

19th & 20th December 2020

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Anniversary Masses

Knockerra Church

Saturday 19th December at 6pm

John Joe Meehan 1st Anniversary, Tonovoher Mary Browne and family members, Molougha P.J. Browne and family members, Tonovoher Helen Flynn, late of London Henry, Irene and Pat Upton, Derrylough

Thursday 24th December at 7pm (Webcam)

Saturday 26th December at 6pm (Webcam)

Killimer Church

Sunday 20th December 11am Gertie & Paddy Chambers

Gertie & Paddy Chambers Kathleen Malone Sean Carroll

Friday 25th December 11am (Webcam)

Sunday 27th December 11am (Webcam)

Michael and Peg Meehan, Clooneylissane

Parish Donations

In these times of Government lockdown and restrictions on attendances at public masses, many people who are unable to attend church services are interested in contributing to the support of their parish or their priests. 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.

Condolence

We extend our sympathy to Joe, Mary, Jim, Kathleen and all the family, friends and neighbours of May Crowe. May she rest in peace. She will be sadly missed.

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.

Killimer Parish Christmas Mass Times

24th December Christmas Eve – St. Senan's Church Knockerra 7.00pm via Webcam 25th December Christmas Day - St. Imy's Church Killimer 11.00am via Webcam 26th December Saturday- St. Senan's Church Knockerra 6.00pm via Webcam 27th December Sunday - St. Imy's Church Killimer 11.00am via Webcam 28th December – December 31st 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 2nd January 2021 Saturday- St. Senan's Church Knockerra 6.00pm via Webcam 3rd January- Sunday - St. Imy's Church Killimer 11.00am via Webcam

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.

A Christmas Prayer

Emmanuel, God with us you chose to come for each person.

the destitute and the wealthy, the unfortunate and the privileged,

the troubled and the peaceful, the healthy and the ill. You came in human form with a message of extravagant love,

showing us how to be with those who have much less than we do.

You came offering a gesture of respect and reverence instead of indifference and disdain;

giving courteous kindness in place of thoughtless disregard;

contributing ongoing support rather than merely holiday handout.

Change my heart. Turn it inside out, toward the larger world.

Remind me daily of those who struggle with their basic existence.

Lead me to help change social systems that contribute to this ongoing struggle.

Enlarge my awareness. Increase my generosity. Guide my choices of how to live, what I purchase, and how I use my material wealth.

Remind me often of your presence in those I tend to ignore or forget

Boundless Love, thank you for cherishing each person on this planet Joyce Rupp

Sunday, December 20th at 7 p.m

Christmas Miscellany, Reflections and Carols in Preparation for Christmas. This event, from St Columba's Church of Ireland Church in Bindon Street, Ennis and other churches from around the Diocese, will go out on the Diocesan Website www.killaloediocese.ie and on all social media platforms – You Tube etc. this Sunday evening at 7 p.m. Jointly sponsored by the Catholic Diocese of Killaloe and the Church of Ireland Dioceses of Limerick, Killaloe and Clonfert, this promises to be a lovely evening of music, reflection and prayer.

Condolence

We pray for Margaret McMahon, late of Donald East who died recently.

Killimer GAA

Best of luck to Killimer players Odhran Cunningham, Cian Corry and Mikey Kelleher and the rest of the Clare Minor Footballers who are contesting the Munster Gaelic Football Final on Tuesday, 22nd December, against Kerry. They have had great wins against Tipperary and Limerick on the path of the final so hopefully they can pass the final hurdle! C'mon the Banner!

We would like to take this opportunity to wish you all the blessings of the festive season and every good wish for 2021. May it bring you good health and happiness. Fingers crossed for some successes for the Green and Gold too!

Bambinelli Sunday

Today is Bambinelli Sunday, a tradition where the figure of the baby Jesus is blessed at mass, wrapped and brought home, to be opened and placed in the crib by the youngest member of a family on Christmas morning.

Family Table Prayer for Christmas Day

Loving God, on this Christmas day we give thanks that Jesus, your Son, has come into our world bringing us gifts of peace and joy. Bless us as we sit down together at this table for our Christmas meal. Bless the food we share and help us to remember those who are hungry. Be with our neighbours and our friends, those who are lonely, sick or away from home. We pray that our departed loved ones may now sit at your table in heaven. May the joy of this feast give us strength and light, now and in the days ahead. We ask this prayer through Christ, Our Lord, Amen



Your Parish Donations

Baskets €45, Envelopes €376 .Thank you for your continued support.

No eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love Him.