

The Year of St. Joseph came to a close on 8th December last: As we close out this Year of St. Joseph, may we not box him up in our hearts, only to be thought of when contemplating the manger scene each Advent and Christmas. Instead, let's allow Joseph's humanity to influence our own, calling us to a greater love of God and service to one another.

Davitts GAA The numbers drawn were 11, 12, 20, 29. Two players matched 3 numbers but the Jackpot was not won. The following won €50 each: Sean Keadin, Kilvine, Karl Nestor, Irishtown, Julie Macken, London (online), Paul Carey, Ballindine (online). There will be a Jackpot of €16,600 in Sunday night's draw.

Church Cleaners needed for both churches on an ad-hoc basis. We've had some response to this request, however more are needed, so if you feel you have an hour or two to spare please consider helping out in keeping our churches neat and tidy- tel: 087-9793747.

Prayer

Lord, in these busy days of noise and action (and panic buying for Christmas), remind me of my need for time alone and for peace and quiet and silence within. Be with me Lord, as I pause for a few moments in quietness. Amen.

New International Computer Driving Licence training in Castlebar. Eligibility criteria applies. Contact Sharon on 087 2909064

Castlebar VTOS (MSLETB) Places Available - Students may study for a range of Courses/Awards all certified by QQI Level 5: Apprenticeship Preparation, Culture and Heritage, Hospitality Studies, Business Administration, Language and European Studies, Tourism and Business Studies, (ECDL) (European Computer Driving Licence). Care of the Elderly and Intellectual, Disability Modules also on offer. E-mail: pauladonnellan@msletb.ie for further information.

The formation of the first Christmas crib is attributed to St Francis of Assisi.

In 1223, just three years before his death, Francis went to visit the Friars living in the remote mountain village of Greccio, Italy. In order to excite the people of Greccio to celebrate the birth of the Saviour with all solemnity, Francis brought together all the elements of the stable in Bethlehem into what would become the very first Christmas crib. Francis used real people, straw and animals to bring the Christmas story to life for the people of Greccio. People came from far and wide to see this spectacle. The night was aglow with candlelight as hymns were sung in praise of the God who is with us. Francis was very real and very practical. He understood that as human beings we often need to see, hear and smell something before it can enlighten our minds and ignite our hearts.

As Francis carefully brought the characters of the Christmas scene together, he also skilfully brought the people of Greccio together: uniting them in prayer and praise around a living and breathing expression of God's connection with the human story. **The crib remains a beacon of peace, hope and reconciliation and offers an opportunity for us to reflect upon the deeper message it**



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11th – 19th December, 2021

Third Sunday of Advent



“In switching on the light of the Nativity scene, we wish for the light of Christ to be in us. A Christmas without light is not Christmas. Let there be light in the soul, in the heart; let there be forgiveness to others; let there be no hostilities, which are dark. Let there be the beautiful light of Jesus. This is my wish for all of you, when you turn on the light of the crib.”

Pope Francis



Third Sunday of Advent - *Gaudete Sunday*

Mass Intentions for Week 11th – 19th December, 2021

Irishtown Sat 11th 8pm Tom Mitchell (First Anniversary),
Eddie Boyle,
Johnny Neary & deceased of family,
Diarmuid, Phil & Renee McDermott,
Annie & James Cummins and deceased of Raftery Family,
William, Ellen & Michael Morrin & deceased of family,
Mike & Teresa Mitchell, Pete & Deceased of Mitchell and McCormack Families,
Pake, Mary & Sarah Keadin,
John Francis Devane & deceased of family.

Ballindine Sun 12th 10.30am Raymond Prendergast (9th Anniversary),
Martin, Valerie, Winifred & Patrick Waldron (Killeen),
Thomas & Celia Huvane,
Jarlath Fallon & Mother Mai,
Michael McHugh (Leface),
Catherine Halligan and deceased of Halligan
and McLoughlin Families.

Ballindine Tues 14th 7pm Willie & Mollie O'Toole, Ellie & Ned Forde,
Tom & Ellen Byrne,
Nellie & Mick Mullaney & deceased of O'Toole & Forde Families.

Wed 15th

Ballindine Thurs 16th 7pm People of the Parish, living & dead
Irishtown Fri 17th 9.30am Private Intention
Fourth Sunday of Advent

Irishtown Sat 18th 8pm Tom & Mary Healy,
Mike & Bridgie Healy and Bridie & deceased of family,
John Heneghan & uncle Michael Martyn,
Kathleen & Gerald Griffin (Anniversary),
Annie & Michael Heneghan,
Fred Hutchins & grandson Paul and Bridget and Edward Cooney,
Andy & Mary Teresa McHugh,
John & Eileen Kirrane,
Ian Curran,
Eileen Kirrane – Glenny,
Tom Roche & deceased of family,
Mick McCabe.

Ballindine Sun 19th 10.30am Deceased of Fallon Family, Skevard & Newtown,
Tom, Margaret & Pat Connolly,
Patrick & Mary Fahey and deceased of family,
Tommy Regan & deceased of family.

**Please Note Mass Times
during the Week**

Eucharistic Ministers

Irishtown Sat 18th 8pm
P. Waldron, B. Egan

Reader

Frank McGrath

Ballindine Sun 19th 10.30am

P. Macken, F. Devane

Chris O'Brien

Church Sanitisers:

Irishtown Sat 18th: Sinead, Hanorah

Ballindine Sun 19th: Flor, Paula, Margaret, Carmel

STEWARDS

Irishtown Sat 18th Gp 2: Jimmy, Joan, Ann, Brian, Brian

**Ballindine Sun 19th Team D: Mary, Joe, Billy, Mark,
Martin. Michael**

2022 Offertory Boxes are left in the church ready for pick up at your own convenience. *Anyone who doesn't have a box allocated to them can ask for one from the Sacristy, where there are spare boxes.*

If you can pick one up for a neighbour who is unable to come to the church, and put it through their letterbox, it would be greatly appreciated.

PLEASE KEEP SAFE

Christmas Arrangements

Penance Services

A short Penance Service will take place immediately after the 8pm Mass in Irishtown on Sat 18th Dec and after the 10.30am Mass in Ballindine on Sun 19th next.

Social Distancing will be in place and masks to be worn.

Christmas Confessions:

Fr. Martin will be available for Confessions in our parish

churches: **Tues 21st Ballindine 7.30 - 8pm**

Wed 22nd Irishtown 7.30 – 8pm.

Social Distancing will be in place and masks to be worn.

Christmas Masses:

Christmas Eve Fri 24th : Ballindine 6pm

Christmas Eve Fri 24th : Irishtown 8pm

Christmas Day Sat 25th: Irishtown 9.30am

Christmas Day Sat 25th: Ballindine 11am

St. Stephen`s Day Sun 26th: Ballindine 9.30am

St. Stephen`s Day Sun 26th: Irishtown 11am

Marriage: Congratulations to **Andrea Hyland**, Cloonmore and **Keith Prendergast**, Skevard, Ballindine who were married recently in Ballindine Church.

Baptism: We welcome into the Christian Community

Amelia Kate Mullaney, baptised in Irishtown Church and congratulate her parents Andrea and Keith.

Christmas Communion Calls:

Friday 17th Dec.

Irishtown: Morning

Ballindine: Afternoon

If you are not on the regular Communion Call list and wish Fr. O'Connor to call to you next Friday please contact him beforehand.

Deaths:

Please pray for **Maureen Dowd**, Cavan, sister of Tom Cronin, Cluain a Tobar, Irishtown;
Geraldine Lundy, Huddersfield, England, niece of the late Paddy Kirrane, Kilvine.

May they Rest in Peace, Amen.

Anniversaries:

Anyone wishing to have their deceased loved ones remembered in the Parish Newsletter please forward your list with names and dates and they will be included annually in the newsletter.

Thomas Huane, Rachel Ryan, Rebecca Ryan, Michael Griffen, Mick Fitzgerald, Tommy Huane, Davie Cullina, Tommie Clarke, Fr. Gibbons, Alec Heneghan, Padraic O'Malley, Muriel Rattigan, Michael Conroy, Willie Heneghan, Mary Sherlock, Frank Fitzgerald, Mary Rattigan, Malachy Mooney, Annie Heneghan, Marie Flynn, Jane Cosgrove.