Cranny/Coolmeen Newsletter

January 4th & 5th

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Basket Collection: Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and December 29th.€1,656. Coolmeen Minister of the Word: January 12th—Marion McMahon Cranny Church Cleaning Group: January Cragg.

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

Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord Monday 6th January is the feast of the Epiphany. It is a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass will be celebrated in St Marv's Church, Cranny at 9.45am and in St Benedict's Church, Coolmeen at 7.30pm. There will also be Mass in St Michael's Church, Kildysart on Monday at 11am. The Feast of the Epiphany (the word means "manifestation") celebrates the making known of God the Son as a human being in Jesus Christ. The feast commemorates the visit of the Three Kings (the Magi) to the Baby Jesus and the revelation Jesus' birth beyond the Jewish world. The Kings brought gifts of gold (fit for a king), frankincense (used for worship) and myrrh (for embalming, since Christ was to die for us). In Italy and other countries children receive gifts on this day. Traditionally in Ireland, the day was known as 'Nollaig na mBan' as

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

it was the day when women celebrated

Christmas.





Mass Times for this Week:

Mon - 9.45am Cranny, 7.30pm Coolmeen & 11am Kildysart.
Tues/Wed/Fri - 10am – Kildysart
Thurs - 9.30am Cranny
Masses for January:
Cranny – Saturday 6.45pm.
Coolmeen – Sunday 9.45am.

Rest in Peace: You are asked to remember in prayer Ian Townsend, Birrinfadda who died on 27th December 2013. May the Lord grant Ian eternal rest and console all who mourn him. Ian's Months Mind Mass will be celebrated in St Mary's Church, Cranny on Friday 7th February at 8pm.

Pre-Marriage Courses: Couples preparing to celebrate the sacrament of marriage in Killaloe diocese are required to take part in a recognised pre-marriage course. The diocese recognises the courses offered by ACCORD; Esker, Co Galway and Mount Argus, Dublin ACCORD provide twelve courses at various dates during 2014 in Ennis. Details may be found on http://www.accord.ie or 065 6824297, 085 2358384. Further information on the Church notice board.

Pastoral Council Meeting: The January meeting of Coolmeen-Cranny Pastoral Council will take place in the Parochial House, Coolmeen on Tuesday 14th January 2014 at 8.30pm.

Wishing all our parishioners a happy, healthy and peaceful New Year from all at the Community Office. Christmas Day Carol Singing in Cranny: Many thanks to all who contributed to and took part in the Carol Singing in aid of the West Clare Mini Marathon Cancer Fund. Amount collected: €362.

The Irish Wheelchair Association: supporting people with physical and sensory disabilities have now opened a Charity Shop in Francis Street, Ennis (old Clare FM radio building). We are currently seeking donations of good quality clothing, shoes, bric-a-brac and furniture for the shop. We also take worn clothes for recycle. Your support would be greatly appreciated. Why not come along for a browse. Thanking you in advance.

G.A.A. Lotto Results: Monday 23rd December -No Winner Winning Numbers: - 02, 16, 18, 23. Sales €210.

10 X €50 Lucky Dip Winners

- (1) Cecily & Una Donnellan, Kildysart.
 - (2) Michael, Tom & Martin.
 - (3) Anne Callinan, Birrinfadda.
 - (4) Tommy Clancy, Ennis Road.
- (5) Shane & Michael Brooks, Shessive. (6) Michael O'Hare, Kildysart.
- (7) Rian, Oran & Cuan Meaney, Cranny.
 - (8) Terence Murphy, Kildysart.
- (9) Maureen & Colin McMahon, Kildysart. (10) David Bohannon, Kildysart.

Monday 30th December –No winner Winning Numbers –07, 10, 11, 24. Sales €513.

€50 - Noel Meaney, Cranny. €30 (1) John & Johnathan Cahill, Kildysart.

- (2) Bridget Garry, Forthill.
- (3) Peter Shannon, Cranny.(4) Patrick Coyle, Kildysart.
- (5) Brendan Cleary, Coolmeen.

Next Draw Monday 6th January at Mitchell's—Jackpot €3,600

Online Lotto available to play no matter where in the world you might be! You can win big while helping your club!

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 or.

www.claresuicidebereavementsupport.com

Pilgrimage to the Canonisations of Popes John XXIII and John Paul II: from 23rd – 30th April led by Bishop Kieran O'Reilly, SMA. Staying in 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@killaloediocese.ie>.



Blessing of the New Year: Be with us, Lord.

In January, the month of darkness and frost - Be with us, Lord.

In February, the month of rain, wind and snow - Be with us, Lord.

In March, the month of farmers, lambs and new life - Be with us, Lord.

In April, the month of swallows, growth and green grass - Be with us, Lord.

In May, the month of the cuckoo, the flowers and summer - Be with us, Lord.

In June, the month of examination, the midsummer and sun - Be with us,

Lord.

In July, the month of holidays, the dry grass and summer's end - Be with

us. Lord.

In August, the month of harvest, wheat and corn - Be with us, Lord.

In September, the month of fruits and school - Be with us. Lord.

In October, the month of falling leaves, nuts and Halloween - Be with us,

Lord.

In November, the month of the dead, the souls and the saints - Be with us,

Lord

In December, the month of the gift, the light and Our Saviour - Be with us, Lord.