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# Kilronan Parish Newsletter

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*Gratitude is the fairest  
blossom which springs  
from the soul.*  
Henry Ward Beecher

## Third Sunday of Advent (Year C)



In the midst of Christmas shopping for her children, a woman, realized that the best presents she received as a child were not wrapped in Christmas paper and found under the Christmas tree. From her father, for example, she had been given her love of reading and learning. From her mother, she received her concern for children without homes and parents unable to care for them. From a neighbour, she was given the gift of courage not to be afraid of anything in life when something important needed to be done. And from her teacher, she was given an appreciation of her heritage. Advent challenges our whole attitude and approach to, among other things, our shopping and gift giving. The true gifts of Christmas that Christ gives and enables us to give to one another can transform the hearts and lives of those we love: gifts of teaching, of sharing our time and experience, of compassion and reconciliation, of forgiveness and affirmation.

### Anniversary Masses, Keadue

**Sat. 12th.** Mass for people of the Parish

**Sat..19th** James & Mary Earley & D.M.F.

### Anniversary Masses, Arigna

**Sun13th** Josie Leydon

Charles O'Loughlin,

Michael & Mary Guihen (Knockadryan)

Martin McPadden

**Sun 20th** Michael McPartlan

**Weekday Masses 10am.** Monday Keadue, Tuesday only Arigna. Friday only Ballyfarnon. **Saturday Vigil Masses:** Keadue 7p.m. Ballyfarnon 8.30p.m. **Sunday Masses:** Arigna 10.30p.m and Keadue 12 noon. **Confessions** after the Vigil

**Parish Choir** Practice for Christmas Thursday 9 p.m. - 10 p.m.. New members welcome.

**Eucharistic adoration: There will be no Eucharistic Adoration in** in Keadue Church on Monday 21st or Monday 28th December 2015.

**Do this in memory programme** this Sunday 13th at 12 noon in Keadue.

**Keadue:** Ministers of Holy Communion: Sat 19th. Paul Kelly. Sun. 20th. Rosaleen Boyle. Readers: Sat. 19th. Berna Gibbons, Sun. 20th. Geraldine Keaveney. Collectors: Sat 19th. Margaret Kelly. Sun. 20th. Colm O'Donnell. Altar Society: Margaret Grimes, Josephine Leydon, Mollie Guihen. Church Grounds: Noone Family. Offertory Collection: €515.

**Arigna:** Minister of Holy Communion: Sun 20th. Margaret McPadden Reader: Sun 20th. Sally Ann Earley, Altar Society: Tess Flynn. Offertory Collection: €545.

**Ballyfarnon:** Minister of Holy Communion: Sat 19th. Tony McDonagh. Reader: Sat 19th Julie Corcoran. Altar Society: Bridie McCawley, Mary Keaveney. Collectors: Peter Kerrigan, P.J. Healy. Church Grounds: Micheál McCawley, Eamon Keaveney. Offertory Collection: €365

### Anniversary Masses Ballyfarnon

**Sat. 12th** Vincent Gilhooley & D.M.F.

**Fri. 18th** Jim & Mae Maguire.

**Christmas Cards** are available from Shivnan's Bar, Healy's and Killoran's shop. Proceeds in aid of Sligo Cancer support centre.

**St. Ronan's Lotto:** There was no winner of the Lotto Jackpot when the draw was held last weekend. The numbers drawn were 1, 10, 20, 26. Consolation prize winners were: €70 Joseph Grogan, Arigna. €30 Martin Lavin/Marie Shivnan, Ballyfarnon. €15 each Laurence Earley, Arigna. Thomas & Patricia Lynch, Arigna. Edel Gallagher, Arigna. The jackpot this week will be €5,900 and the draw will be held in McRann's

**Bonus Ball Bash:** Last week's winner of €45 were Paraic Noone & Katelyn Hennessy. To win €45 get your €2 entry at The Harp & Shamrock or O'Donnell's.

**Galilee Community: The way of Gentleness.** 'Personal enrichment Journey for Advent' **Presenter:** Fr. Niall Ahern. Date: Tuesday 15th. Phone 071-9664101 or email: Galieecommunity@gmail.com.

**School Musical** Drumshanbo Vocational School proudly presents **"Annie"**. Performances on Friday 18th and Saturday 19th December 2015 at 8pm, in The Mayflower, Drumshanbo. Tickets available from the School. Enquiries Ph: (071) 9641085.

**Manual Handling** certified course in Arigna LEADER office on Wednesday next 16th December 100% funded by Roscommon Leader Partnership. To book a place call 085-1376500.

**Keadue CCE** are hosting a senior trad music session in the O'Carolan Bar, Keadue on Thursday night the 17th of December at 10pm. All welcome. Membership fees are now due. They can be paid to Micheal or Carmel as soon as possible.

**Strabraggan N.S.** Christmas Carol Service in Arigna Church next Thursday 17th at 6pm. All welcome.

**Christmas Masses:** Christmas Eve Ballyfarnon 8pm.; Keadue 10.30p.m. Christmas Day; Arigna 10.30a.m. Keadue 12p.m

## Misericordiae Vultus (The face of mercy)

Pope Francis in announcing the year of mercy wrote, "We need constantly to contemplate the mystery of mercy. It is a wellspring of joy, serenity, and peace. Our salvation depends on it. Mercy: the word reveals the very mystery of the Most Holy Trinity. Mercy: the ultimate and supreme act by which God comes to meet us. Mercy: the fundamental law that dwells in the heart of every person who looks sincerely into the eyes of his brothers and sisters on the path of life. Mercy: the bridge that connects God and man, opening our hearts to a hope of being loved forever despite our sinfulness.

**The motto**, "Merciful Like the Father, serves as an invitation to follow the merciful example of the Father who asks us not to judge or condemn but to forgive and to give love and forgiveness without measure."

