



The Second Sunday of Christmas.

1. John opens his Gospel with a profound reflection on the meaning of creation, of life and of Jesus. Remember when you had a special awareness of the gift of life that filled you with gratitude to God for creation, and the beauty and wonder of the world: 'All things came into being through him and without him not one thing came into being.'

2. We often listen to a reading from the gospels. Sometimes it goes in one ear and out the other. Then there are occasions when it made us feel more alive, times when it helped us see the way ahead, like a

light that shines in the darkness. Recall when the gospel gave you hope in the midst of anxiety or sadness and helped you to see what action would be most life-giving for you and for others

3. Bring to mind people who have had a prophetic voice in the world – speaking the truth for the world to hear, as a witness to testify to the light. Some of these may have been public figures. Others were ordinary people who have helped you see the 'light' by the witness of their own lives and words.

4. 'No one has ever seen God. It is the only Son of God, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him know.' Jesus came to us to teach us about God and put a human face on God for us. For the people of his day, and for us, that was a mission of getting us to think again about how we see God, and to believe in a God of love. Recall how the life and ministry of Jesus have changed your picture of God

Ballyfarnon Anniversary Masses.

Sat 4th Anna Gaffney, Cashel.

Sat. 11th Peter Joe & Elizabeth McDonagh,
John Joe Sweeney, Coolmeen,
John & Kathleen White.

Keadue Anniversary Masses.

Sun. 12th Tony McCabe, Keadue.

Arigna Anniversary Masses

Sun 5th Johnnie Guihen, St Ronan's Park.
Month Mind.

Mon 6th Pat & Bridget Sweeny & D.M.F.

Sun. 12th Francie Leydon
Kevin & Margaret McLoughlin
Seltinaveeny,
Leo Wynne, Carrowanalt

Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord Monday 6th January.

A Holy Day of Obligation. Vigil Mass in Ballyfarnon on Sunday evening 5th at 7p.m. Arigna; Monday 6th at 10.00a.m. Monday evening 6th in Keadue 7p.m.

Pease note that there is no Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in Keadue this Monday 6th January.

Rest in Peace †

Sr. Catherine Duignan CSJP, Englewood Cliffs, New Jersey, & Formerly Kilgarve, Keadue.

Weekday Masses; Arigna Tuesday & Wednesday. Ballyfarnon on Friday only at 10a.m.

Week-end Masses: Saturday: Vigil Mass, Ballyfarnon 7p.m. **Sunday** Arigna 10.00a.m. & Keadue 11.30a.m. **Confessions** after Mass or on request.

Arigna: Minister of Holy Communion: Sun 12th Sean Guihen, Margaret McPadden. Reader: Sun. 12th Linda Gallagher. Altar Society: Mary O'Donovan, Patricia McDermott. Offertory Collection, 29th & Xmas €2,230.00

Ballyfarnon: Minister of Holy Communion: Saturday 11th Teresa Shivnan. Reader: Saturday 11th Tony McDonagh. Altar Society: Laura McDonagh, Olive Healy, Angela Coen. Collectors: Gerry Travers & Tony McDonagh. Grounds: Sean Gaffney, Martin Gaffney. Offertory Collection, 29th & Xmas €1,360.00

Keadue: Minister of Holy Communion: Sun 12th Joan Connolly. Reader: Sun 12th Irwin Family. Collector: Sun 12th Oliver McCabe. Altar Society: Mary McCabe, Brid McMorro, Mai Fearon, Berna Gibbons, Viola Durka. Grounds: Paul Kelly, Keadue Tidy Towns. Offertory Collection, 29th & Xmas €2,501.00

St. Ronan's Lotto: There was no winner of the Lotto jackpot when the draw took place last weekend. The numbers drawn were 3, 13, 16 and 23. Consolation prizes were won by the following €70 Joe McGreevy, Keadue, €30 P.J. O'Donnell, Drumshanbo, €20 each Ben Costello, Ballyfarnon, Pat Regan, Keadue, Katie & Grainne Lavin, Arigna. The jackpot this week will be €5,400 and the draw will be held in Killorans.

Bonus Ball Bash: Last week's winners of €45 each were Tom Stenson & Chloe McCabe. Get your €2 entry at The Harp & Shamrock or O'Donnell's / O'Carolan Bar.

Kilronan Operation Transformation: The OT Programme will commence on Tuesday 7th January in St Ronan's Hall Keadue, with Registration and weigh in open from 7pm and Circuit Training from 8-9pm. Circuit Training will continue each Tuesday 8-9pm and Boot Camp on Saturdays 11am-12noon in Keadue Sportsfield for a 6 week period. The cost of the programme is €60 for 6 weeks. For further information, please call Dawn 087 7907886 / Edel 086 3181469/ or see our facebook page.

Christmas Draw: Keadue Tidy Towns wish to thank all those who supported the Christmas fundraising draw which proved to be a great success. A special thanks to those who put in a big effort in selling tickets, Roddy's Bar and Shop, McCabe's Butcher's, Saddler's Bar, Keadue Social Services, Credit Union, and Committee members. The following are the winners, Meal for 2 in Radisson Sligo Liam Costello Ballinamore, Hamper Ronan Kelly Keadue, Jameson Crested Whiskey Josephine Leydon Keadue. Special word of Thanks to all businesses for displaying hamper and also Ann Roddy for hosting draw.

Just a reminder for families who are booking an Anniversary Mass. The Parish Pastoral Council decided some years ago that a **First Anniversary Mass** should be celebrated on its own. But this can happen only if a First Anniversary Mass is booked around the time of the Months Mind. In the case of a **Months Mind Mass**, any Mass intention other than a First Anniversary will be deferred to another Sunday to accommodate the Months Mind Mass.

Pilates on this Thursday Night January 9th with Ann Wynne at 8.30 p.m. in Keadue Hall. All welcome