

Cranny/Coolmeen Newsletter

23rd/24th December 2017

Radharc na nOileán

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Offertory Collection 16th/17th Dec. €560
Mass Cards Available from Community Office Coolmeen and Margaret Haugh.

Mass Times: **Sunday 6pm Coolmeen**
Sunday 8pm Kildysart
Monday, Christmas Day 9.00am (Cranny)
10.30am (Kildysart)
Tuesday, St Stephen's Day 8pm (Kildysart)
Wednesday No Mass
Thursday 9.30am (Cranny)
Friday 8.00pm (Kildysart)

Christmas in Radharc na nOileán Parishes

Christmas vigil Mass - 24th December 2018

St Benedict's Church, Coolmeen	6.00 pm
Christ the King, Ballycorick	7.00 pm
St Michael's Church, Kildysart	8.00 pm
Our Lady of the Wayside, Lissycasey	9.00 pm

Christmas morning Mass - 25th December 2018

St Mary's Church, Cranny	9.00 am
Christ the King, Ballycorick	10.00 am
St Michael's Church, Kildysart	10.30 am
Our Lady of the Wayside, Lissycasey	11.00 am

A Prayer of Blessing at Christmas

God of Mary and Joseph, of shepherds and animals, bless us whenever we gaze on this manger scene. Through all the days of Christmas may these figures tell the story of how humans, angels, and animals found the Christ in this poor place. Fill our house with hospitality, joy, gentleness, and thanksgiving; and guide our steps in the way of peace. Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Rest in Peace: We pray for Catherine (Kitty) O'Connell (née Whelan) late of Kinlea, Knockalough who died on 17th December 2017. May the Lord grant Kitty eternal rest, console her daughter Sue Talty, Cragg and all the members of her family and all who mourn her.

The Grouped Anniversary Masses for December - All names to be submitted by Wednesday 27th Cranny - Saturday 30th December. Names to be given to Mary O'Dea, Susan King or written into the book in the Church.

Coolmeen - Sunday 31st December. Names to be given to Margaret Haugh or written into the book in the Church.

Christmas Blessings: May we wish all the members of our parish, your families and friends every blessing at Christmas. We remember in our prayers those who are in hospital or separated from their loved ones. May the Lord be born in the hearts of all men and women this Christmas.

Welcoming the New Year: Mass will be celebrated in St Michael's Church, Kildysart at 5 pm on Sunday 31st December as the sun sets for the final time on 2017. You are welcome to come to thank the Lord for the blessings we received in 2017 and ask His help in 2018. We will also celebrate Mass in St Mary's Church, Cranny at 12 noon on Monday 1st January 2018.

Priests' Christmas Collection will be taken up this weekend. Your unfailing generosity is greatly appreciated.

Killaloe Diocese Pilgrimage to Lourdes: Bishop Fintan Monahan will lead the 62nd Diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes from Shannon Airport from Tuesday 26th June until Sunday 1st July. €695 full board for online booking at www.joewalshstours.ie or €705 for paper booking. Special section for sick or assisted pilgrims at a reduced price.

Autumn Pilgrimage from Sunday 7th October until Friday 12th October €669 for online booking or €679 for paper booking.

Volunteering and Registration World Meeting of Families 2018 (WMOF2018): Registration for all WMOF2018 events is now open and available on www.worldmeeting2018.ie. Individual pilgrims and families can now register for the main three-day WMOF2018 Congress from August 22nd - 24th, guaranteeing your ticket(s) for the Festival of Families on Saturday 25th August and for the Closing Mass on Sunday, 26th August. Don't miss out on these once in a generation events. REGISTER NOW! www.worldmeeting2018.ie

Moneypoint AFC would like to wish all the Managers, Committee Members, Parents, Players, and Loyal Supporters a Very Happy, Healthy, peaceful Christmas, and Best wishes for 2018.

Trócaire's Christmas Appeal "In love there is no room for fear, but perfect love drives out fear..." John 4:18. Trócaire's Christmas Appeal, 'Until Love Conquers Fear', is raising money to support people all over the developing world who face fear every day of their lives - like the fear of not being able to feed their children or the fear of having to flee their homes because of conflict. To find out more about the appeal visit www.trocaire.org

World Meeting of Families: On the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, 6th-7th January, 2018 we plan to celebrate marriage during our parish Masses in Cranny and Coolmeen. Couples who are celebrating their silver, golden, 10th, 20th, 30th, 40th, 60th wedding anniversary during 2018 are invited to attend that Mass where they will receive a special blessing and an image of the Holy Family. Please contact the parish office or Fr Albert McDonnell.

St Flannan's College Trad Group in concert with Kilfenora Ceili Band:

Fundraiser for the school. Friday Jan 5th in Glór, Ennis. Tickets at www.glor.ie 065-6843103.

CÜIL MÍN/KILDYSART G.A.A. LOTTO DRAW

Next Draw : Thursday 28th December 2017

at The Hilltop Bar **Jackpot €3,400**

Last week's winning numbers **15, 18, 19, 24.**

10 x €50 Lucky Dip Winners are:

Seán McMahon, Coolmeen	Susan Meaney Ballylean
Martie McMahon, Coolmeen	Eileen Lynch, Moyfadda
Brendan Slattery, Moneypoint	Robert Eyres, Kildysart
John Murtagh, Ennis Road	John Mullins, Inagh
Ellen McNamara, Ballynacally	Mitchell, Mitchells Bar

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

Used Postage Stamps Wanted for Charity:

Please leave some paper around the stamps. Collection boxes at the back of Cranny/Coolmeen Church, also Kildysart Church, post office and library. All Stamps are sent to missions for their work in third world countries. (Dominican missions, Dublin) Thanks for your generosity in the past.

Gortglas Lake 14th Annual Christmas Day Swim

will take place at 12 noon on Christmas day at Gortglas Lake. Sponsorship cards available from MacMahon's Pharmacy Kildysart. All proceeds to West Clare Mini Marathon Cancer fund. For further information contact 087 967 2441.

Towards Peace: The vision of Towards Peace is to provide a safe supportive space for people who have been affected by abuse in a Church context. If you have been abused and would like a space to reflect on the impact of the trauma of abuse on your own relationship with God and spirituality, Towards Peace is here for you: www.towardspeace.ie Tel. 01 505 3028.

20th Annual West Clare Mini Marathon, Sunday 28th January 2018:

Sponsorship Cards are now available from the Cancer Centre in Corry Lane, Kilkee, 11-2pm, Monday to Friday. All participants will receive a commemorative medal to mark this milestone event. Sincere thanks to everybody who has contributed to the Charity over the past 20 years. Ni neart go cur le cheile.

Childline Limerick are currently recruiting for volunteers

to join and expand our dedicated team in January 2018. Childline is Ireland's only free 24hour listening service for children and young people. If you are interested and would like to hear more about being a Call Facilitator contact regional supervisor Danielle Carmody at Danielle.carmody@ispcc.ie

Doonbeg 4th Annual Christmas Day Swim

will take place at White Strand Doonbeg on Mon, Dec. 25th at 12noon sharp. All proceeds in aid of Milford Care Hospice. Entry €10. Spot Prize for best dressed. Refreshments provided.

Sacrament of Marriage: Couples who are planning to marry during 2018 are reminded that they will find details of Accord pre-marriage courses on www.accord.ie