

# 12th & 13th December 2020



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**Anniversary Masses** 

**Knockerra Church** Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> December at 6pm Bridie and Johnny Collins, Knockerra

# Tuesday 15th December at 8.55am

PJ and Joseph McNamara

Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> December at 6pm John Joe Meehan 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary, Tonovoher Mary Browne and family members, Molougha P.J. Browne and family members, Tonovoher Helen Flynn, late of London

## Killimer Church Sunday 13th December 11am

James McMahon, Donail Senan McMahon, Donail Teresa Daly, Burrane

# Sunday 20th December 11am

Gertie & Paddy Chambers Kathleen Malone Sean Carroll

#### **Parish Donations**

Sincere thanks to all our parishioners who have contributed during this time. It is now possible to make a contribution by credit or debit card directly to your parish using the Diocesan Website www.killaloediocese.ie. The full contribution as received by the Diocesan website will be fully paid to your parish. Simply go to the Diocesan Website and click on the red "Donate to your Parish" button on the top of the page. You will be invited to select your parish and the parish fund you wish to contribute to. Your support is greatly appreciated. You can also access this link via the DONATE button on the Killimer Parish Website.

https://www.killaloediocese.ie/parish/killimer-andknockerra/donate/

## **Christmas Masses**

Following discussions with various groups in our parish the Parish Pastoral Council have decided, in the interest of health, safety, and fairness to every member of the parish, Masses over the Christmas Season will only be broadcast on the parish webcams. This was not an easy decision but as everyone knows the extra number of people who attend our Christmas Celebrations far exceed the Government guidelines of 50 persons and large gatherings are not allowed. We would like to encourage all families to be part in spirit in these ceremonies. It would be great to think that as Mass is celebrated in our church, families would gather around the crib in their home and perhaps light a candle to celebrate the birth of Jesus.

If you know of any neighbours who cannot access the webcam perhaps you could help them find a way to avail of the service.

We thank all parishioners for your support during this pandemic and look forward to a time when our churches and indeed our country will once again be open in some normal way.

May the Christ-Child and His Blessed Mother grant us Peace for Christmas and Hope for 2021.

### **Killimer Parish Christmas Mass Times**

24<sup>th</sup> December Christmas Eve – St. Senan's Church Knockerra 7.00pm via Webcam 25<sup>th</sup> December Christmas Day - St. Imy's Church Killimer 11.00am via Webcam 26<sup>th</sup> December Saturday- St. Senan's Church Knockerra 6.00pm via Webcam 27<sup>th</sup> December Sunday - St. Imy's Church Killimer 11.00am via Webcam 28<sup>th</sup> December – December 31<sup>st</sup> Morning Mass St. Senan's Church Knockerra 8.55am as usual 1st January 2021 Friday- Mass of Peace - St. Imy's Church Killimer 12.00 noon via Webcam 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2021 Saturday- St. Senan's Church Knockerra 6.00pm via Webcam 3rd January- Sunday - St. Imy's Church Killimer 11.00am via Webcam

#### Christmas in our Homes

It is possible to experience the spiritual richness of this special season in many ways. Our homes can become "little churches" where we invite the Christchild in. The age-old tradition of having a Christmas crib in the home and gathering there as a family to pray or to sing a carol will be especially meaningful this year. We also invite families or "household bubbles" to pay a visit to their local church at some time during the twelve days to offer a Christmas prayer at the crib and pray together for their families and for those particularly impacted by the pandemic.

### Killimer Local History Group

We wish to sincerely thank all those, to date, who have contributed memoirs, documents and photographs for inclusion in our next publication. Anyone who wishes to contribute photos relating to farming, particularly vintage tractors and machinery, please do so as soon as possible to any member of the group or also by email to

killimerlocalhistory@gmail.com

We would like to take this opportunity to wish you a peaceful Christmas and a happy New Year.

### SACRAMENTS 2021

The following are the dates arranged in consultation with our schools for the Sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Communion in 2021. Confirmation Sat. 13th February 2021 in Knockerra Church. Holy Communion

Sat. 15th May 2021 in Knockerra Church. Planning in relation to times and arranging the Sacrament of First Reconciliation will take place after Christmas. We thank you for your support and co-operation

### Youth Takeover of Beyond Belief

On Sunday Dec 13<sup>th</sup>, there will be a youth takeover of Beyond Belief on Clare FM at 9pm. The Meitheal College leaders will host the programme. Highlights of the programme include interviews with Clare Hurling Captain, David Mc Inerney and Writer and former Clare Hurler, Tony Griffin. This takeover comes at the end of the leaders week long fundraising event via their Facebook and Instagram @meithealsmerrymission. This fundraiser is in aid of Happy Feet, Happy Minds and Clare Haven Services. All donations greatly appreciated and accepted through their GoFundMe page (can be found on their Facebook and Instagram). Their social medias are full of entertaining videos and activities and well worth visiting.

*If you sow generously, you will reap generously as well* (Cor 9:6)

## Face Coverings

We ask all attending our churches in line with government advice to wear face coverings and to use the hand sanitisers on entering and exiting the church.

#### Nollaig an Dóchais

Christmas of Hope, from St Mary's Church, Mullagh, Co Clare, starting on Monday, 14<sup>th</sup> December running until Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> December.

This beautiful Christmas festival of hope, will bring an array of fantastic musical acts from our local community and also within the county of Clare -Fiddlecase, Socks in the Frying Pan, Patrick Roche, Sean O'Malley & Alan Clancy, Josephine Marsh, Katie Theasby, PJ Murrihy and family, Eugene Donnellan dancers, Patrick O'Dwyer, The Turf Shed members, Karen McInerney, The Killeen family, Karen Galvin, Patrick Wickham, Ronan Burke, John & Johnny Daly, Ellie Talty, Zara McCarthy & Cormac Byrne, The Griffins, The O'Dwyers & Orieanna Galvin, Mary & Mary Kate Clancy, Aine Mae O Mahony, Emma Darcy, Sarah & Amy Moloney & Nathan & James Downes, Sean Neylon, Davy Fitzgerald and much more!

This is all in aid of two great charities, - St Vincent de Paul, and The Lighthouse Peer Support Centre Kilrush, supporting people in recovery of mental health issues. All donations can be made through https://www.ifundraise.ie/christmasofhope.

We will have a raffle on our final night, 18<sup>th</sup> December. Lines are available for €5 at our parish office, Mullagh, Pascal Dwyer's Filling Station, XL Dwyer's Quilty, SuperValu, and Londis Milltown Malbay.

#### **Advent Prayer**

To you O Lord we bring our lives Troubled, broken or at ease A sacrificial offering For you to use Take away our selfishness And teach us to love as you loved Take away our sense of pride And show us the meaning of humility Take away our blindness And show us the world through your eyes Take away our greed And teach us how to give as you gave Show us your ways Teach us your paths That we might walk with you more closely *Our hand in your hand* Our feet in your footsteps From the baby in a stable To eternity, Amen