

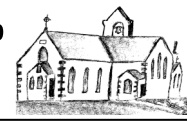
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Kilronan Parish Newsletter

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The only real blind person
at Christmas-time is he who
has not Christmas in his
heart. *Helen Keller.*



The Feast of the Holy Family

Mary and Joseph were observant Jews, faithful to the law of Moses. Jesus, now twelve years old, travels with them to Jerusalem for the feast of Passover. According to Jewish law, at 12 years of age he has entered adulthood.

But much to his parents' dismay, Jesus stays behind and remains in the Temple area. As an "adult" Jew, Jesus listens to the teachers and asks questions. His wisdom in understanding the Law is greater than the teachers, and they are astounded.

As we look ahead, we see that Jesus' wisdom and understanding of the Law grows through the years. When he begins his ministry and proclaims the reign of God, his message will challenge the religious leaders.

Jesus returns with his parents and continues to grow "in wisdom and age and favour before God and man." Jesus' formation began in his family circle and the encompassing religious community. He went to the synagogue with his parents and heard the Word of God proclaimed and explained. His beliefs and practices were shaped by that formation.

Anniversary Masses, Arigna

Sun. 27th Rose Ann Mulhern—Funeral Mass 2p.m.

Sun. 3rd Josephine & Sean Daly

Bridie & John Glynn.

Michael & Margaret Gaffney

Florence & Patrick Faughnan

Anniversary Masses, Keadue

Sat. 26th Tommy & Linda Grimes

Sun. 27th Michael Hennessy

Hugh & Mary Guihen

Breege Bruen & D.M.F.

Sun. 3rd Shane Barry & nephew Cian

Anniversary Masses Ballyfarnon.

Sat. 2nd Anna Mai Gaffney.

Fr. Frankie Flynn

Rest in Peace.

Rose Ann Mulhern, Nee Earley, Altagowlan.
Funeral Mass 2p.m. Sunday 27th.

Weekday Masses: Tuesday & Wednesday, Arigna at 10.a.m. **New Years Eve Mass** in Keadue, Thursday 31st December at 7pm. **New Years Day Mass:** Friday 1st December at 10a.m in Ballyfarnon

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

Friday 1st January is First Friday. Communion calls on Thursday to Ballyfarnon & Glan. With the reminder on Friday.

Keadue: Ministers of Holy Communion: Sat 2nd. Joan Connolly. Sun. 3rd Brendan Kelly. Readers: Sat. 2nd. Declan/Ceara Noone, Sun. 3rd. Elizabeth McCabe. Collectors: Sat 2nd. Phyllis Quinn. Sun. 3rd. Colin McCabe. Altar Society: Kelly Family, Carrowbeg. Church Grounds: Paul Kelly, Arthur Boyle. Offertory Collection: 20th Dec: €975.00.

Arigna: Minister of Holy Communion: Sun 2nd. Mary Guihen, Tess Flynn. Reader: Sun 2nd. Niamh McNamara, Altar Society: Mary O'Donovan, Patricia McDermott. Offertory Collection: 20th Dec: €781.00.

Ballyfarnon: Minister of Holy Communion: Sat 2nd. Margaret Killoran. Reader: Sat 2nd. Eithna Flynn. Altar Society: Caroline Bruen & Fiona Barry. Collectors: Michael Cawley & Eamon Keaveney. Church Grounds: Martin McNamara, Michael Kerrigan. Offertory Collection: 20th Dec. : €310.00.

Bonus Ball Bash: Last week's winner of €45 was Michael Keaveney. To win €45 get your €2 entry at The Harp & Shamrock or O'Donnell's.

St. Ronan's Lotto: There was no winner of the Lotto Jackpot when the draw was held last weekend. The numbers drawn were 13, 16, 18, 23. Consolation prize winners were: €70 Donna Gilraine, Arigna. €30 Tommie Wynne, Drumshanbo. €15 each Michael Guihen, Arigna, Kevin Morrison, Ballyfarnon, Noel McManus, Arigna. The jackpot this week will be €6,100 and the draw will be held in McCabe's. If the jackpot is not won this week there will be five €100 consolation prizes.

Keadue Branch CCE are hosting a traditional music session in Killoran's Bar, Ballyfarnon on Thursday night 31st of December (New Years Eve) starting with a junior session at 8:30pm followed by a senior session from 10pm onwards. All Welcome! Membership fees are now due, they can be paid to Micheal or Carmel as soon as possible.

Thanks to the people of Kilronan Parish for your kindness and support during 2015. A special word of thanks to the Parish Pastoral Council, Parish Finance Committee, Arigna & Ballyfarnon Church Committees, Choirs, Organists, Instrumentalists, Altar Societies, Ministers of the Eucharist, Readers, Altar Servers, Ushers, Car Parking Stewards, the Primary School Children who announce the prayers of the faithful and bring up the gifts on Sundays, Collectors and Counters; the Sacristans in the three churches; Brendan who edits and prints the newsletter each Week, Arthur Boyle the Parish Safeguarding Representative. Those who look after the Church Grounds. Thanks to the members of the social employment schemes for their work in the church grounds, cemeteries etc. during the year. Thanks to those who run the "Do this in Memory Programme". Thanks to the Teachers in our Parish Catholic Schools for their support of the parents in the handing on the faith. Thanks also to the outgoing members of the Boards of management of our four schools for their dedicated service over the past four years. Congratulations to the four new members of the Boards of management. A special word of thanks to all who were involved in cleaning and decorating the three churches for Christmas - erecting the cribs and Christmas trees and lights. A special word of thanks to all the singers (Adults, young people and children), the two organists and the instrumentalist who greatly enhanced our liturgical celebration of Christmas in Keadue, Arigna and Ballyfarnon Churches.

Thanks to the various parish organisations who contribute in so many different ways to the life of the parish. Thanks to the parishioners for their generous financial support of the parish during 2015.

Collection Envelope Boxes for 2016 are now available.