

Kincasslagh Parish Newsletter, 11th February, 2024

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St. Mary's Church, Kincasslagh

Day	time	Masses this week
Sat 10	6.30	Niece Bonar, Meenmore, months Mind
Sun 11	10	Doalty & Rosaleen Sharkey, Mullaghderg
Mon 12	11	Funeral Mass
Wed 14	10	Ash Wednesday
Thur 15	10	Mass during Lent
Fri 16	10	Mass during Lent
Sat 17	6.30	Annie Doogan, Months Mind
Sun 18	10	Mary and Patrick Sweeney, Bunawillian

St. Columba's Church, Burtonport

Day	time	Masses this week
Sun 11	11.30	Mercie Conaghan
Tues 13	10	Bridget Boyle, Milltown
Wed 14	10	Ash Wednesday
Thur 15	10	Mass during Lent
Fri 16	10	Mass during Lent
Sun 18	11.30	Gemma Boyle, Lackenagh

Anniversaries

Kathleen Healy, Newcastle West & Burtonport

Recent

Neil Gallagher, Leffin who died on Friday. Burial on Monday @ 11 am from St. Mary's.

Pilgrimage to Medjugorje Easter 2024. Ex Dublin. March 27th for 7 days. Spiritual Director Fr Molloy. Return transport to Dublin available. For more information contact Bernie at 087 935 3953.

Making the Most of Lent - A Lenten reflection Saturday 17 Feb at 10.30am to 1.30pm Waterfront Hotel, Dungloe. Philip McParland.

SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA CAMINO 2024
Join Focus Ireland 'In the Footsteps of St James' on a fully guided walk from Sarria to Santiago de Compostela along the Camino de Frances and help support families in our community's experiencing homelessness. Dates 27 May to 3 June. Ex Dublin. Contact Monica on 087 954 7007 or email events@focusireland.ie for details

Burtonport festival: there will be a quiz in Jimmy Johnny's on Friday 16th February at 10pm.

THE LAST PRIEST IN IRELAND?

IT DEPENDS ON YOU! Tuesday 5th March 8 - 9 pm. Keynote Speaker – Breda O'Brien
To register for this webinar simply email: thehookoffaith@gmail.com www.thehookoffaith.com
Are you concerned about the decline in Vocations? What can I do to promote Vocations? What else can be done?
The National Vocations Office in collaboration with The Hook of Faith are running an online (Zoom) Webinar. All Are Welcome

ST. COLUMBA'S COMMUNITY CENTRE

Irish class is on Monday at 7pm . All welcome Crochet/knitting is on a Wednesday morning at 11am. All welcome
We are now taking names for **Healthy Eating class** .This class was very popular last time and places are limited . To book your place please contact the centre.

BURTONPORT RAILWAY WALK

Now that we are at the beginning of 2024 we would like to remind all users of the walk that Friends of the Railway walk membership is now due at the very reasonable rate of €12 per year. You can leave your donation with full details in our local shop and other business premises or contact Rosaleen Sweeney 087-6861251 or David Alcorn 086-6086231 or you can pay online at Idonate.ie. All monies collected will be spent to maintain and upgrade the walk

MARKET/BARGAIN RAIL

In St. Columba's Community Centre will have its last day of trading on Tuesday next 13th Feb from 10am-2pm. This project was set up more than eight years ago by Nora Houston and has been hugely successful. It has helped many causes and in particular the day to day running of the Community Centre. Sincere thanks to Nora and the girls who have worked very hard and many thanks also to our loyal customers and all who donated all the items we had for sale. We all have happy memories of the Market/Bargain Rail .Well done to all involved.

CHINA TEA PARTY

The annual China Tea Party takes place in St. Columba's Community Centre, Burtonport on Sunday 3rd March at 3pm. As usual it will be hosted by the Rosses V.I.P's. This year's proceeds from the event will be divided

between" Gemma's Legacy of Hope" and the Rosses V.I.P's. Beidh Cead Mile Fáilte Romhat.

Keadue Rovers Bingo Results 2/2/2024

Winners of the €100 house jackpots were Mary Ellen O'Donnell, Belcruit & Noreen Caffrey, Loughanure & Mary Greene €150. No winner of our two Snowballs. Snowballs now stand at €8,000 and €1,050 (on 46 numbers) Friday 9/2/2024.



50/50 draw Friday 26/1/2024 - Chloe Murphy, Arlands won €625 and Denis Greene, Croveigh won €100. Next draw takes place Friday 16/2/2024.

There will be a Mass of Thanksgiving with Bishop McGuckian on

Monday 26th February at 7pm in St. Eunan's Cathedral, Letterkenny, to mark his departure from the Diocese. We hope that people from all across the Diocese will participate. Mass will be followed by refreshments at Loreto Secondary School, behind the Cathedral. If you would like to help with practicalities or by preparing baked goods, please contact Mary on 086 0870446



As we take the ashes on our foreheads, we remember the purpose of Lent: it is an exercise in cleansing and holy desire, helped by some penitential practices: prayer, fasting and almsgiving. We begin this season by receiving ashes on our foreheads, as a cross. Lent lasts forty days in imitation of the time Jesus spent in the desert before starting his public ministry. What is the purpose of Lent? It is to prepare us for a more effective involvement in our vocation as Christians. "The entire Christian life," said St Augustine, "is an exercise of holy desire." He does not say

that we should annihilate our normal, human desires, but we should raise and purify them. Our desires are far too small if we look for fulfilment only in what this world offers by way of transient satisfactions, but God wants us to have so much more — his very Self. During Lent we seek to tune in to higher desires — our longing for God. In today's Gospel Jesus shows the way: prayer, fasting and almsgiving, the classic Lenten practices.

Of these, prayer has first place. Our eternity will be an eternal relationship with the living God in the Communion of Saints. That relationship begins in this life — or it does not begin at all. Our main prayer is by sharing in the Mass, the loving sacrifice of Christ which opens heaven to us. Prayer is the foundation of our friendship with God, and it opens the way to eternal life. Fasting is somewhat more tricky for us today. While we should certainly enjoy food and the conviviality that often accompanies a good meal, we should also find a place for fasting. The goal of Lenten fasting is not to have a sleek body one can be proud of. Some saints were quite corpulent, others were virtual skeletons, but they had this in common: They practiced voluntary self-denial in order to sharpen their appetite for God.

All of us resonate in some way to the decency of almsgiving. Lent is a suitable time to rid ourselves of some of the clutter in our life. With a bit more vision, could we perhaps do more to serve the needy, not so that people will consider us generous, but to imitate God's generosity to us? Augustine speaks of the cleansing of the heart, to free us for holy desire: "This will be effective only to the extent that we free ourselves from infatuation with this world. Like the example I have used already, of filling an empty container. God means to fill each of you with what is good; so cast out what is bad! If he wishes to fill you with honey and you are full of sour wine, where is the honey to go? The vessel must be emptied of its contents and then be cleansed."

Please note the cut off times for notes & remembrances to be included in our Bulletin is Thursday @ 6.00 p.m. Thank you.