

# Kincasslagh Parish Newsletter December 11th, 2022

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## Schedule of Masses

### St. Columba's Church

Monday @ 10.00 a.m.  
 Tuesday @ 10.00 a.m.  
 Thursday @ 10.00 a.m.  
 Friday @ 10.00 a.m.  
 Sunday @ 11.30 a.m.  
**St. Mary's Church**  
 Wednesday @ 7.00 p.m.  
 Friday @ 10.00 a.m.  
 Saturday Vigil Mass @ 6.30 p.m.  
 Sunday @ 10.00 a.m.

## Anniversaries and Masses

**St. Columba's = StC St. Mary's = StM**  
**Joe Forker**, Cruit, Saturday, **StM**  
**Mary Ferry**, Keadue, Sunday, **StM**  
**Connell Boyle** and his father **Connie** and Grandmother **Ellen John.**, Sunday, **StC**  
**Jimmy & Bridget O'Donnell**, Tubberkeen, Monday, **StC**  
**Dominic Gallagher**, Mullaghderg, Wednesday, **StM**  
**Nelly Doogan**, Thursday, **StC**  
**Kate & John Sweeney**, Kincasslagh Village, Friday, **StM**  
**Brenda Boyle**, Arlands, Friday, **StC**  
**Noreen Crossan**, Cruit, Saturday, **StM**  
**Donal Doherty** Mullaghduff months mind, Sunday, **StM**  
**Ann Celine Gallagher**, Burtonport, Sunday, **StC**  
**Anniversaries**  
**Sheila Devine**, Meenbannad  
**Neil Bonner Joe Gorry** and **Gerry Mullins**, **Rocky Lane**, **John Herron**, **Frank Kilpatrick**, **Cliff Moore**  
**Packie Bonner**, An Choill and his sister **Mary Dan O'Donnell**, Cruit  
**Recent**  
**Pat O'Hara**, Wolverhampton & Arranmore. Brother-in-law of Phil Ward, Belcruit

## Bible Study Classes

Fr. Matt is running a Bible Study Class during Advent in his Home in Lackenagh, F94RP78 to help those who wish to have an in-depth look at the Gospel of Matthew in our new Church Year. Classes are on Tuesdays from 7.00 p.m.

**Medjugorje Easter 2023:** 5<sup>th</sup> 12<sup>th</sup> April. Ex Dublin with Spiritual Director. More info from Bernie @ 087 935 3953

**Donegal Pro Life** Annual Mass takes place on Tuesday the 13th December 2 in Church of Irish Martyrs, Letterkenny @7.30 pm. All welcome.

Your Faith: Inviting God into our children's play - Pages 29-30

## The Irish Catholic



**Call for parishes to seize Christmas moment to invite people back to Mass**  
 People struggle to eat, but Tories push abortion

## Join DJ Mc



for a Christmas jumper party at St Mary's Hall Kincasslagh Sunday 18th December 3pm to 5pm all welcome let's soak up the atmosphere for Christmas cheer Doors open 2.30pm Let's have a good 1 this year!!!! This party fundraiser will be in aid of Keadue N.S all proceeds go towards the school

## SVP

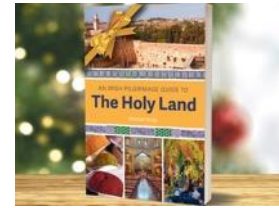
Annual Collection Envelopes will be collected at the back of the Chapel.

## Christmas Schedule

**Christmas Eve Children's Mass.**  
 St. Columba's @ 6 p.m.  
**Christmas Vigil Mass.**  
 St. Mary's @ 9 p.m.  
**Christmas day First Mass –**  
 St. Mary's @ 10 a.m.  
**Christmas Day second Mass.**  
 St. Columba's at 11.30 p.m.  
**Confessions in St. Mary's on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December @ 5.30 p.m.**

**Confessions in St. Columba's on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> @ 5.30 p.m.** There will be a few priests present for confessions.

**Walk in the footsteps of the Holy Family** this Christmas: *An Irish Pilgrimage Guide to the Holy Land* is a new book by Michael Kelly, Editor of *The Irish Catholic* newspaper which explores the places associated with the life of Christ.



Michael, who has led many pilgrimages to the Holy Land, says he hopes the book can also act as an 'armchair retreat' for people who cannot travel to

the Holy Land bringing the Gospel to life for them. It is available now from all good bookshops, [www.columbabooks.com](http://www.columbabooks.com) or by calling 01 687 4096 price €16.99. An ideal Christmas gift.

## From the Diocesan Plan

*The Diocese will undertake a review of liturgical activity and parish structures throughout the Diocese.*

**What this is:** With the decline in the number of active priests in the Diocese it is important that we act now in order to create parish/deanery structures that are vibrant and sustainable into the future. Communities of faith are built around the celebration of the liturgies and so it is important that our liturgies continue to be celebrated in a meaningful way, ensuring the liturgy is not rushed and the priests are not over worked. This will mean the number of Masses we celebrate may have to be decreased in some parishes and new ways for parishes to work together will have to be found. Specifically, the Diocese will undertake a review of its Parish structures that includes:

- A review of the number of Masses celebrated each weekend with the objective of reducing the number of Masses, if required, and in line with the needs of the Parish and the Deanery.
- A review of Parish numbers and boundaries to see if alignment/amalgamation may be needed to maintain the celebration of vibrant liturgies and to build community.
- Assessment of the capability of individual Parishes to hold lay-led prayer services for the times when a priest cannot be present. Training and support will be made available to make such

services a real and meaningful part of the faith life of the Parish community.

- Assessment of the future viability of maintaining multiple churches within a Parish and to prepare for a time when this may not be possible.

**Who will do it:** The Bishop will introduce this part of the plan after consultation with the Council of Priests, the Vicars General, the Vicars Forane and the Diocesan Pastoral Council. It will be coordinated at Deanery level.

**Parishes in each Deanery will work together**, with their respective Pastoral Councils being asked to submit a plan to rationalize the number of Masses so that each priest does not have to celebrate more Masses on any given weekend than is reasonable nor in excess of the limit set out in the Code of Canon Law.

**The information will be submitted to the Director of Pastoral Renewal** for collation. A working party, drawn from the Diocesan Pastoral Council, Council of Priests and the Vicars Forane, with the Bishop, will review the information submitted from each Deanery and will discern an action plan vis-à-vis changing the number of Masses, the introduction of lay-led prayer services and possible alignment or amalgamations. A consultation document will then be prepared and sent back to the Parishes for comment before action is taken.

This process will take 2 years to complete from introduction.

**What resources this will require:** Other than the time of the people involved, this is a resource neutral action point.

**Strategy:** While the structures necessary to be able to hear back from the Parishes and Deaneries will be in formation in Year 2 and fully functioning across the Diocese in Year 3, initial discussions and planning on this action point should begin in Year 2 (Jan - Dec 2023).

