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Kilronan Parish Newsletter

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What you can dream you
can become.



The Second Sunday of Advent.

In quoting this passage from Isaiah, John the Baptist suggests an urgency about opening our hearts to God. Metaphorically the winding roads slow us down. Although sometimes we like winding roads, but if we are in a hurry we take the straight road. Of course it is not speed we are advocating here, but rather steadfastness on the spiritual journey. The season of Advent is a time to evaluate, not our speed, but our stability in our quest for God. It is time to evaluate the obstacles in our lives. "Prepare the way of the Lord; make straight his paths." John was called to be a herald of the Lord's coming. He was to prepare hearts to recognize God's arrival in Christ. Each of us has a John-the-Baptist-spirit in us. From our own wilderness places we proclaim with our lives that it is time to get ready.

Anniversary Masses Ballyfarnon

Sat. 9th Ethna McGowan

Sat. 16th Vincent Gilhooley & D.M.F.

Anniversary Masses Arigna

Sun. 10th Charles O'Loughlin

Sun. 17th Michael McPartlan

Michael Earley & Tom McGrail
Josie Leydon, Derrynagallion
Rose Ann Mulhern.

Anniversary Masses Keadue

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

Michael Regan

Sun. 10th Mary Gaffney, Bodorragha.

Sat. 16th Brendan & Vera Lynch & D.M.F.

Rest in Peace †

David Dooley, Drumshanbo & Arigna.
Eileen Flanagan (née Duignan) Portobello;
mother of David Flanagan, Alderford.

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

Christmas Masses and Confession Kilronan Parish

Christmas Eve Masses: Ballyfarnon 8p.m and Keadue 10.30p.m

Christmas Day: Arigna 10.30a.m. and Keadue 12. noon.

Confession Monday 18th at 7.30p.m. in Keadue

Do This in Memory Programme Sunday 24th December in Keadue at 12noon Mass.

Baptism: Ellie Ethna McMorrow, daughter of Aaron and Edel, Keadue, was welcomed into the Christian Community recently.

Propagation of the Faith Envelope Collection €437.25. Also to acknowledge a special collection €187.25 taken up for the Missions in Ballyfarnon Church.

Ballyfarnon: Minister of Holy Communion: Sat 16th Margaret Killoran. Reader: Sat 16th. John O'Connor. Altar Society: Mary Shivan, Ann Healy. Collectors: Peter Kerrigan, P.J. Healy. Grounds: Ben Costello, Tony McDonagh. Offertory Collection, €410.00.

Keadue: Ministers of Holy Communion: Sat 16th. Paul Kelly. Sun 17th. Imelda McCabe. Readers: Sat. 16th. Chloe McCabe, Sun. 17th. Eileen Barry. Collectors: Sat. 16th. Phyllis Quinn. Sun. 17th. Colin McCabe. Altar Society: Kathleen Martin, Frances, Gaffney, Mary Quinn, Carmel Benson, Phyllis Quinn. Grounds: Vincent McCabe, Sean McMorrow. Offertory Collection, €530.00

Arigna: Minister of Holy Communion: Sun 17th. Mary Guihen, Maureen Guihen, Reader: Sun. 17th Niamh McNamara. Altar Society: Amanda McPartland, Grace McPartland, Offertory Collection, €380.00.

Scoil Cill Ronain, Keadue pupils will perform the Christmas musical, 'A Miracle in Town' in St Ronan's Hall, on Tuesday 12th Dec at 7pm. Raffle on the night. All welcome.

A clothing collection will be held in Strabraggan NS. Bags of unwanted clothes can be dropped into the school up to Wednesday morning December 13th. Items wanted include clothes, shoes, sheets and curtains. No duvets or pillows please. Your support will be greatly appreciated.

Outside Collection in aid of Epilepsy Ireland, Saturday 16th & Sunday 17th December.

Strabraggan NS Christmas show will be held next Friday evening 15th December at 6pm. Our evening includes an Art Exhibition, Christmas tunes and performances. Our school calendar for 2018 will be launched and will be on sale on the night and in local businesses. refreshments will be served. All welcome.

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.

Galilee Community Tintagh, Boyle. Christmas Reflection, Thursday 14th December @ 8p.m. Christ our saviour is Born. Prayer and Refreshments

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.

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

Defibrillator fundraiser was a great success thanks to all who baked, attended, bought and contributed in anyway. Money raised will go towards maintenance of the community Defibrillator.

St Ronan's Hall The recent meeting of St Ronan's Hall Community CO was adjourned as a mark of respect to the late John Joe Baxter who was a director of the company. Members paid many tributes to John Joe for his many years service and assistance to St Ronan's Hall. A vote of sympathy was extended to Mai and the Baxter Family.

Santa in Drumboylan Santa will visit Drumboylan on Sunday next December 17th. He plans to arrive at Drumboylan Hall at 3p.m. There will be music and a raffle on the day.

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 an Operation Transformation group starting early January. For further information call Colm 087 9531464 or Dawn 087 7907886