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# Kilronan Parish Newsletter

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The best of all gifts around any Christmas Tree is the presence of a happy family all wrapped up in each other.

## The Fourth Sunday of Advent.

We often hear of Mary's "yes" to God's plan for her. This Sunday we're reminded that Joseph had to say "yes," too. He could just as easily have said "no."

Joseph knew that Scripture better than we do. A true servant of the Lord like Mary, he said "yes," and accepted Mary into his home and heart.

Matthew takes us to the heart of the mystery of the Lord's birth; this child is to be Emmanuel, God-with-us in a way that not even Isaiah could have fully realised.



### Anniversary Masses Keadue.

Sat. 21st Breege Bruen

Sun. 22nd Hugh & Mary Guihen & D.M.F.

Sun. 28th Michael Hennessy

Sun. 29th Shane Barry & nephew Cian

### Anniversary Masses Arigna

Wed. 25th Mickey & Josephine Cassidy & D.M.F

Michael & Mary B & James Earley

Sun. 29th Paddy Joe McPadden & Patrick & Bridget McPadden.

**Please Note** that there is no 10.30a.m. Mass in Arigna this **Sunday 22nd** December as there is a Funeral Mass at 1.30p.m.

**Week Day Mass 10a.m:** Monday Keadue.

### Anniversary Masses Ballyfarnon .

Sat. 28th Fr. Frankie Flynn

### Rest in Peace †

Josie Leydon, Derrynagallion.

Funeral Mass today Sunday, in Arigna at 1.30p.m.

### Christmas Masses

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

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

Christmas Day: Glen Church at 1.00pm. - Celebrant Fr Gerry Cryan, Sligo.



**Sacrament of Marriage:** Congratulation and best wishes to Annette Geraghty, Kenagh and Dominic Glennon, Longford who were married on Friday 20th December in Keadue Church.

**St. Mel's Cathedral,** Longford was badly damaged by fire on 25th December 2009. There is a publication, **St. Mel's Cathedral 2013**, available at the back of the three churches showing the progress to date on the restoration of our Diocesan Cathedral. Also see [www.longfordparish.com](http://www.longfordparish.com)

**Keadue:** Ministers of Holy Communion: Sat 28th Moira Doyle, Sun. 29th. Brendan Kelly, Readers: Dec 24th Declan/Ceara Noone, Dec 25th . Elizabeth McCabe Sat. 28th Arthur/Rosaleen Boyle, Sun. 29th. Bríd McMorro. Collectors: Sat 28th. Kathleen Mattimoe, Sun. 22nd. Oliver McCabe, Altar Society: Catherine Noone, Margaret Grimes, Josephine Leydon, Mollie Guihen. Church Grounds: Vincent McCabe, Sean McMorro. Offertory Collection; €570.00

**Arigna:** Minister of Holy Communion: Sun 29th Kevin Wynne, Reader: Dec 25th Maureen Guihen Cornagee Sun 29th. Maureen Guihen Crosshill. Altar Society: Bernie Christie, Catherine McManus. Offertory Collection €477.00

**Ballyfarnon:** Minister of Holy Communion: Sat 28th. Bridie McCawley. Reader: Dec 24th Aine Cooney. Sat. 28th Angela Coen, Altar Society: Mary Gunning & Sharon Duggan. Collectors: Peter Kerrigan & P.J. Healy. Counters: David Flanagan, Mary Flanagan. Church Grounds: Gerry Travers, Declan Killoran. Collection €465.00

**St. Ronan's Lotto:** There was no winner of the lotto jackpot when the draw was held last weekend. The numbers drawn were 2, 3, 7, 29. Consolation prizes were won by the following: €70: Danial O'Connor, Keadue, €30: Aidan Spellman, Keadue, €15each: Pat Cunnane, Geevagh, Philis Tuohy, Arigna, Eileen Barry, Keadue. The jackpot this week will be €10,800 and the draw will be held in Shivnan's Bar, Ballyfarnon.

**Bonus Ball Bash:** Last week's winners of €45 each were Eddie Rogers & Phil Joe Guihen. To win €45 get your €2 entry at The Harp & Shamrock or O'Donnell's.

### Christmas Message 2013

St Luke wrote "As for Mary, she treasured all these things and pondered them in her heart" (Lk 2: 19 ). It is an image of Mary in the midst of all the excitement and the danger, quietly recognising that something special was happening to her and to her son. We often reflect on what we treasure: our spouses, our children, our parents and those who are very close to us, they are our treasures and they impact on our hearts. Sometimes our treasure is gone: bereavement can leave us feeling empty. The absence of family members who are abroad can leave our Christmas celebration incomplete. Many people think about Jesus in Bethlehem and wonder what this tells us about God and about being human? It has to do with the treasure that God is to us, the treasure that we are to God and the treasure that we can be to each other. I hope that the message of Christmas will us bring peace and joy and help us treasure what is important. Happy Christmas to all.

+ Francis Duffy

**Bishop of Ardagh and Clonmacnois**

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Success is speaking words of praise,  
In cheering other people's ways .  
In doing just the best you can,  
With every task and every plan.  
It's silence when your speech would hurt,  
Politeness when your neighbours' curt.  
It's deafness when the scandal flows,  
And sympathy with others' woes.  
It's loyalty when duty calls,  
It's courage when disaster falls.  
It's patience when the hours are long  
It's found in laughter and in song.  
It's in the silent time of prayer,  
in happiness and in despair.  
In all of life and nothing less,  
We find the thing we call success.