

Sunday December 9th 2012

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G.A.A. LOTTO RESULTS

Winning Numbers: Monday, December 2nd: **3, 14, 17, 20. €50:** Caroline McMahon, Cranny. **€30: (1)** Gerry Casey, Gurtmahaha. **(2)** Martin McMahon, Crahera. **(3)** Eimear McMahon, Aylroe **(4)** Lauren Keane, Shanahea. **(5)** Mairéad Kelly, Lacknashannagh. **Next Week's Draw:** Monday, 10th December at The Alder's. Lotto Sales **€299. Next Jackpot: €5,000.**

Basket Collection: Basket Collection for 1st/2nd December €375.

Mass Times: **Kildysart:** Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday at 10am. **Cranny:** Thursday 9.30am and Friday at 7pm.

Masses December: Coolmeen - Saturday 6.45pm & Cranny - Sunday 9.45am.

Recent Death: The death occurred recently of Edmund Burke, Cooraclare and Cranny. Sympathies to his family. May He Rest In Peace.

Anniversary Mass: The First Anniversary Mass for Pat Lynch, Clonkett will be celebrated in St Mary's Church, Cranny on Friday next (14th December) at 7pm.

Month's Mind Mass: The Month's mind Mass for Tony Burke late of Rathmines, Dublin (widower of Tessie O'Connell, Cranny) will be celebrated in St. Mary's Church, Cranny on Sunday, 16th December at 9.45am. We will also remember Margaret O'Connell in this Mass.

First Holy Communion: The enrolment ceremony for the children preparing for First Holy Communion will take place during 9.45am Mass in Cranny on Sunday, 9th December 2012. The enrolment ceremony in Coolmeen takes place during 9.45am Mass on Sunday, 27th Jan 2013.

Coeliac: If any member of the parish wishes to receive low gluten hosts at Holy Communion or to receive from the chalice they are welcome to contact Fr. Albert McDonnell.

Coolmeen Minister of the Word: Bernadette McNamara - 16th December.

Parish Website: We have recently published a website for the parish of Coolmeen/Cranny www.kilfidaneparish.com. The website contains information of interest to our parish, diocese and the wider community and Church. The parish newsletter will also be published each week on the website. Suggestions and comments are welcome.

Collection: The planned collection to defray the expenses incurred by the International Eucharistic Congress is no longer necessary. Therefore, it is not necessary to return the envelope marked Eucharistic Congress.

Distribution of 2013 Envelopes: The box of collection envelopes for each household for 2013 is available for collection at the entrances to Coolmeen and Cranny Churches.

Preparation for Christmas: A service of reconciliation with an opportunity for individual confession will take place at 7.30pm in Cranny on Monday, 10th December and at 7.30pm in Coolmeen on Wednesday, 12th December.

Coolmeen Altar Society: Altar Society members for December are: Marian McMahon, Maeve O'Neill, Agnes Neenan, Geraldine McMahon, Carmel Reidy, Win Keane and Marian Mulconroy.

Blood Donor Clinic: The Irish Blood Transfusion Service will be holding a blood donor clinic in The West County Hotel, Ennis on Wednesday 12th, Thursday 13th, Monday, 17th and Tuesday, 18th December. Time: 6pm to 9pm. Also clinics on Wednesday, 19th and Thursday, 20th December. Time: 2pm to 5pm.

Christmas Greetings: Personalised Christmas Cards made to order and Calendars available at Cranny Office. Call in or phone 065 6832070.

West Clare Family Resource Centre: Christmas Toiletries Emergency Appeal - In Aid of Clare Haven Services Refuge. Please give what you can to West Clare Family Resource Centre at the Community Centre in the line of nappies, sudocrem, toothbrush, toothpaste, shower gel, soap, breakfast cereal, tinned food, women's and children's underwear etc.... To support women and children in abusive situations at Christmas Time. On or before 17th December 2012 for further information please contact Viv 065 9052173.

Community Alert: Anyone interested in been involved in Community Alert in the Cranny/Coolmeen and Kilmurry McMahon areas, please contact Garda John Cahill at Kilrush Garda Station at 065 9080550.

Santa's Visit To Tír na n-Óg: The Peadar Clancy Festival Committee are delighted to let you know that Santa has accepted their invitation again this year. He will visit Tír na n-Óg this Sunday, 9th December from 3-6pm. Disco, Santa Present and refreshments are sponsored by the Peadar Clancy Festival Committee. Photographs available on the day at €10. He is looking forward to meeting all the boys and girls.

West Clare Mini Marathon: Registration takes place in Tír na n-Óg this Sunday, 9th December between 6-7pm.

Christmas Fair: At Kilmurry McMahon Community Centre: December 15th, 10.30 - 4.30 pm. Christmas Logs, Wreaths, Flowers, Cakes, Ceramics, Jewellery, Gifts, etc. Children's play area. Loads of stalls. Admission free.

Home Care Worker Vacancies: Must have FETAC Level 5 Major Award in Healthcare Support or equivalent completed (8 modules) or be in process of completing same. Please forward a letter of application outlining your suitability for the position and a current CV to The Carers Association, Unit 1 Georges Quay House, Georges Quay, Limerick or by e-mail to cdevlin@carersireland.com Tel: 061-310434. The Carers Association is an equal opportunities employer.

Co. Clare VEC's Back To Education Initiative (BTEI): are proposing to offer a FETAC Level 3 themed 'Getting Creative with Drama & Music' programme in Ennis commencing in December 2012. The course is for adults who wish to develop their skills and knowledge in the area of Creative Arts, Music and Communications. For Further information contact the BTEI Office at the Adult & Community Education Centre, Clonroad Business Park, Ennis on 6843633 or 6897640.

An Advent Prayer by Henri J. M. Nouwen :

"Lord Jesus, master of both the light and the darkness,
send your Holy Spirit upon our preparations for Christmas.

We who have so much to do seek quiet spaces to hear your voice each day.

We who are anxious over many things look forward to your coming among us.

We who are blessed in so many ways long for the complete joy of your kingdom.

We whose hearts are heavy seek the joy of your presence.

We are your people, walking in darkness, yet seeking the light.

To you we say, "Come Lord Jesus!"

