as we arrive at this juncture, there is no clear indication of what Nphet may have expected us to do in our Churches.

In light of this, Holy Water fonts will remain empty for the time being. In light of this I make the following recommendations:

1. *Wearing of Masks to protect the vulnerable is still highly recommended*
2. *The practice of sanitising our hands before and after our services is to be continued*
3. *Holy water fonts will remain empty*
4. *Passing collection baskets at offertory time will not resume as yet.*
5. *Ashes will be given in the normal fashion this year on the forehead.*
6. *Altar societies to be re-established to clean the chapels once a week*
7. *Altar Servers duties not to resume as yet*
8. *While the 2 meter restriction is abolished, we will keep a guide rope on every second pew unless those pews are needed.*
9. *The blessing of Graves will resume this year in August*
10. *Communion to the sick has already been restored but by request. This is to respect the right of individuals to isolation unless they wish otherwise. Call the above numbers if you wish to resume reception of Holy Communion at home.*
11. *Choirs can recommence their ministry in our chapels.*

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