

Fr. Cathal: Tel: 071-9647212
Mobile: 086-2691806
Email: kilronan1@gmail.com



Kilronan Parish Newsletter

Web: www.kilronanparish.ie

3rd. January 2021



"Today's opportunities
erase yesterday's Failures"

Gene Browne.

Second Sunday of Christmas

Today's first reading speaks of the wisdom of God 'taking root in a privileged people'. It describes it another way as 'pitching a tent'. These images offer us a way into understanding the complex language of today's gospel, which talks about God's relationship with us by sending Jesus: 'The Word was made flesh, he lived among us'. By becoming human, God put down roots not just in our physical world, but in humanity itself. God pitched a tent among us and became one of us. It is a connection that cannot be broken – the roots go too deep.

"Christ asks for a home in your soul, where he can be at rest with you, where he can talk easily to you, where you and he, alone together, can laugh and be silent and be delighted with one another." Caryll Houselander.

At the beginning of this New Year; I want to thank all the people of the parish for your prayers, support and generosity during 2020. I also want to thank the Parish Pastoral Council Members, the Sacristans, Readers, Ministers of the Eucharist, the Altar Societies, Counters, Soloists, Organists, the Parish Finance Committee. Those who look after the church grounds. Thanks to Keadue Tidy towns who help with the mowing of Keadue church lawns. Thanks to the Parish Safeguarding Representative ; those who looked after the 'Do this in Memory Programme' Thanks to all who prepared the churches for Christmas and put up the Advent Wreaths, Cribs and Christmas Trees. Thanks to everyone who helped with car parking and stewarding on the occasions of Removals and Funerals.

Thanks to all parishioners for your generous financial support towards the upkeep of all the churches, for your contribution the Priest Dues Collections and to all the various Special Church Collections during the year. I want especially express the gratitude of all of us to the stewards and those who Sanitise the Churches. Without their help we not have been able to keep our three Churches open since last March.

Wednesday 6th January is the **Feast of the Epiphany**. Vigil Mass in Keadue on Tuesday evening at 7p.m., Wednesday at 10a.m in Arigna & on Thursday at 10 a.m. Ballyfarnon. **Offertory Collection: Lodged 31st Dec.** Arigna €1,530.00. Ballyfarnon €995.00 Keadue €1,907.00. Thank you for your generosity.

St. Ronan's Lotto: There was no winner of the lotto jackpot when the draw was held at the weekend. The numbers drawn were 12,14,22 and 26. Consolation prizes were won by the following €70 Rita Duignan, Arigna, €30 Patrick Mc Tiernan, Ballyfarnon. €20 Catherine Wynne, Drumshanbo, €20 Gino Mc Partland, Arigna, €20 Natasha KIELTY, Keadue. The jackpot next week will be €9,800 and the draw will be held on Sunday evening. Our lotto tickets are now available online. Visit www.stronansga.com or St. Ronan's GAA. Club Facebook page for further information.

Super Draw: St Ronan's Hall Keadue is a community centre and used by many groups. The hall was built in 1940 and now needs major refurbishment. Phase 1 of the work is almost complete but as no income can be generated at present due to Covid 19 restrictions the only means of fundraising is a Super Draw which is to take place in the New Year to raise matching funds which comes to €44,000. 1st Prize is €1,000, and many other valuable prizes. Tickets are on sale in local businesses and from committee members. and online go.rallyup.com/Keadue.

All Masses in Kilronan Parish will be on Local Radio and on Facebook on Kilronan Parish until further notice. No congregation can be present in the church. Doors are to be kept locked until after Mass. This applies to all Sunday and weekday Masses, Anniversary and Month's Mind Masses. Outside speakers are not to be used at this time; as organised outdoor gatherings are not allowed at Level 5.

Churches: Churches may remain open for private prayer. Please use hand gel which is available at entry and exit points and ensure that frequently touched surfaces are sanitised as often as possible.

Sacraments and devotions: All other ceremonies cease for the duration of Level Five including Baptism and the Sacrament of Penance.

Funerals: With effect from 24th December up to 10 mourners may attend at a funeral service. Hand sanitising, social distancing on entry and exit and at communion time and all other regulations are to be followed.

Weddings: From Sunday 3rd January 2021 the number of guests permitted to attend is reduced to 6. Hand sanitising, social distancing on entry and exit and at communion time, and all other regulations are to be followed.

Anointing of the Sick and First Friday Calls : Anointing of the sick may take place when invited by the family and taking all the necessary precautions of hand sanitising, social distancing, face covering and anointing with a cotton bud. First Friday calls are not to take place under Level 5.

Rest in Peace ☩

Michael Gaffney, Keadue.

Keadue Anniversary Masses

Sun. 3rd Shane Barry & nephew
Cian.

Sun. 10th Tony McCabe

Ballyfarnon Anniversary Masses

Sat.9th: Peter Joe & Elizabeth
McDonagh.
Anna Gaffney, Cashel

Arigna Anniversary Masses

Sun: 3rd Michael & Josephine
Cassidy & Paddy Joe Farrell.
Josephine, Sean & Mickey Daly.
Gerard Wynne.

Wed 6th Bridie Tom & Michael Joe Guihen
& Kathleen Grove.

Sun 10th Kevin & Margaret McLoughlin ,
Seltanaveeny.
Leo Wynne.