



Feast of the Holy Family



The feast of the Holy Family is a reminder of how precious and central family is at all stages of one's life. Like every family, the family at Nazareth had its own unique and not quite normal story. They were homeless when the child was born. They were forced to emigrate. On their return, they had some happy years until Joseph died. Shortly afterwards, the Son left the family business and went about making his own life which ended in seeming disaster on a cross, condemned as a criminal. In that family story, God's plan was accomplished.

Something similar is true of every family story. It is in a family situation that God's plan is worked out most of the time. Today is an opportunity to reflect on our own situation. Maybe, like the family of Nazareth, we need each other to be more fully present to each other and for each other in the year ahead. Precious things always need to be protected and nurtured. (Fr. Tom Clancy)

Anniversary Masses Keadue.

Sat. 28th Michael Hennessy

Sun. 29th Shane Barry & nephew Cian.

Sat. 4th Packie Beirne (Cornagee)

Anniversary Masses Ballyfarnon

Sat. 28th Fr. Frankie Flynn

Sat. 4th Anna Gaffney (Cashel)

Anniversary Masses Arigna

Sun. 29th Paddy Joe McPadden

& Patrick & Bridget McPadden.

Wed. 1st Bridie & Tom Guihen.

Sun. 5th Kevin & Margaret McLoughlin (Seltannaveeny)

Sean & Josephine Daly (Derreenavoggy)

Francie Leydon (Derrynagallion)

Week Day Mass: New Years Eve Mass, Arigna, Tuesday 31st at 7p.m. Wednesday in Arigna at 10a.m and in Ballyfarnon on Thursday and Friday at 10a.m.

Saturday Vigil/Sunday Masses: Keadue 7p.m. Ballyfarnon 8.30p.m. **Sunday:** Arigna 10.30p.m. & Keadue 12 Noon. **Confessions** after the Vigil Masses..

Friday 3rd is First Friday: The sick and housebound will be attended as usual.



Sacrament of Marriage: Congratulation and best wishes to Paul Anderson, Castlederg, and Louisa Hackett, Clogher, who were married on Friday 27th December in Keadue Church.

Keadue: Ministers of Holy Communion: Sat 4th Joan Connolly, Sun. 5th. Margaret Kelly, Readers: Sat. 4th Sean Martin, Sun. 5th. John Coonan. Collectors: Sat 4th. Margaret McNiff & Margaret Kelly, Sun. 5nd. Colm O'Donnell, Altar Society: Kelly Family, Carrowbeg. Church Grounds: Vincent McCabe, Sean McMorrow. Offertory Collection; €665.00.

Arigna: Minister of Holy Communion: Sun 5th Mary Guihen, Reader: Sun 5th. Eithne McGuire. Altar Society: Mary O'Donovan, Patricia McDermott. Offertory Collection €1,110.00

Ballyfarnon: Minister of Holy Communion: Sat 4th. Tony McDonagh. Reader: Sat. 4th Eithna Flynn. Altar Society: Ann O'Connor, Carmel O'Connor Collectors: Miceal McCawley, Eamon Keaveney. Counters: Teresa Lavin, Suzanne Quigley. Church Grounds: Damian Killoran, Tommy Shivnan. Collection €290.00

Rest in Peace †

Moira McLoughlin(nee Gaffney), Tullylannon,
Leitrim, mother of Marieleen Daly, Keadue.

Envelopes 2014: The Collection envelopes for 2014 are ready for collection at the back of the Church in Keadue and Ballyfarnon. The Arigna Envelopes will be distributed during the week. If you haven't received a box of envelopes and would like to receive same contact 086-2691806.

St. Ronan's Lotto: There was no winner of the lotto jackpot when the draw was held last weekend. The numbers drawn were 14, 20, 23, 27. Consolation prizes were won by the following: €70: Peter Mattimoe, Keadue, €30: Ronan, Keadue, €15each: Terry Earley, Arigna, Joseph Gaffney, Ballyfarnon, Mary McCabe, Keadue. The jackpot this week will be €10,900 and the draw will be held in McCabe's Bar, Keadue.

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

Thanks to all the people of the Parish for your kindness and support during 2013. A special word of thanks to the Parish Pastoral Council, Parish Finance Council, Choirs, Organists, Instrumentalists, Altar Societies, Ministers of the Eucharist, Readers, the Primary Schools Children who announce the prayers of the faithful, Altar servers, Collectors and Counters, The Sacristans in the three churches, the person who edits and prints the newsletter each week, all involved in implementing the Church child safeguarding guidelines. Those who looked after the Church Grounds and a special word of thanks to the person who power-washed the steps and area around Arigna Church. Thanks also the members of the social employment schemes for their work in the church grounds, cemeteries etc. during the year. Thanks to those who look after the "Do this in Memory Programme". Thanks to the Teachers in our Parish Catholic Schools for their support of the parents in handing on the faith. Thanks also to the Members of the Boards of Management for their generous involvement in the running of the four parish schools. A special word of thanks to all who were involved in preparing the three churches for Christmas - erecting the cribs and Christmas trees and lights. Thanks to the various parish organisations who contribute to the life of the parish in so many different ways. We also remember Sr. Phil and Sr. Mary Teresa and wish them every blessing in their new assignment.

St. Asicus Centre Keadue will be closed until Thursday 2nd Jan 2014.

Let the Past Go

Do not begin the new year by recounting to yourself or others all your losses and sorrows.

Let the past go.

Should some good friend present you with material for a lovely garment, would you insult her by throwing it aside and describing the beautiful garments you had worn out in past times?

The new year has given you the fabric for a **fresh start in life** why dwell upon the events which have gone, the joys, blessings and advantages of the past.

Do not tell me it is too late to be **successful** or happy. Do not tell me you are sick or broken in

spirit; the spirit cannot be sick or broken, because it is of God.

It is your mind which makes your body sick. Let the spirit assert itself and demand **health, hope and happiness** in the New Year.

Forget the money you have lost, the mistakes you have made, the injuries you have received, the disappointments you have experienced.

Real sorrow, the sorrow which comes from the death of dear ones, or some great cross well borne, you need not forget. But think of these things as sent to **enrich your nature** and to make you more human and sympathetic You are missing them if you permit yourself instead to grow melancholy and irritable.