

## Cranny/Coolmeen Newsletter

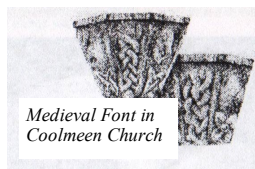
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Medieval Font in Coolmeen Church

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

**Basket Collection:** 26th/27th November €536.00  
**Mass Cards:** Available from Community Office, Coolmeen and Margaret Haugh.  
**Cranny Church Cleaning Group for December:** Carrowreagh West

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

Monday	No Mass
Tuesday	10am (Kildysart)
Wednesday	7pm (Coolmeen)
Thursday	9.45am (Cranny)
	11am (Kildysart)
Friday	10am (Kildysart)

**The Feast of the Immaculate Conception** will be celebrated on Thursday next 8th December. It is a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass for the feast will be celebrated in St. Benedict's Church, Coolmeen on Wednesday at 7pm and on Thursday in St. Mary's Church, Cranny at 9.45am and in St. Michael's Church, Kildysart at 11am.

**Parish Pastoral Council:** The next meeting of our parish pastoral council will take place in the Parochial House, Coolmeen on Thursday 8th December at 8.30pm. If any member of the parish would like to have an issue discussed by the pastoral council they are welcome to contact any member of the council.

**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.

**First Holy Communion:** Our second preparation Mass for our First Holy Communion candidates and their families will be celebrated in St. Michael's Church, Kildysart on next Sunday 11th December.

**Parish Collection 2017:** The envelopes for the weekly, priests' and other collections in support of our parish and diocese will be distributed this weekend. If you have not received a box of envelopes in the past and would like to support our parish you are welcome to contact the parish office or any member of our parish pastoral council. We thank all our parishioners for their generous support.

**Rest in Peace:** You are asked to pray for Sinon Moloney late of Aylroe who died recently in Australia. May the Lord grant him eternal rest and console all who mourn him.

**Wedding:** We congratulate Mairéad Kennedy, Derryshane and Brendan Keehan, Crusheen who celebrated the sacrament of marriage in St. Benedict's Church, Coolmeen on Friday 25th November, 2016. May the Lord bless their marriage and home.

**Confirmation:** As part of the parish preparation, we will have the enrolment Mass for the candidates on Saturday, 10th December at 7pm in St. Mary's Church, Cranny. We pray for the young people preparing to receive the Holy Spirit and their parents, families and teachers

**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.killaloediocese.ie](http://www.killaloediocese.ie)

**Remembrance Ceremony:** Clare Haven Services invite you to attend a Remembrance Ceremony in the Franciscan Friary, Ennis on Wednesday 7th December at 7pm. This ceremony is to remember women who died through violence.

**The Killaloe Diocesan Youth Council** invite young people aged 16 and over to their Christmas Fun, Faith and social afternoon on Sunday 11th December from 2 to 4pm in the church of Our Lady, Roslevan. Everybody is asked to bring non-perishable food items for those in need. Contact Cora Guinnane 087 2400135

**Three Tenors Concert** in SS. John and Paul Church, Shannon on Sunday 11th December at 8pm. Tickets are available from the parish office Shannon (061-364133) and Easons, Skycourt Shopping Centre Shannon.

**The Collection for Cancer** in Cranny last Saturday 26th November amounted to €256.87. Many thanks.

**Cranny Choir Practice:** There will be a choir practice for Christmas in St. Mary's Church, Cranny on Monday 5th December. Please make a special effort to attend.

**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 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.

**CÙIL MÌN/KILDYSART G.A.A. LOTTO DRAW**  
Next Draw: Monday 5th December at Mitchell's Bar

Last week's winning numbers 5, 8, 22, 25 - no winner

€50 Tony Clancy	Kildysart
€30 Gerry Casey	c/o Alan Corry
€30 Shane Mc Mahon	Cranny
€30 Senan Corry	Coolmeen
€30 Dan & Lucy Lynch	Ballylean
€30 Paul Clancy	Ballylean

**Cùil Min GAA Club appreciates your support.**  
Remember On-line lotto [www.localotto.ie](http://www.localotto.ie)

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**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.

**Santa visits Tír na nOg:** The Peadar Clancy Festival Committee have invited Santa back to the parish and luckily he will be able to fit us into his very busy schedule.  
Venue: Tír na nOg, Time 3pm-5pm Date Sun. 11th Dec. Present and Disco courtesy of Peadar Clancy Festival Committee. Photographer available on the day if you would like to have your picture taken with Santa. Looking forward to seeing you there. All welcome.

**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.

#### Christmas Choir:

Dear Parents,

It is hoped again this year to have as many children as possible involved in the Christmas Eve Mass in Coolmeen at 9.30pm. We would like to invite you and your family to this Mass. We would love to have the children taking part in the ceremony.

In order to prepare for this, our first choir practice is on Wednesday 7th December 7.30pm to 8.30pm in Coolmeen Church and we plan to have two more, on dates to be decided. We hope as many children as possible will be able to participate.

We appreciate that 9.30pm is late for children on Christmas Eve but the Mass would not be the same without the children's voices. Do the best you can. Margaret Haugh & Brid Meaney