

Irishtown Foroige Club Cake and Christmas Log Sale after Mass this 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 6, 19, 28, 31. The Jackpot of €12,600 was not won. The following won €50 each: James Flynn, Ballindine, Angela Glynn, Ballyhaunis Rd., Claremorris, Eilis McDermott, Irishtown, John Gavin, Ballindine.

Next Draw: Sun Dec 17th in Gilligan`s, Claremorris with the Jackpot standing at €12,700.

Results: County U-21 B Championship Final: Ballaghaderreen 4-11 Davitts 0-13.

The Club wishes Ronan Kirrane the best of luck in his new role as Assistant Secretary of the Mayo County Board.

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.

Milltown Santa`s Cottage: this Sun 17th 3.30-7pm. Santa`s Cottage is a 100% voluntary project. All profits are shared with “Friends of Ollie” fund & Milltown Defibrillator Group.

Get in the festive spirit with Cill Aodáin Choral Society who will perform at **3.30pm this Sun 17th** at National Museum of Ireland - Country Life, Turlough Park, Castlebar. **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.**

St Stephen`s Day Half Tochar Walk will take place 26th Dec departing the Abbey at 11am for Aughagower by bus. Pilgrims will then walk back to the Abbey. Contact 094-9030934 for further info.

Christmas and New Year is often a time when we are reminded of our deeper selves and deepest hopes, and deepest pain. The vision of **Towards Peace** is to provide a safe supportive space for people who have been affected by abuse in a Church context, and who are seeking to explore the spiritual impact of the abuse. If you have been abused and would like a space to reflect on the impact of the trauma of abuse on your own relationship with God and spirituality, **log into: www.towardspeace.ie / 01 505 3028.**

A new initiative called “**Tap the Refund**” is calling on people, who can afford it, to donate some of their water charge refunds to drought based water projects in **Africa via Trocaire**. By donating the €100 conservation grant, which some householders have already received, then everybody would be getting their full refund of charges and also making a huge contribution to helping families in a region of Southern Zimbabwe.” Your contribution to this ‘**Water Fund**’ will provide clean water to a community of about 1500 families in a drought stricken area of Southern Zimbabwe. Donations can be made through **Trocaire Water Fund, FREEPOST, Maynooth, Co. Kildare.** Enclose your name and address so that your generosity can be acknowledged, or donate by phone: **01 629 3333** or by **logging on to: www.trocaire.org**

St. Vincent de Paul Society, Claremorris wish to sincerely thank the people of Kilvine Parish who contributed €850 to their envelope fund for people in need in the local area this Christmas.

Parish of Kilvine

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16th – 26th December, 2017

Third Sunday of Advent



The Third Sunday of Advent is known as **Gaudette (Rejoice) Sunday**, when we light the Pink Candle on the Advent Wreath. This day reminds us of the joy and the hope we have because of the coming of Our Lord Jesus.

In the Gospel today God sent John (*the Baptist*) to tell everyone that someone is coming after him who will light up the world and help us all to believe. People ask who John is. They think he might be the Messiah. John says that he is not good enough to undo the shoes of the person who will follow him.

Cluster Priests

Fr. Cribben 093-51609

Fr. Gannon 086-2656563

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Third Sunday of Advent (Gaudette Sunday)

Remembered in Masses this week 16th - 26th December, 2017

Irishtown	Sat 16 th	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.
Ballindine	Sun 17 th	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.
Ballindine	Tues 19 th	9.30am	People of the Parish, Living and Dead
Irishtown	Wed 20 th	9.30am	Susan Cosgrove
Ballindine	Thurs 21 st	9.30am	Private Intention
Irishtown	Fri 22 nd	9.30am	Private Intention
Irishtown	Sat 23 rd	8.00pm	Willie & May Kirrane, Martin Munroe, John Joe, Julia & Peadar Noonan, William & Ellen Morrin & deceased of family, Delia Warde, Mick & Kitty Hett, Deceased of Bourke & McCarthy Families and Veronica McCarthy Moore.
Christmas Eve			
	Sun 24 th	<u>No Morning Mass</u>	
Irishtown	Sun 24 th	8.00pm	People of the Parish
Ballindine	Sun 24 th	10.00pm	People of the Parish
Christmas Day			
Irishtown	Mon 25 th	9.30am	People of the Parish
Ballindine	Mon 25 th	11.00am	People of the Parish
St. Stephen's Day			
Irishtown	Tues 26 th	10.30am	Mike & Winnie Mulkeen, Kitty Gorden & Sean & Sally Levins, Delia Mitchell, Winnie & John Mitchell, Margaret, Kathleen, Pake & Peter.
Ballindine	Tues 26 th	11.30am	John Joe Brogan, Julia & Jimmy Treacy, Matt Glynn, Denise Moran, Billy Dunne, Michael Joyce.

Christmas Penance Service for the Cluster
in Claremorris Church
Thurs 21st Dec @ 8pm
Confessions - Saturday 23rd 12noon to 1pm

Death: Please pray for **P.J. Tierney**, Gortnalea, Dunmore, brother of Ignatius Tierney, Carrowconnor, Ballindine, who died this week. **May he Rest in Peace.**

Eucharistic Ministers

Irishtown Sat 23rd 8pm

D. Clarke, H. Ronayne

Readers

Kathleen Gibbons

Servers

Group 4

Irishtown Sun 24th 8pm (Christmas Eve)

M. Corless, C. Griffin

Agnes Clarke

Gp 1

Ballindine Sun 24th 10pm (Christmas Eve)

B. O'Connor, M. Gormley, K. Cunnane

Chris O'Brien

Team G

Irishtown Mon 25th 9.30am (Christmas Day)

A. Harrison, J. Roche

Patricia Waldron

Gp 2

Ballindine Mon 25th 11am (Christmas Day)

M. Kenny, F. Devane, M. Gormley

Martha Kenny

Team A

Servers Irishtown during the week Gp 4

Offertory Collectors – 23rd: Joe Ryan, James Clarke

Prayers of faithful Sat 23rd: Ava Rattigan, Conor McDermott



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.

There will be No Eucharistic Adoration until Tues & Wed 2nd & 3rd January.

Bambinelli` Sunday this 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.

"It started with Mary so humble and mild,
with the heart of a woman and the faith of a child,
She rose above anything she might have feared,
To answer, "Amen" when the angel appeared.
And on that first Christmas in spite of the cold,
A sweet new-born baby was all hers to hold,
As strangers and shepherds, ignoring their sheep,
Watched while she rocked Little Jesus to sleep.
What joys we can know, what a miracle starts,
When we, too, can say YES to God in our hearts."

Children`s Liturgy will take place on Christmas morning in Ballindine Church at 11am with a special visitor making a surprise visit!

Christmas Choirs in Ballindine Church

Christmas Eve 10pm – Invitation to all children and young, and not so young, adults to come and sing the Christmas Carols with us.

Christmas Day 11am – Parish Folk Choir

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

Church Cleaners Rota
Jan-June only also on display

Christmas Carol Service
with Ballindine National School pupils on Wed 20th
@ 8pm in Ballindine Church. All welcome.



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.

Frank Fitzgerald, Mary Rattigan, Malachy Mooney, Annie Heneghan, Marie Flynn, Jane Cosgrove, Johnny Connolly, Margaret Devaney, Nellie Grogan, Mary Nolan, Jane O'Connor, Sara Finnegan, Mary Harrington, Michael Monaghan, Paddy Walsh, Katie Huane, Christie Hunae, Mary Corcoran, Tom Connolly, Anne Rattigan, Maura Mooney, Ann McNamara, Ciara Fagan, John Dowd, William Kelly, Katie Heneghan, Winnifred Cummins, Maurice Quinn.