

Cranny/Coolmeen Newsletter

December 21st/22nd

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Basket Collection: Weekend 14th/15th €439.

Thank you for your generosity.

Coolmeen Minister of the Word:

Christmas Eve: Teresa Markham

Christmas Day: Mary Greene.

Cranny Church Cleaning Group: December — Boloughera group..

Mass Cards: Available from Community Office, Coolmeen and Margaret Haugh.

Christmas 2013 Coolmeen/Cranny

Christmas Mass: will be celebrated in St Benedict's Church, Coolmeen on

Christmas Eve at 8pm and in St Mary's Church, Cranny on Christmas morning at 9.45am.

St Stephen's Day Mass will be celebrated in St Michael's Church, Kildysart at 7pm.

New Year's Day Mass: will be celebrated in St Mary's Church, Cranny on

Wednesday 1 January, 2014 at 12noon.

Rest in Peace: You are asked to remember in prayer Gerard Donnelly, Dublin son of Kathleen and the late Flan Donnelly, Cranny whose funeral was celebrated in Kildysart on Tuesday. May the Lord grant him eternal rest.

The Priests' Christmas Collection: is being taken up this weekend. May we thank you for your unfailing generosity

Bereaved by Suicide: The Christmas Season can be a difficult time for people bereaved by suicide. Clare Suicide Bereavement Support volunteers are available to help you. Support is only a phone call away. We promise complete confidentiality. 086 0565373; 087 3698315; <www.claresuicidebereavementsupport.com



Mass Times for this Week:
Mon & Fri - 10am Kildysart.
Tues - 8pm -Coolmeen.
Wed- 9.45am Cranny
Thurs- 7pm Kildysart

Grouped Anniversary Mass: Next grouped Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in **Coolmeen** - Saturday December 28th at 6.45pm (names to be given to Margaret Haugh 087 6981841, Brid Meaney 087 2741279 or written into the book at the back of Church). **Cranny** - Sunday December 29th at 9.45am (names to be given to Mary O'Dea, Susan King or written into book in the Church.
Loved ones to be remembered in Cranny: James & Michael Crowley, Cragg. Pat Lynch, Clonkett. Kevin Doyle, Six Crosses & Galway. Teresa Kelly (Collins), Ennis & Cranny and all the deceased members of the Kelly family. Patrick, Bridget & Denis O'Sullivan, Co. Kerry. Margaret O'Connell, Cranny.
Loved ones to be remembered in Coolmeen: Michael Cunningham, Aylroe. Martin Kिरrane, Kildysart. Kitty & Patrick Flynn, New York & Clondrina.

Trócaire: would like to thank parishioners for their support this year particularly during the recent emergency appeals for Syria and the Philippines. Trócaire Christmas Gifts can still be bought at www.trocaire.org/gifts by calling 1850 408 408.

Brid Meaney: will be taking part in a building project in Kenya again in January 10th 2014. She will be travelling with The Ray of Sunshine Foundation. If you would like to sponsor Brid you can contact her at 087-2741279. Any donation you can make will be greatly appreciated and put to great use. Many thanks.

The 10th Annual Christmas Day Swim: Will take place at Gortglass lake at 12 noon. To date this event has raised €60,060 for the West Clare Mini Marathon Fund. Sponsorship cards may be obtained from Mc Mahon's Pharmacy, Kildysart or from John O'Connell on 08796724.

St Vincent de Paul Christmas Food Appeal: Boxes will be placed in both Churches. Your donation, no matter how small is appreciated in these difficult times. The boxes will be there until 22nd December. Thanking you for your kindness.

Carol Singing: outside Cranny Church after Mass on Christmas Day in aid of the West Clare Mini Marathon Cancer Fund.

Eucharistic Adoration: in St. Mary's Church Cranny on Tuesday 7th January 2014 from 9.30am to 7.30pm.

The Joy of the Gospel: Copies of Pope Francis' letter to the members of the Church are available at Veritas, O'Connell St., Ennis. The booklet is written in a readable style and outlines the Pope's dream for the Church.

The Islands of the Shannon Estuary: by Dolores Meaney & Jackie Elger, is now available at the post office and local shops. This new book contains beautiful photographs and information on our islands. An ideal Christmas present.

Pilgrimage to the Canonisations of Popes John XXIII and John Paul II: from 23rd - 30th April led by Bishop Kieran O'Reilly, SMA. Staying the city centre and visiting the principal holy places of the Eternal City. Also visiting Montecassino and Assisi. Contact 057 9355050 (mornings only) or <<mailto:a.mcdonnell@killaloedioocese.ie>>

G.A.A. Lotto Results:

Winning Numbers: Monday 9th December
07 - 10 - 19 - 22.

Congratulations to Winner:

Noel Murphy, Kildysart.

Seller: Tír na n-Óg.

Next Week's Draw: Monday 23rd December
at: **The Alders. Jackpot:** - €3,000. **Sales** - €497.

Online Lotto: Coolmeen G.A.A. is pleased to announce online lotto is now available to play no matter where in the world you might be! With a minimum guaranteed jackpot of €3,000. You can win big while helping your club!

Job Vacancy: Secretary (CE Scheme - Coolmeen), Hours per week:19.5. This is a developmental opportunity, no experience is necessary. Accredited training will be provided to support your career. Duties to include: wages, bank reconciliation, dealing with queries, keeping records, filing etc. Must meet Department of Social Protection Criteria. Contact Geraldine on 086-8513077 / 065- 6832070

Christmas Carol Service: will take place in St Benedict's church, Coolmeen on Saturday 21st December at 6.15pm. We thank our parish choirs for their contribution to our prayer and liturgy.

A Christmas childhood in Ireland

My father played the melodion
Outside at our gate;
There were stars in the morning east;
And they danced to his music.
Across the wild bogs his melodion called
To Lennons and Callans.
As I pulled on my trousers in a hurry
I knew some strange thing had happened.
Outside in the cow-house my mother
Made the music of milking;
The light of her stable-lamp was a star
And the frost of Bethlehem made it twinkle.
A water-hen screeched in the bog,
Mass-going feet
Crunched the wafer-ice on the pot-holes,
Somebody wistfully twisted the bellows wheel.
My child poet picked out the letters
On the grey stone,
In silver the wonder of a Christmas townland,
The winking glitter of a frosty dawn.
Cassiopeia was over
Cassidy's hanging hill,
I looked and three whin bushes rode across
The horizon - the Three Wise Kings.
An old man passing said:
"Can't he make it talk" -
The melodion, I hid in the doorway
And tightened the belt of my box-pleated coat.
I nicked six nicks on the door-post
With my penknife's big blade -
There was a little one for cutting tobacco.
And I was six Christmases of age.
My father played the melodion,
My mother milked the cows,
And I had a prayer like a white rose pinned
On the Virgin Mary's blouse.
Patrick Kavanagh