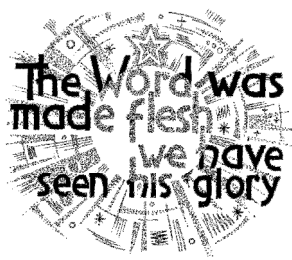




The second Sunday of Christmas

As we focus on the crib in Bethlehem we need to remind ourselves that Mary's son is divine. Today's Mass alerts us to what we believe. God comes to us through Christ. Also we should become aware of what hope God's call has in store for us.

On the other hand, the gospel highlights that the one born of the virgin puts a human face on God for us. He is the one who comes among us as a light to guide us on our way through life to final happiness with God. This light gives us hope in times of anxiety and sadness.



Anniversary Masses Keadue.

Sat. 4th Packie Beirne (Cornagee)

Sun.: 5th Pro Populo

Anniversary Masses Ballyfarnon

Sat. 4th Anna Gaffney (Cashel)

Sat. 11th Peter Joe & Elizabeth McDonagh.

Anniversary Masses Arigna

Sun. 5th Kevin & Margaret McLoughlin (Seltannaveeny)

Sean & Josephine Daly (Derreenavoggy)

Francie Leydon (Derrynagallion)

Tues 7th Pat & Bridget Sweeney & D.M.F.

Sun. 12th Charlie O'Loughlin (Months Mind)

Week Day Mass 10a.m.: Keadue, Monday; Arigna, Tuesday & Wednesday; Ballyfarnon, Thursday and Friday. **Vigil, Saturday:** Keadue 7p.m. & Ballyfarnon 8.30p.m. **Sunday:** Arigna 10.30p.m. & Keadue 12 Noon. **Confessions** after the Vigil Masses.

The Feast of the Epiphany (Monday 6th): Masses; Arigna 10.30. Keadue 7p.m & Ballyfarnon 8.30p.m

The three wise men from the East had seen "his star as it rose and came to do him homage." In their search they did not hesitate to ask others. They wanted truth. What they received from the overly guarded and cautious Herod was an introduction to the Scripture, to the words of the prophet Micah (5:1). This Scripture led them to Bethlehem where they found the child and did him homage. In this they recognised someone greater than themselves and they offered precious gifts.

The Magi received gifts as well. They returned home with new knowledge and understanding. By their openness and humility they had allowed the Prince of Peace to reveal himself to each of them. We need the same qualities if the Light of Christ is to touch our hearts and minds.



Sacrament of Marriage: Congratulation and best wishes to Caroline Bourke, Kilfian and George Munnely, Killala who were married on Friday 2nd January 2014 in Keadue.

Keadue: Ministers of Holy Communion: Sat 11th Sean Martin, Sun. 12th. Imelda McCabe, Readers: Sat. 11th Chloe McCabe, Sun. 12th. Eileen Barry. Collectors: Sat 11th. Peter McNiff, Sun. 12th. Tom Quinn, Altar Society: Kelly Family, Carrowbeg. Church Grounds: Patrick McManus, Sean McDonagh. Offertory Collection; (Christmas & Sun 29th) €2,225.00.

Arigna: Minister of Holy Communion: Sun 12th Sean Guihen, Reader: Mon 6th Earley Family Sun 12th. John Reynolds. Altar Society: Mary O'Donovan, Patricia McDermott. Offertory Collection; (Christmas & Sun 29th) €1,991.00

Ballyfarnon: Minister of Holy Communion: Sat 11th. Veronica Sheeran. Reader: Sat. 4th Maureen Cooney. Altar Society: Ann O'Connor, Carmel O'Connor Collectors: Miceal McCawley, Eamon Keaveney. Counters: Teresa Lavin, Suzanne Quigley. Church Grounds: Damian Killoran, Tommy Shivan. Offertory Collection; (Christmas & Sun 29th) €1,070.00

Envelopes 2014: Thanks to all who collected their Box of envelopes for 2014 and those who distributed envelopes to homes. There are some envelopes in Keadue and Ballyfarnon awaiting collection. If you haven't received a box of envelopes for 2014 and would like to receive same contact 086-2691806.

St. Ronan's Lotto: There was no winner of the lotto jackpot when the draw was held last weekend. The numbers drawn were 3, 5, 10, 21. Consolation prizes were won by the following: €70: Daniel O'Connor Keadue, €30: Margaret Grimes, Keadue, €15each: Phil Daly, Arigna, Ronan Kelly, Keadue, Tess Flynn, Arigna. The jackpot this week will be €11,000 and the draw will be held in Roddy's Bar, Keadue.

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

Reminder: Parishioners who are planning to get married in either Keadue, Arigna or Ballyfarnon Church in 2014, 2015 or 2016 should make contact as soon as possible. At present there are 33 weddings booked for 2014 and 8 booked for 2015. and none for 2016.

First Holy Communion Dates: Because of the number of weddings that take place each year in the parish, its necessary to fix a date well in advance for First Holy Communion. First Holy Communion will take place in the Parish on the Second Saturday of May each year until further notice. In 2014, First Holy Communion has been fixed for 10th May 2013 and in 2015 First communion will take place in Ballyfarnon on Saturday 9th May 2015. 2016: 14th May 2016.

O'Carolan Harp Festival. A meeting of the festival committee will be held on Monday night at 8.30 p.m.

Garda Entry Training on Saturday, 25 January 2014 from 9a.m to 4p.m in the Clarion Hotel, Sligo. Contact: 0876051730 Jim for full details. www.getready.ie

Primary schools: Greaghafarna N.S. Reopens on Monday 6th January.
Ballyfarnon, Keadue and Strabraggan Schools reopen on Tuesday 7th January.

Happy New Year

Another year, another start,
a time of **hope** for every heart,
a time to Leave the past behind
and share a newfound **peace of mind**.
Then going forward day by day,
find love and joy along Life's way. (Iris Hesselden)

This bright new year is given me,
To live each day with Zest
To daily grow and try to be,
My highest and my best.
(William Arthur Ward)