

Irishtown Foroige Club Cake and Christmas Log Sale after Mass next Sat & Sun

16th/17th -Please Support

Ballindine Church Grounds Cemetery (Old Cemetery) – a local family wish to place a small headstone on their families unmarked burial plot located beside the tree on the right hand side of the old entrance close to the church. If you, or anyone you know, has an old family grave in that area please contact Fr. O'Connor.

Davitts Presto Numbers drawn 5, 31, 35, 36. The Jackpot of €12,500 was not won. The following won €50 each: Richard Phillips, Crossboyne, Aoife Corless, Crimlin, Maureen Noone, Cloonrairie, Keith Prendergast, Ballindine. **Next Draw**: Sun Dec 10th in Keane's, Crossboyne with the Jackpot standing at €12,600.

Results: County U-21 B Championship Semi-Final: Davitts 3-13 Ardnaree 2-4.

Ballindine Senior Citizens & Community Party in DDAI **today** commencing at 2.30pm with Mass

Country Night in Bourke.s, Irishtown with Kay & Ciuntry Stars and Mick Mulhern on **St Stephen's Night at 9pm.** Adm €10. Presented by Irishtown Community Council.

Congratulations to Ballindine Tidy Towns Committee who won 2 awards in the Mayo Co. Co Cleaner Community Awards recently held in McWilliam Park Hotel. They won **1st Prize in the Bloomin` Lovely Comp. and 3rd Prize in the Anti Litter Campaign.** Well done to all involved, a very deserving win.

Irishtown Group Water Scheme AGM this Monday 11th Dec @ 9pm

Claremorris & District Lions Club, in conjunction with the local St. Vincent de Paul Society, annual Food Appeal at Kavanagh's Super Valu, Claremorris, on Friday & Saturday 15th & 16th and at Silverbridge Tesco on Fri 15th. All donations of non-perishable food will be greatly appreciated and will be distributed to Deserving families in the Claremorris area in time for Christmas.

Milltown Santa's Cottage: Fri 15th 5.30-8pm. Sat 16th 3.30-7pm. Sat 17th 3.30-7pm. Santa's Cottage is a 100% voluntary project. All profits are shared with "Friends of Ollie" fund & Milltown Defibrillator Group.

Children's Christmas Show "The Happy Prince" by Oscar Wilde, adapted and performed by Andrea Cleary, Claremorris Town Hall Studio this **Sun 10th Dec at 11.30am and 1pm.** Adm. €5 – Family of 4 €18. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

A Christmas Jumper Family Fun Run/Walk will take place in **McMahon Park, Claremorris this Sunday, Dec 10th** in support of **Western Care Association** Day Services in Claremorris. Family Fun Event with loads of entertainment and refreshments will be served. 2km & 5km Routes; Entry - Adults: €10, Children U14 are free. Registration from 11.30am, **Walk/Run commences at 12.30pm SHARP.** Prizes for Best adult and children's Christmas Jumper and Best Turned-out Family. Please support this worthy cause.

Get in the festive spirit with the talented members of the Mayo Male Voice Choir who will perform in the galleries of the National Museum of Ireland - Country Life, Turlough Park, Castlebar, on Sat Dec 16th at 3.30pm. The **Cill Aodáin Choral Society** will perform at **3.30pm on Sunday, Dec 17th.** A wonderful opportunity to hear from these exceptional choirs. **Admission free.**

Christmas Parkrun in Claremorris EVERYONE WELCOME Its jingle all the way at Clare Lake for our Parkrun special 5km Santa Shuffle and Elf walk... Wear your Christmas jumper or Santa Hat. The route may have a few surprises and you never know Santa might join us before he has to take to the skies. Mince pies, Hot Chocolate and treats for everyone at **9.30am on Sat 23rd at Clare Lake, Claremorris.** Everyone welcome <https://www.facebook.com/images/emoji.php/v9/f4c/1/16/1f642.png> To get an official time emailed to yourself please register on www.parkrun.com/register/ and print your barcoode to bring along on the day. **Ho Ho Ho See you there !!!**

Nobody's Talking To Me: A Comedy written and produced by Tommy Marren ,Town Hall, Claremorris Fri Jan 5th @ 8pm Adm. €20. Tickets available at Town Hall, or Call 087 2203094 **All proceeds go to Irish Kidney Association & Red Cross.**

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9th – 17th December, 2017

Second Sunday of Advent



In the gospel today a man named John is baptising people in the river. He eats locusts and wild honey. John tells the people to get ready for someone very special who is coming and who is going to baptise with the Holy Spirit.

Cluster Priests

Fr. Cribben 093-51609

Fr. Gannon 086-2656563

Fr. Quinn 087-2685288

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087-2452565; 087-1322411

086-8436958; 087-6528213

Claremorris Garda Station 094-9372080

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Remembered in Masses this week 9th – 17th December, 2017

Irishtown Sat 9th 8.00pm Mick Devane (1st Anniv) and deceased of family, Mary Hayes, Bridie & Jimmy McMahon and May Hayes, Fr. Tom, Jimmy, Padraic & John Corless, Michael & Thomas Roche and deceased of family & Michael Daly, Mary & John Duffy & deceased of family, Edward, Theresa, Delia & Julia McLoughlin, Eddie Boyle (2nd Anniversary)

Ballindine Sun 10th 10.30am James (Jimmy) Sheridan, Months Mind, Patrick & Ellen Prendergast and son Dick and deceased of family, Bernard & Susan McGivney and Theresa Moore, Raymond Prendergast & deceased of family, Jarlath Fallon, Peter Cummins, Henry Cleary & deceased of family, Tom Hession.

Ballindine DDAI Sun 10th 2.30pm Mass & Christmas Party

Ballindine Tues 12th 7.00pm Deceased of Byrne & Cosgrove Family

Irishtown Wed 13th 7.00pm People of the Parish, Living and Dead

Ballindine Thurs 14th 9.30am Private Intention

Fri 15th No Mass

Irishtown Sat 16th 8.00pm Bridie O'Malley (Months Mind) and husband Padraic, Patrick & Margaret Mullarkey & deceased of family, Fred Hutchins and grandson Paul Nevin, Annie & James Cummins & deceased of Raftery Family, Andy & Mary Teresa McHugh and Ian Curran, Winifred Cummins & deceased of family, John & Eileen Kirrane.

Do This in Memory

Ballindine Sun 17th 10.30am Tom, Margaret & Pat Connolly, William & Delia Fallon and daughter Madeline, Patrick Cummins, Deceased of Conroy & Keogh Families, Johnny & Noreen Connolly & Tom Geraghty, Patrick & Nora Shally and deceased of family, Valerie & Martin Waldron.

Eucharistic Adoration

Ballindine: Tues 7pm – 8.20pm
Irishtown: Wed 7pm – 8.20pm

Offertory Boxes for 2018

are available for pick up in both churches. If there is no box allocated to you, there are spare ones in the Sacristy.

Christmas Communion Calls:

Thursday 14th Dec at usual times.

If you not on the regular list of calls and would like Fr. O'Connor to call please contact him before Thursday.

Christmas Penance Service for the Cluster

in Claremorris Church Thursday 21st Dec @ 8pm
Penance Service - Saturday 23rd 12noon to 1pm

Eucharistic Ministers

Irishtown Sat 16th 8pm

J. Rattigan, L. Daly

Readers

Do This in Memory Group 3

Servers

Ballindine Sun 17th 10.30am

P. Macken, G. Conroy, P. McHugh **Do This in Memory** Team E

Servers Irishtown during the week Gp 3

Servers Ballindine during the week Team D

Marian House Eucharistic Minister Sun 17th Dec: Patricia Macken

Offertory Collectors – 16th Dec: P.Waldron, E.Mitchell

Prayers of faithful Sat 16th Dec: Do This in Memory

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Congratulations to Kieran Fahey, Killeen, Ballindine, who was chosen to represent the Archdiocese of Tuam at a special Mass in R.T.E studios, Dublin on Sunday 17th Dec, to celebrate the 10th Anniversary of the **Pope John Paul Youth Awards**. Kieran will be one of 24 young people from around the country, who will be involved in the ceremony. **The Mass will be screened live on RTE 1 at 11am next Sunday 17th.**

Church Money Counter needed immediately to join a team of 2 for 1 hr a week for the next 3 weeks only. Please tel: 087-2836322 or 087-9793747 if you can help out.

Cemetery Clean-up: Christmas clean up of new Cemetery Irishtown is planned for *this* Sunday 10th December at 1p.m. Any help will be greatly appreciated.

‘Bambinelli’ Sunday next Sunday 17th Dec.

Helping to put Christ back into Christmas. Please bring along the little infant Jesus from your crib and get a special blessing during Mass to help us all focus on the real, true reason for Christmas; the birth of our Lord Jesus.

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Anniversaries:

Anyone wishing to have their deceased loved ones remembered in the Parish Newsletter please forward their names and date of death and they will be included annually in the newsletter.

Those we hold most dear never truly leave us; they live on in the kindness they showed us.

Jackie Burke, Tommy Huane, Jarlath Fallon, Mary Mooney, Suibhán McDough, Thomas Huane, Joseph Cosgrove, Rachel Ryan, Rebecca Ryan, Michael Griffen, Mick Fitzgerald, Davie Cullina, Tommie Clarke, Fr. Gibbons, Alec Heneghan, Paddraic O'Malley, Muriel Rattigan, Michael Conroy, Willie Heneghan, Mary Sherlock.



Deaths: Please pray for **Sal Sheridan**, Cullane; **Jimmy Walsh**, Knock, father of Mary Rattigan, Burrish, who died this week. **May their souls rest in peace, Amen.**

Ballindine Church Readers & Eucharistic Ministers Rota for 2018 on display in church porch.

Church Cleaners Rota

Jan-June only also on display

'Crisis of Democracy in Ireland Tour' Thur 14th Dec 7pm, Cloonacauneen Castle, Tuam Rd, Galway & Fri 15th at 7pm, Mount Falcon Estate, Ballina

John Waters, former MEP Kathy Sinnott, Declan Ganley and Claire Culwell (survivor of an abortion) will address the nature of democracy, the illegality of voting away fundamental human rights and how to uphold constitutional protections of innocent human life. Register by emailing irelandconstitution@gmail.com