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It often takes more
courage to change ones
opinion than to keep it.
Willy Brandt

STAY
AWAKE

The First Sunday of Advent

During Advent, our God calls us to be alert and awake, not in fear, but in joyful anticipation. Advent prepares us for God's play, the impossible made possible: Jesus, God's loving child in flesh and blood. Each Advent our God calls us from the tree tops, from the stars, to follow our hope, to follow our hearts and to play. The birth of Jesus, God with us, is a moment of divine play. We must be alert and on watch. Our God has come, is come and will come again. It is a time to play with our God, to make the impossible possible again, again and again. Come, be awake! Come, stay alert. Come and play! Jesus draws near.

Anniversary Masses Arigna

Sun. 3rd Eugene Duignan & D.M.F.

Wed. 6th Martin McPadden

Sun. 10th Charles O'Loughlin

Anniversary Masses Ballyfarnon

Sat. 2nd John & Eleanor Killoran

Sat. 9th Ethna McGowan

The Faithful Departed will be remembered at Masses on Monday in Keadue, on Tuesday in Arigna and on Friday in Ballyfarnon.

Weekday Masses; 10a.m.: Monday, Keadue; Tuesday & Wednesday, Arigna, **Vigil Masses:** Saturday Keadue 7pm & Ballyfarnon 8.30pm. **Sunday Masses:** Arigna 10.30am and Keadue 12noon. **Confessions** after Vigil Masses.

Feast of the Immaculate Conception Friday December 8th **Vigil Mass** in Keadue Thursday 7pm. **Mass** in Arigna Friday 8th at 10.30am. and in Ballyfarnon at 8.30pm.



Congratulation and best wishes to Eimear McCabe, Navan and Ciaran Glennon, Ashbourne who were married in Keadue Church on Friday 1st December 2017. Also to Róisín McTiernan, Alderford and Alan Flynn, Geevagh who were married in St. Patrick's Church Ballyfarnon on Saturday 2nd December 2017.

Kilronan Parish Pastoral Council on Wednesday 6th December 2017 at 9p.m in the Parochial House, Keadue.

Ballyfarnon: Minister of Holy Communion: Sat 9th Veronica Sheeran. Reader: Sat 9th. Damien Killoran. Altar Society: Mary Shivnan, Ann Healy. Collectors: Peter Kerrigan, P.J. Healy. Grounds: Ben Costello, Tony McDonagh. Offertory Collection, €310.00.

Keadue: Ministers of Holy Communion: Sat 9th. Sean Martin. Sun 10th. Margaret Kelly. Readers: Sat. 9th. Sean Martin, Sun. 10th. John Coonan. Collectors: Sat. 9th. Margaret Kelly. Sun. 10th. Tom Quinn. Altar Society: Kathleen Martin, Frances, Gaffney, Mary Quinn, Carmel Benson, Phyllis Quinn. Grounds: Paul Kelly, Arthur Boyle. Offertory Collection, €605.00

Arigna: Minister of Holy Communion: Sun 10th. Tommy Earley, Kevin Wynne, Reader: Sun. 10th Brian Flannery. Altar Society: Amanda McPartland, Grace McPartland, Offertory Collection, €545.00.

Arigna Hall: A very important public meeting regarding the future of Arigna Hall will take place in the Enterprise Centre at 8.30p.m on Tuesday 5th December 2017. If there is no interest in using the Hall as a community facility the option of a lease or a sale will be considered. All parishioners are invited to have their say at this important meeting.

Anniversary Masses Keadue

Sat 2nd Patricia Guihen

Raymond Kiely.

Sun. 3rd John & Maisie Dempsey.

Sat. 9th James & Mary Earley, D.M.F.

Sun. 10th Mary Gaffney, Bodorragha.

St. Ronan's Lotto: There was no winner of the lotto jackpot when the draw took place last weekend. The numbers drawn were 4, 5, 22 and 27. Consolation prizes were won by the following €70 Kathleen Gaffney, Ballyfarnon, €30 Mai Keaveney, Keadue, €15 each Mary & Cinders, Ballyfarnon, Tommy & Patricia Lynch, Arigna, T. Duignan, Ballyfarnon. The jackpot this week will be €5,000 and the draw will be held in McCabe's

Bonus Ball Bash: Last week's winner of €45 was B Moran. Get your €2 entry at The Harp & Shamrock or O'Donnell's / O'Carolan Bar.

St. Lasair's N.S. presents a Christmas Carol night in the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Arigna, on Saturday night the 9th December at 7:30 pm. Admission optional.

Advent Retreat in Galilee Community Tintagh, Boyle. Theme: Enjoy a day of Advent Peace and Beauty Praying with Scripture and Art. Date: December 9th 2017. Time; 10:30 - 4:30. Presenter: Fodhla McGrane. Light lunch of soup and brown bread provided Cost: €25. To book please contact 0719664101 or email: galileecommunity@gmail.com

Kilronan Operation Transformation – with 2018 less than one month away are you already thinking of new goals to set for yourself? Do you want to improve your fitness levels and weight loss with the support and encouragement of others whilst having fun? Keadue Sportsfield are forming a local Operation Transformation group with the backing of Roscommon Sports Partnership to run over a 6 week period starting early January. For further information or to register your interest please call Colm 087 9531464 or Dawn 087 7907886.

Keadue Sportsfield are holding a 8 km fun run/ walk on St. Stephen's Day. Registration at 11.30 am in St.Ronan's Hall Keadue. Run/Walk commencing at 12 noon.

Let's Talk About Keadue: Keadue Sportsfield will host an additional meeting on Tuesday 5th Dec at 8pm in Keadue Hall. As discussed at previous workshops each community group is asked to please nominate two representatives to attend this meeting.

Keadue defibrillator: Cake sale and raffle in Keadue Hall on today Sunday 3rd Dec. after 12 o'clock mass. Funds raised will go towards maintenance of defibrillator. Refreshments served.

Ballyfarnon Community are holding a workshop on December 6th at 12md in the Community Centre in conjunction with a Tidy Towns Project /Let's get Communities Buzzing. The title of the workshop is "Helping Bees and other Pollinators in our Gardens" presented by Michael Bell of Nature Learn. We would very much like if could join us for the Workshop, without the Bees there may not be a future. The Workshop is open to all. The talk is about what actions the residents can take in their own gardens to help pollinators.

Drumshanbo Vocational School, proudly presents "The Wizard of Oz" musical. Performances on Thursday 14th, Friday 15th and Saturday 16th December 2017 at 8pm, in The Mayflower, Drumshanbo. Tickets available from the School. Enquiries Ph: (071) 9641085

Millennium Choir & Friends Christmas Charity Concert: Sun., 3rd Dec., 4-6pm, St. George's Church, Church La., Carrick -- guest appearances by Cortober Youth Choir and Carrick Community School Trad Group. Adm. €10/€5 children under 12. Pay at door.

Congratulations to Paraic Noone on winning Roscommon Older Volunteer Award 2017 The awards took place in Kilbride Community Centre on Friday December 1st and were presented by Councillor Orla Leyden