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*Treat people as if they already
were what they ought to be and
you help them become what they
are capable of being.*
Goethe

STAY AWAKE

First Sunday of Advent (Year C)

We need to be alert and ready to meet God at the end of our earthly life but we must also be ready and alert to find God's presence with us here on earth. We can find that presence in the various relationships, situations or events of our daily lives. But we need to look carefully and pay close attention.

Advent marks a "New Year" for us liturgically. Through all the various seasons of the coming year we are invited to listen to the Gospel readings and to reflect again on Christ's life, from birth to death and resurrection. We are invited again to realign our lives with the values that inspired his life: love, compassion and forgiveness.

These weeks preceding Christmas are especially helpful in providing us preparation time to examine our lives to see what we need to adjust or change.

Anniversary Masses, Keadue

Sat. 28th Michael Regan
Sun. 29th Mary Gaffney
Sat. 5th Patricia Guihen
Sun. 6th John Dempsey

Anniversary Masses Ballyfarnon

Sat. 28th Stephen Sheeran
Fri. 4th Fr. Joe Gallagher
Sat. 5th John & Eleanor Killoran

Anniversary Masses, Arigna

Sun. 29th Claire Guihen Months Mind.
Sun. 6th Lena Conway Months Mind

Parish Mission Collection: €2,427.

Thanks to all who contributed so generously

Weekday Masses 10am. Monday Keadue, Tuesday & Wednesday, Arigna. Thursday and Friday Ballyfarnon. (Mass on Monday, Tuesday, for those on the November List of the dead.) **Saturday Vigil Masses:** Keadue 7p.m. Ballyfarnon 8.30p.m. **Sunday Masses:** Arigna 10.30p.m and Keadue 12 noon. **Confessions** after the Vigil Masses.



Congratulations and best wishes to Sandra Morrissy, Tullow and Keith McCarthy, Cork who were married on Friday 27th in Keadue and also to Toiréasa McManus, Tubber and Jonathan McGuire, Athlone who were married on Saturday 27th in Keadue.

First Friday Communion calls as usual on Friday next

Kilronan Parish Pastoral Council Meeting on Wednesday night 2nd December 2015 in the Parochial House, Keadue at 9 p.m.

New Boards of Management are being set up nationally at present. The New Boards will come into operation on 1st December 2015. Thanks all who those who served for the last four years on the Boards of Management of Kilronan N.S., Keadue; St. Patricks N.S., Ballyfarnon; St Lasair's N.S., Greaghafarna and Strabraggan N.S.

Parish Choir Practice for Christmas Tuesday 9 p.m. - 10 p.m.. Please come along, new members welcome.

Keadue: Ministers of Holy Communion: Sat 5th. Joan Connolly. Sun. 6th. Margaret Kelly. Readers: Sat. 5th. Chloe McCabe, Sun. 6th. Eileen Barry. Collectors: Sat 5th. Paul Kelly. Sun. 6th. Tommy Daly. Altar Society: Margaret Grimes, Josephine Leydon, Mollie Guihen Church Grounds: Patrick McManus, Sean McDonagh. Offertory: €635.

Arigna: Minister of Holy Communion: Sun 6th. Mary Guihen, Reader: Sun 6th. Belinda Gallagher, Altar Society: Tess Flynn. Offertory Collection: €690.

Ballyfarnon: Minister of Holy Communion: Sat 5th. Nuala McNamara. Reader: Sat 28th Liz Travers. Altar Society: Bridie McCawley, Mary Keaveney. Collectors: Peter Kerrigan, P.J. Healy. Church Grounds: Micheál McCawley, Eamon Keaveney. Offertory Collection: €680.

St. Ronan's Lotto: There was no winner of the Lotto Jackpot when the draw was held last weekend. The numbers drawn were 2, 14, 26, 29. Consolation prize winners were: €70 Marie Wright, London. €30 John O Connor, Ballyfarnon. €15 each Angela Coen, Ballyfarnon. Brendan Mc Loughlin, Arigna. Kelly Family, Carrowbeg, Keadue. The jackpot this week will be €5,700 and the draw will be held in Saddler's

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

Fun run/walk 6. 5KM. Registration in Killoran's from 12:30pm. Join us in a Fun Run Walk Sunday November 29th @ 1:30pm €6.00 per walker/runner €10.00 per Family. Refreshments in Killoran Bar Afterwards. Raffle on the Day. Music from 3:00pm with a host of Young Local Musicians. Everybody Welcome. Proceeds in Aid of SHOUT & Ballyfarnon Tidy Towns.

Galilee Community: Advent Retreat Saturday 5th December 10.30a.m.- 4.30p.m **Presenter:** Anne Loughman. Theme: Time of waiting in hope. Tea & Coffee on arrival. Light lunch of Soup and B. Bread. Cost: €20. Phone 071-9664101/085-8837226. **The way of Gentleness.** 'Personal enrichment Journey for Advent' **Presenter:** Fr. Niall Ahern. Dates Tuesday December 1st, 8th, & 15th. Phone 071-9664101 or email: Galieecommunity@gmail.com.

The AGM of Keadue Branch CCE will be held on Thursday night 3rd December in St. Ronan's Hall, Keadue at 8 pm. All members are requested to attend, new members welcome. Annual membership is now due. Cost of membership, child €6, adult €12 and family €20. This can be paid on the night or as soon as possible to Carmel or Mìchàl.

Safeguarding Message from Bishop Francis: During this season of Advent many children will be involved in preparations for Christmas liturgies. It is a special time for them and for their families. I wish to thank our Safeguarding Representatives in the forty-one parishes for their work in ensuring the safety of children in all church related activities.

I encourage anyone with concerns regarding the safety of children or anyone who suffered in the past to contact our Designated Persons: Sean Leydon (087-7431649) or Róisín O'Doherty (087-3327587) or Towards Healing (1800 303416) or An Garda Síochana or Tusla.

Defibrillator: Special word of thanks to everybody that supported the recent church gate collection for the maintenance of Defibrillator at Keadue Hall

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