



**2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2021**

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## **Anniversary Masses**

### **Knockerra Church**

#### **Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 6pm (Webcam)**

Philomena & Martin Murphy, Knocknahuan  
Denis & Catherine Foran, Coolminga

#### **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 6pm (Webcam)**

##### **Feast of the Epiphany**

Dermot Lynch

#### **Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> January 6pm (Webcam)**

Breda Blake, Granatootha  
Matt & Bridie Fitzpatrick, Knockerra  
Michael Carrig, Kilcarroll

### **Killimer Church**

#### **Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 11am (Webcam)**

#### **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> January 11am (Webcam)**

Feast of the Epiphany

#### **Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> January 11am (Webcam)**

Months Mind: May Crowe

### **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](http://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 the family and friends of Thomas O’Dea, late of Coolminga who passed away peacefully at Cahercalla Hospice on the 19<sup>th</sup> December. May he rest in peace.

### **Happy New Year 2021**

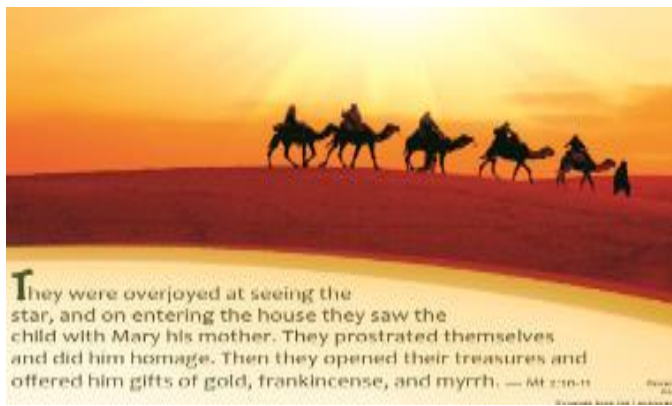
## **FOR YOU AND YOURS**

May this year be significant in your journey  
May your joy spring  
May you be fresh like a child and wise like an elder  
May your belly be full of laughter  
May you find something that you’ve been looking for  
May you love well  
May you give beyond what is reasonable  
May you be loved  
May you look around and see the wonder all around  
May you be thankful  
May regrets transform into lessons and pain forgotten  
May you breathe deeply  
May you be drawn into the stories all around you  
May you and yours be blessed

### **Feast of the Epiphany**

Epiphany is celebrated 12 days after Christmas on 6<sup>th</sup> January and is the time when Christians remember the Wise Men (also sometimes called the Three Kings) who visited Jesus. Epiphany is also sometimes called 'Nollaig na Mban' or Women's Christmas. Traditionally the women get the day off and men do the housework and cooking! It is becoming more popular and many Irish women now get together on the Sunday nearest Epiphany to celebrate. Epiphany Eve (also known as Twelfth Night) marks the end of the traditional Christmas celebrations and is the time when you were meant to take Christmas decorations down - although some people leave them up until Candlemas.

***Jesus, guide us in life;  
Mary, look after us;  
Joseph, pray for us.***



## Prayer for Calm

In the midst of noise and hurry  
anxious days, wearisome worry  
Let me find Your peace

Let me journey to a hiding place in my heart  
my secret cavern and find You waiting there

With every breath may I know the serenity of silence  
where I am no longer dismayed by distraction

Take each care, each worrisome thought  
each lonely road, each battle fought  
and place them in the sanctuary of Your care

May solitude befriend me, may I hear in the hidden  
depths  
your sweet voice echoing  
And re-echoing a beautiful song of calm

May the invisible world become visible to my inner eye  
and may Paradise open a window to my soul

May I know that I am held  
in safety, in love, in grace

May I be released from all that haunts me

May all that is lonesome in me find a tender home  
may Your presence fall like gentle rain  
on the hardened places of my heart

Lord  
May every moment draw us closer  
until You and I become one  
and only the breath of angels is heard.  
Come Lord let me know Your calm  
You, my comfort and balm

•Liam Lawton

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## This Jesus Challenges Me

*I am FURIOUS, and he tells me: FORGIVE  
I am AFRAID, and he tells me: TAKE COURAGE!  
I have DOUBTS, and he says to me: HAVE CONFIDENCE!  
I feel RESTLESS, and he says to me: BE CALM!*

*I prefer to go MY OWN WAY, and he tells me: COME AND FOLLOW ME!  
I make MY OWN PLANS, and he says to me: FORGET ABOUT THEM!  
I aim towards MATERIAL GOODS, and he says: LEAVE THEM BEHIND!  
I want SECURITY, and he says: I PROMISE YOU ABSOLUTELY NOTHING!*

*I like to live MY OWN LIFE, and he says: LOSE YOUR LIFE!  
I believe I AM GOOD, and he tells me: GOOD IS NOT SUFFICIENT!  
I like to BE THE BOSS, and he says: SERVE!  
I like to COMMAND OTHERS, and he says: OBEY!*

*I like to UNDERSTAND, and he says: BELIEVE!  
I like CLARITY, and he speaks to me in PARABLES  
I like POETRY, and he speaks to me in REALITIES  
I like my TRANQUILITY, and he likes me to be DISTURBED.*

*I like VIOLENCE, and he says: PEACE BE WITH YOU!  
I draw the SWORD, and he says: PUT THAT AWAY!  
I think of REVENGE, and he says: OFFER THE OTHER CHEEK!  
I speak of ORDER, and he says: I HAVE COME TO BRING THE SWORD!  
I choose HATRED, and he says: LOVE YOUR ENEMIES*

*I try to sow HARMONY, and he says: I HAVE COME TO CAST FIRE UPON THE EARTH!  
I like to be the GREATEST, and he says: LEARN TO BE AS SMALL AS A CHILD!  
I like to remain HIDDEN, and he says: LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE!  
I look at the BEST PLACE, and he says: SIT IN THE LAST BENCH!  
I like to be NOTICED, and he says: PRAY IN YOUR ROOM BEHIND LOCKED DOORS!*

*No I don't understand this Jesus. He provokes me. He confuses me. Like so many of his disciples, I too, would like to follow another master who would be more certain and less demanding. But I experience almost the same as Peter: 'I do not know of anyone else, WHO HAS THE WORDS OF ETERNAL LOVE!*