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# Kilronan Parish Newsletter

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Wishing all our  
parishioners and  
friends a  
Happy Christmas

## Christmas Message 2014 from Bishop Francis Duffy

This Christmas St Mel's Cathedral will be reopened after five years. We have been looking forward to this joyful occasion since the scenes of devastation at Christmas 2009. Since then many have been involved in the restoration project and many have given their support and their encouragement to the mammoth project. When the newly restored St Mel's opens its doors at Christmas it will be like retuning to a much loved sacred space.

Another sacred space for all of us at Christmas is our home with family and friends. For some families Christmas will not be the same because of the absence of family members who are abroad. For some death will have left an empty place at the table. Christmas is about 'God with us'. May Jesus be particularly close to those who miss and who mourn family members and friends at this time.

The story of Jesus' birth in Bethlehem reminds us of God's very close relationship with each person. In our Cathedral and in our parish churches we will listen to the moving story of God sharing his life with humanity, God becoming one of us and remaining with us. My prayer is that the Bethlehem story of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, and God's continuing presence with you, will bring you and your family hope, joy and peace this Christmas.

### Anniversary Masses Keadue

**Sat. 20th** Joseph, Elizabeth, Mary, Teresa  
& Philomena Gaffney (Bodorragha)

**Sun. 21st** Rose Ann Barry Months Mind.

**Thurs 25th Dec.** Mass for the People of the Parish.

**Sat 27th Dec.** Michael Hennessy;  
Breege Bruen.

**Sun. 28th** Shane Barry, his nephew Cian  
& cousin Róisín.

### Anniversary Masses Arigna

**Sun. 21st** Josie Leydon (Derrynagallion)

**Thurs. 25th** Josephine & Michael Cassidy

**Sun. 28th** John & Bridie Glynn.

Packie Leydon; Michael Earley.

### Anniversary Masses Ballyfarnon

**Sat. 21st** Mary & Joseph Noone

**Morning Masses 10a.m.:** Keadue Monday, Arigna: Tuesday

**Confessions for Christmas:** Keadue Monday 22nd 7.30p.m

Drumshanbo Tuesday 23rd 7.30p.m.

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

**Christmas Day Masses:** Arigna 10.30p.m. and Keadue 12 noon.

Glen Church 11a.m. celebrant Bishop Christopher Jones.

**Choir Practice for Christmas** Monday 8.30 p.m. in Keadue Church.



**Congratulations and best wishes** to Brian Maguire, Rathowen and Fiona Gallagher, Gwedore who were married in Keadue on Friday 19th and also to Damien Keaveney, Glenamaddy and Michelle Mullins, Moylough who were married in Keadue on Saturday 20th.

**Ballyfarnon:** Minister of Holy Communion: Sat 27th Teresa Shivnan. Readers: Christmas Day Tony McDonagh, Sat. 27th Aine Cooney. Altar Society: Carmel and Anne O'Connor, Collectors: Peter Kerrigan and P.J. Healy. Church Grounds: Damien Killoran, Tommie Shivnan. Collection €505.

**Arigna:** Minister of Holy Communion: Sun 28th. Sean Guihen, Reader: Christmas Day John Reynolds Sun 28th. Kevin Wynne. Altar Society: Tess Flynn. Offertory Collection €716.

**Keadue:** Ministers of Holy Communion: Sat 27th Moira Doyle. Sun. 28th. Imelda McCabe. Readers: Sat. 27th Chloe McCabe, Sun. 28th. Eileen Barry. Collectors: Sat 27th Moira Doyle, Sun. 28th. Brendan Kelly. Altar Society: Boyle Family, Church Grounds: Patrick McManus, Sean McDonagh. Offertory Collection €880.

**Ballyfarnon Church Committee:** Please complete the new nomination form which you will find on your seat and have it ready for collection at the end of Mass.

**Bonus Ball Bash:** Last week's winners of €45 each were Martin Roddy & John Keaveney. To win €45 get your €2 entry at The Harp & Shamrock or O'Donnell's

**The staff and pupils of Ballyfarnon National School** would like to thank all who supported our Christmas carol singing. Over €246 was raised for The Niall Mellon Trust and this has been passed on to Kevin Morrison. The school will re-open on January 5th. Happy Christmas to all our School Community.

**St. Ronan's Lotto:** There was no winner of the lotto jackpot when the draw was held last weekend. The numbers drawn were 2, 5, 21, 29. Consolation prizes were won by the following: €70 Conor Tighe, Geevagh. €30 Margaret & Colm Healy, Ballyfarnon. €15 each Mary Shivnan, Ballyfarnon. Darren Healy, Ballyfarnon. Michael Kerrigan, Ballyfarnon. The Jackpot this week will be €16,000 and the draw will be held in Roddy's

**St Ronan's host** the Annual James Keavney Memorial Cup 28th December at 12 noon in Kilronan Park, all welcome.

**Club Social nite** 28th December in Killoran's Bar. Fork supper served @ 8pm Tickets €10. Music Afterwards with Paul Emmett & The Quaystreet Band. Booking for the meal is essential.. no need to book if just coming for the Music @10pm. To book the fork supper text your name & the number attending to Grainne 0894273711, Joe 0879177442 or Ray 0879083046, there will be a Raffle on the nite, and all proceeds go to our underage teams. Happy Christmas from St Ronan's.

**St. Asicus** Day Care Centre in Keadue, held their annual Christmas Lunch on Wednesday 17th December, 2014. Sincere thanks to all those who participated in the festivities and a massive thank you to the following who sponsored all the prizes for our Raffle: Dave @ Arigina Fuel, Kilorans Ballyfarnon, Oliver McCabe, John Moran, Unions Foods, Dugdales Cash & Carry, McCranns, Mount Allen, Ann Higgins, Saxie Fitzmaurice, Finola McDermott, Ann Marie Harte/Dolly McGarry, Phil Bye, Una McLoughlin, Sidney & Annette Askew, Micheal Lavin, Maureen Meehan. To the fantastic Musicians on the day, Mae Baxter, Eileen McGowan, Pdraig Sweeney, Sean Martin & Colin McCabe, Photographer Willie Donnellan and Fr. Cathal our parish priest. Last but not least, the staff of St. Asicus, Lelia, Nuala (Cook) Peter, Micheal & Mary, who cooked a fabulous meal and decorated the centre beautifully. Looking forward to seeing you all in the New Year! A very Merry Christmas, Happy New year, Julie, Manager St. Asicus 071 9647279.

**Used Postage Stamps:** Please collect all your used postage stamps this Christmas as they can be used to raise much needed funds for Mission Projects. Contact Margaret Kelly @071-9647181.

**St Mel's Cathedral** will reopen for Mass on this week-end 20/21st and will remain open on this Sunday until 8pm for public viewing. Midnight Mass will be Televised live on RTE1 T.V. on Wednesday at 11p.m. and on Christmas Day at 10a.m. A documentary on the restoration work "The Longford Phoenix" will be shown on RTE1 T.V. on Tuesday December 30th at 6.30p.m.