

Foroige are holding their annual Christmas Logs and Bake Sale after Mass next Sat 16th in Irishtown and on Sunday 17th in Ballindine. Refreshments also available. Your support would be greatly appreciated.

Community based Drama Group, The Ray Leonard Players, finished in 1st place at the All-Ireland Confined Drama Finals in Castleblayney last weekend. The group is named after the late Ray Leonard who was a tireless exponent of drama in the area.

Local men, John Fallon, Ballindine (Actor) and Billy Freeley, Irishtown, (Lighting & Sound) are members of the group. Well done and congratulations to all.

Davitts The numbers drawn were 16, 19, 30, 31. The Jackpot was not won (two matched 3 numbers). The following won €50 each: Conor Prendergast, Ballindine, Richie Daly, Claremorris, Brian McTigue, Ballindine, Mary McLoughlin, Logalisheen. Thanks to Killeen's Bar for hosting the draw. There will be a Jackpot of €27,000 in Sunday night's draw which will be held in Clarke's Bar, Ballindine. **Result:** Mayo U-21 A C'ship semi-final: Davitts 2-10 Castlebar 2-14

Following the recent AGM, the club finds itself with some vital positions still to be filled. Those roles include secretary, Bord Na nOg chairperson and Bord Na nOg secretary. Those positions must be filled in order for the club to operate in the coming season. We would love to see new people getting involved in the club and anybody interested could contact a committee member. The committee will be meeting again on December 14th and we would be hoping to get those positions filled as soon as possible.

St. Vincent de Paul Claremorris donations from Kilvine Parish now amounts to €1,104. Many thanks for your generosity to those in need.

ACTIVE RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION : Final meeting for 2023 will take place on Tuesday next, 12 December, at 11.30.a.m. in Davitts GAA Clubhouse.

Ballindine Tidy Towns urge people to put up Christmas Lights to enhance the village for the festive season.

Epilepsy Ireland Churchgate Collection next weekend 9/10th Dec. Please support.

ALONE is looking for volunteers for older people who need befriending for up to one hour per week and/or telephone support for up to 2 hours per week. We need your help more than ever. If this is something that interests you, then please reach out to me on 086 0135043, email paul.stafford@alone.ie or follow the link <https://alone.tfaforms.net/f/ALONE-Volunteer-Expression-of-Interest-2021>

Enjoy a weekend of Christmas carols at the National Museum of Ireland –Turlough Park, Castlebar, on **Saturday and Sunday, 16 and 17 December**. The Rock 'n' Roses Choir – an inspirational group of cancer survivors – will perform at 3pm on Saturday, 16 December. The Mayo Male Voice Choir will perform at 3pm and the Cill Aodain Choral Society will perform at 4pm on Sunday, 17 December. All are welcome. **Admission is free. No booking required.**

Car Boot Sale and Bargain Hunt The next Car Boot Sale and Bargain Hunt will take place next **Sunday December 17th from 11.30 -2.30.** in **Cúram Family Centre**. There will be lots of bargains, Christmas gifts and much more on the day so don't miss it.

Bake Sale: a Bake Sale in aid of the Irish Pilgrimage Trust takes place in Cúram Family Centre **this Sunday 10th December from 11.30am onwards.** Proceeds help bring young people with additional needs to Lourdes at Easter accompanied by local students from Mt. Michael. Please support.

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9th – 17th December, 2023

2nd Sunday
in Advent

Faith

Bethlehem Candle
reminding us of Mary and
Joseph's journey to
Bethlehem



Lord Jesus, today you call us to welcome the members of God's family who come to our land to escape oppression, poverty, persecution, violence, and war. May we share with them the blessings we have received from your hand, and recognize that together, as one human family, we are all **migrants**, journeying in hope ...

Cluster Priests

Fr. Gannon 086-2656563

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Neighbourhood Watch: Any suspicious activity or vehicles should be reported to the Community Alert Text No's: 087-2452565; 087-1322411; 086-8436958; 087-6528213 or Claremorris Garda Station 094-9372080

Second Sunday of Advent

Mass Intentions for Week 9th – 17th December, 2023

<p>Irishtown Sat 9th 8pm</p>	<p>Tom Mitchell (3rd Anniv) and parents Tom & Delia and brother John, Andy & Mary Teresa McHugh, Eileen Kirrane (nee Glenney), Ian Curran, John & Eileen Kirrane.</p>
<p>Ballindine Sun 10th 10.30am</p>	<p>Jimmy Waldron (10th Anniv) and Ann Waldron (4th Anniv), Killeen, Jarlath Fallon (30th Anniv) and mother Mai, Susan & Bernard McGivney & Teresa Moore and deceased of family, Rita Duffy and deceased of Duffy Family, Martin, Valerie, Winifred and Patrick Waldron and deceased of Waldron Family, Raymond Prendergast.</p>
<p>Ballindine Tues 12th 7pm</p>	<p>Eugene Higgins (Anniversary)</p>
<p>Irishtown Wed 13th 9.30am</p>	<p>People of the parish, living & dead</p>
<p>Irishtown Thurs 14th 7pm</p>	<p>Private Intention</p>
<p>Ballindine Fri 15th 9.30am</p>	<p>John Coughlan and Brenda & Tony Hynes</p>
<p><u>Grow in Love Mass</u> Irishtown Sat 16th 8pm</p>	<p>Joe Mannion (Month`s Mind), Annie & James Cummins and deceased of Raftery Family, William, Ellen & Michael Morrin and deceased of family, John & Bridie Quinn, Delia Ward (Anniversary).</p>
<p><u>Grow in Love Mass</u> Ballindine Sun 17th 10.30am</p>	<p>Tom, Pat & Margaret Connolly, James Fahy & deceased of family, William & Delia Fallon and daughters Madeline, Mary & Eileen, Celia & Tommie Huane, Michael McHugh (Leface), Patrick & Ellen Prendergast and son Dick and deceased of family, William & Julia Meehan and deceased of family.</p>

Christmas Communion Calls:

Wednesday 13th Dec: Irishtown morning / Ballindine afternoon.

If anyone who is not on the usual First Friday Communion Call List and wishes to have Fr. O`Connor call on this date, please let him know beforehand.

<u>Eucharistic Ministers</u>	<u>Reader</u>	<u>Servers</u>	<u>Collectors</u>
Irishtown Dec 16th 8pm	Breda Rafterty	Gp D	J. Clarke, J. Ryan
<i>P. Waldron, B. Egan</i>			
Ballindine Dec 17th 10.30am	Martha Kenny	Gp 4	S. Higgins, M. Kearns
<i>P. Giblin, P. Macken</i>			

Marian House Sun 17th Dec: Paula Giblin

Prayers of Faithful:

Sat 16th Irishtown: *Grow in Love Children*
Sun 17th Ballindine: *Grow in Love Children*

Christmas Mass Arrangements:

Fourth Sunday of Advent:

Irishtown Sat 23rd Dec @ 8pm

Christmas Eve:

Ballindine Sun 24th Dec @ 6pm

Irishtown Sun 24th @ 8pm

Christmas Day:

Irishtown Mon 25th Dec @ 9.30am

Ballindine Mon 25th Dec @ 11am

St. Stephen`s Day:

Irishtown Tues 26th @ 10.30am

Ballindine Tues 26th @ 11.30am

New Year`s Day:

Irishtown Mon 1st Jan `24 ~ 10.30am

Ballindine Mon 1st Jan `24 @ 11.30am

Penance Service for Christmas

A short Penance Service will take place immediately after 8pm Mass in Irishtown Sat 16th and after 10.30am Mass Sun 17th in Ballindine.

Confessions :

Ballindine Tuesday 19th after Mass 7.30– 8pm

Irishtown: Thursday 21st after Mass 7.30 – 8pm.

Tuam Cancer Care annual Christmas Mass, "**A Christmas Celebration of Light, Hope & Healing**" on **Thursday 14th at 8pm**, in St Jarlaths College Tuam. Followed by refreshments. All are welcome.

2024 Offertory Boxes are

available for pick up in the churches – please take yours. For anyone who doesn't have a box allocated to them, there are spare ones available in the Sacristy.

2024 Ballindine Readers, Eucharistic Ministers & Church Cleaning Rota is available to view on the Church Porch.

ART WORKSHOP: 'SEEING IS BELIEVING: REFLECTING ON ART AS A GLIMPSE OF THE SACRED.' With Dr. Nora Donnelly in the **Prayer Centre at Knock Shrine on Saturday 9th & 16th December at 10.30am.** These illustrated talks will

focus on the depiction of Mary and the Nativity by world renowned artists, including Michelangelo, Leonardo Da Vinci and Carravaggio. Advance booking is required.

www.knockshrine.ie for information

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.

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