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The person who pulls the oars has no time to rock the boat

The Second Sunday of Advent



"Repent, the kingdom of God is near..."

John the Baptist not only heralds the coming of the kingdom, but proclaims the same message that Jesus would soon preach, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!" He tells us that we should prepare, with some degree of urgency, for the fullness of God's power and presence in our world by turning away from evil and turning toward God. During Advent, for example, we might seek to heal the alienation caused by a family conflict or offer forgiveness to someone who has hurt us. We could provide a meal or Christmas gift to someone less fortunate.

When we reflect on the life of Nelson Mandela, we see his greatness instead of choosing the way of hatred and anger after spending 27 years of his life in prison, he chose the way of reconciliation. So he has left our world a legacy and an example of what can be achieved by reconciliation and recognising that all people are equal. With God grace we too can be instruments of peace and reconciliation.

Anniversary Masses Keadue.

Sat. 7th Deceased Members of
Arigna Power Station Staff

Sun. 8th Brendan Lynch & D.M.F.

Sat. 14th James & Mary Early

Sun. 15th Joseph & Elizabeth Gaffney & Mary,
Teresa & Philomena (Bodorragha)

Anniversary Masses Arigna

Sun. 8th Martin McPadden

Sun. 15th John & Bridie Glynn

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

Do This in Memory programme: Next Sunday in Keadue at 12p.m

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

Christmas Day: Arigna 10.30a.m. & Keadue 12p.m.

Choir Practice for Christmas in Keadue Church on Tuesday night 9p.m. New singers heartily welcome.

Keadue: Ministers of Holy Communion: Sat 14th Sean Martin, Sun. 15th. Rosaleen Boyle, Readers: Sat. 14th Berna Gibbons, Sun. 15th Edel McMorro. Collectors: Sat 14th. Moira Doyle, Sun. 15th. Brendan Kelly, Altar Society: Catherine Noone, Margaret Grimes, Josephine Leydon, Mollie Guihen. Church Grounds: Peter McNiff. Offertory Collection; €705.00.

Ballyfarnon: Minister of Holy Communion: Sat 14th. Teresa Shivnan. Reader: Sat. 14th Tony McDonagh. Altar Society: Mary Gunning & Sharon Duggan. Collectors: Peter Kerrigan & P.J. Healy. Counters: David Flanagan, Mary Flanagan. Church Grounds: Gerry Travers, Declan Killoran. Collection €405.00

Anniversary Masses Ballyfarnon.

Sat. 7th John & Eleanor Killoran

Arigna: Minister of Holy Communion: Sun 15th Margaret McPadden, Reader: Sun 15th. Linda Gallagher. Altar Society: Bernie Christie, Catherine McManus. Offertory Collection €690.00

St. Ronan's Lotto: There was no winner of the lotto jackpot when the draw was held last weekend. The numbers drawn were 14, 19, 23, 24. Consolation prizes were won by the following: €70: Ray McLoughlin, Arigna, €30: Alan McManus, Arigna, €15each: Deirdre Kelly, Knockvicar, Kieran Kelly, Keadue, Ronan Glynn, Ballyfarnon. The jackpot this week will be €10,600 and the draw will be held in Killoran's Bar, Ballyfarnon.

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

Strabraggan NS are holding a carol service on Wednesday 18th December in Arigna Church at 6.30pm. all are welcome to come along. A social evening hosted by the Parents Association will be held directly after in the Enterprise centre, where the Christmas raffle will take place.

St. Ciaran's services fundraising committee are having a cake sale in the Market Yard Carrick-on-Shannon on this Sunday 8th December from 4-6 pm...Please support.

Kilronan Then & Now: copies of 'Kilronan Then and Now' are still available, price €20.

Charity Christmas cards, 12 for €6 available in Shops and Shivnan's, Ballyfarnon. All proceeds to Sligo Cancer Support Centre.

Roscommon Social Car Scheme, Church Gate Collection on this weekend 7th & 8th December. This project facilitates over 65's in the community who are experiencing difficulty in sourcing transport to non emergency medical appointments e.g. GP, Hospital and HSE appointments.

Arigna Community Development Fundraising Draw. We are holding a prize draw to gather funds to upgrade the community facilities in Arigna Enterprise Centre. Tickets for the draw are €10 each or three tickets for €20. The winning tickets will be drawn in The Miners Bar on Saturday 14th December next and the evening will start with a kiddies disco followed by a mini bazaar and musical entertainment. Your support for this draw is vital if we are to maintain and improve community facilities in Arigna and will be much appreciated.

A Documentary on Medjugorje will be screened at The Cineplex, Carrick-on-Shannon on Thursday next December 12th at 8.30p.m.

Sr. Phil Sheerin M.M.M was interviewed on the RTE news bulletin on Wednesday 27th November about her work in Sao Paulo, Brazil. She was among 200 Irish Missionaries, who have each served between 40 and 60 years abroad, who were honoured at a special awards ceremony in Dublin City Hall on Tuesday 27th November. In an address, Sabina Higgins, wife of President Michael D Higgins, expressed gratitude to the missionaries for their "outstanding contribution" in those "many countries throughout the world." It was "very appropriate" they "should be publicly acknowledged. She said: "Ireland and its people have always had a great sense of pride in our long history of missionary work and what it has brought to communities all over the world

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HE WHO IS DEVOID OF THE POWER TO FORGIVE,

IS DEVOID OF THE POWER TO LOVE.

THERE IS SOME GOOD IN THE WORST OF US AND SOME EVIL IN THE BEST OF US WHEN WE DISCOVER THIS, WE ARE LESS PRONE TO HATE OUR ENEMIES.

Martin Luther King