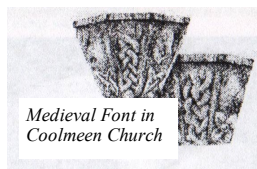


Cranny/Coolmeen Newsletter

17th/18th December 2016

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Medieval Font in Coolmeen Church

Community Office
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Opening Hours:
 9.00am – 1.00pm Mon/Tue/Wed/Thurs/Fri
 Contact: 065 68 32070 / 086 8513077

Basket Collection: 10th/11th December €413.00
Mass Cards: Available from Community Office, Coolmeen and Margaret Haugh.
Cranny Church Cleaning Group for December:
 Carrowreagh West

Mass Times: Cranny -Saturday 7pm
 Coolmeen -Sunday 9.45am
Mass Times for this week.

Monday	No Mass
Tuesday	9.30am(Cranny)
Wednesday	10am (Kildysart)
Thursday	10am (Kildysart)
Friday	10am Kildysart

Christmas 2016 in Coolmeen-Cranny
 Sacrament of Reconciliation
 Coolmeen on Tuesday, 20th December at 7pm
 St. Mary's church, Cranny on Wednesday, 21st December at 7pm

Mass for the feast of Christmas
 St. Mary's Church, Cranny on Christmas Eve at 6.30pm
 St Benedict's Church, Coolmeen on Christmas Day at 9.45 am.

Cranny Choir Practice: There will be a choir practice for Christmas in St. Mary's Church, Cranny on Thursday 22nd December from 7.30-8.30pm.

The Grouped Anniversary Masses for December.
Cranny - Saturday 31st December. Names to be given to Mary O'Dea, Susan King or written into the book in the Church.
Coolmeen - Sunday 1st. January. Names to be given to Margaret Haugh or written into the book in the Church.

Christmas Carols: Our parish choirs will sing Christmas carols at 6.30pm (before 7pm Mass this Saturday 17th Dec) in St. Mary's Church, Cranny. We thank the members of the Coolmeen and Cranny choirs and those who have joined them for our Christmas liturgies.

Rest in Peace:
 We pray for Thomas O' Sullivan, Thomas (Brewster) late of Lahinch and Cranny who died on 7th December 2016. May the Lord grant Thomas eternal rest and console his wife Margaret, son Finbar, daughters Pamela and Melissa and all who knew and loved him.

The first anniversary Mass for Mary McGoldrick, Gortlass will be celebrated in St. Michael's Church, Kildysart on Sunday 18th December at 11am. May the Lord grant her eternal rest and be close to John her husband, her sisters Mona, Joan, Evelyn & Peggy and to all who formed part of her circle of love and care.

The Priests' Christmas Collection will be taken up next weekend (Christmas night and Christmas Day) We thank you for your unfailing generosity.

Communion under both species: People attending the monthly shared anniversary Mass in St. Mary's Church, Cranny are welcome to receive the Blood of the Lord, from the chalice.

Advent Reflections: A one page reflection on each Sunday Gospel for Advent called 'Hearing, Happening, Hoping' can be downloaded from the Killaloe diocesan website www.killaloeodiocese.ie

This year we will celebrate '**Bambinelli Sunday**' in the Diocese of Killaloe at Mass on the Fourth Sunday of Advent (December 18th). All children and families are invited to bring the Baby Jesus figure from their homes to be blessed. Families can make their own 'Bambinelli' if they wish.

As the weather gets colder and the days get darker the Killaloe Diocese Justice, Peace & Care of Creation Committee urges all of us to keep an eye on elderly neighbours. As Church we all have a responsibility to look after each other so if you have any elderly neighbours living alone near you, take 5 minutes to check if they need any errands run and to ensure they are warm enough and have enough food. A little gesture can make a big difference.

The Christmas Season can be a difficult time for people bereaved by suicide. Support is only a phone call away. Clare Suicide Bereavement Support Volunteers are available to help you. This is a free and confidential support service. Please phone 086 0565373 or 087 3698315.

Don't be lonely this Christmas: Senior Help Line will be open every day over Christmas and the New Year from 10 am to 10pm. We are here to take your call if you are on your own, feeling isolated, worried and would like someone to talk to. LoCall 1850 440 444, no call costs more than 30 cent. All calls are confidential.

Used Postage Stamps wanted for charity. Collection boxes at back of Coolmeen and Cranny churches. Your support would be greatly appreciated.

Carol Singing after Mass in St. Benedict's Church, Coolmeen this Sunday 18th December, to contribute towards lighting up the Christmas tree.

Coolmeen GAA will hold their 2016 AGM on Sunday 8th January at 2pm. All current members are asked to attend. New members are most welcome. All motions for AGM to be submitted to Club Secretary Antoinette Quinlivan by Dec. 30th. 2016 at latest.

Where I find God - Cora and Joanne will be signing this beautiful book in Veritas Ennis 3pm Friday. All welcome.

CÜIL MÍN/KILDYSART G.A.A. LOTTO DRAW
 Next Draw: Monday 19th December at Cahill's Bar
 Last week's winning numbers 3, 7, 9, 22 - no winner

Jackpot €7,000

€50 Susan King	Cranny
€30 Terry Murphy	Kildysart
€30 Brian & Aoife Fitzgibbon	Inagh
€30 Paul Kenny	Clondrina
€30 Conor Finucane	Effernan
€30 Gerry & Patsy Morrissey	c/o Hilltop

Cüil Min GAA Club appreciates your support.
 Remember On-line lotto available to play no matter where in the world you may be. www.localotto.ie

Kildysart Graveyard Extension: Tickets are available to purchase in shops and businesses in Kildysart for a Christmas Raffle in aid of Kildysart Graveyard Extension. Many prizes sponsored by local and other businesses. Your support would be much appreciated.

St Vincent De Paul Christmas Food Appeal: St. Vincent de Paul have once again asked us to help with their Christmas Food Appeal. Food Appeal boxes will be placed in both Churches. Times are difficult for many families in these poor economic times and your donation, no matter how small is very much appreciated. It is hoped to get as much as possible in during the next two weeks. Non perishable goods only please. The boxes will remain in the Churches until Tuesday 20th. December. Thanking you for your kindness.

The 12th Annual Christmas Swim will take place at 12 noon on Christmas Day at Gortglas Lake in aid of the West Clare Mini Marathon Cancer Fund. Sponsorship forms are available from Mc Mahon's Pharmacy or from 087 9672441.

Thank you to the parents and children who attended our special choir practice last Wednesday. Our Christmas choir practice will continue on Thursday 22nd in St. Mary's Church, Cranny from 7.30-8.30pm.

Health Care Assistants (Carers) required in the Clare area. QQI Level 5 in Health Care Support/Community Health or similar. Patient Moving & Handling. If currently studying for this award, applicants will also be considered. Experience required. Contact: Bluebird Care Clare on 065-6868222.

Trócaire is hoping for the usual terrific support from parishioners for the Trócaire Gifts. The gifts make a huge difference to families in the world's poorest countries and start from €5 for olive trees for Palestinian families. Log on to trocaire.org or call 1850 408 408

Christmas Cards: A limited amount of Christmas cards with either a drawing of St Benedict's Church Coolmeen or featuring photographs of the sanctuary of St. Mary's Church Cranny are available in the Community Office, Coolmeen or after Masses in the parish, 4 for €5, or €1 each.

After Mass on Christmas Eve in Cranny Church there will be carol singing in aid of the West Clare Mini Marathon Cancer Fund. Please support.