

**Foroige are holding their annual Christmas Logs and Bake Sale** after Mass this weekend after Mass. Refreshments also available. Your support would be greatly appreciated.

**Irishtown Lip Sync** will hold their finale Lip Sync in Bourkes of Irishtown on Friday 29th Dec. As this is the last of the Lip Syncs, all 15 new and varied acts are getting ready to take to the stage to deliver an unforgettable performance! Followed by disco with D.J. Tony Hegarty. Door open 8pm

**Wishing Triona Moran (Irishtown)** and all the Claremorris Junior ladies & Management Team all the best this Sunday 17th as they take on O' Donovan Rossa in the All Ireland Junior Final in Parnell Park.

**Davitts** The numbers drawn were 12, 22, 24, 31. The Jackpot was not won (seven matched 3 numbers). The following won €50 each: Veronica Keadin, Irishtown, John Dunleavy, Ballindine, Muireann Daly, Lisduff (online), Ciaran Varley & Angela Regan, Ballindine, Gary Bourke, Irishtown, Cora Waldron, Claremorris, Liz Hynes, Ballindine. Thanks to Clarke's Bar for hosting the draw. There will be a Jackpot of €27,100 in Sunday night's draw which will be held in Gilligan's Bar, Claremorris.

**Congratulations to Jack Melvin and Cathal Corless** who won the Fresher 1 Football League with University of Limerick recently. Cathal is currently recovering from knee surgery and Jack had a very impressive game at midfield in the final against Ulster University.

**Well done to Aaron O Dea, Eimhin Kenny, Odhran O Conaire and Malachy Devane** and the St. Colman's juvenile team who won the Mayo Post Primary O'Haire Cup. They beat Summerhill, Sligo in the final played in the Airdome, Bekan.

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

**Epilepsy Ireland Churchgate Collection in Ballindine amounted to €244.** Many thanks to all who donated and to the collectors.

**Enjoy a weekend of Christmas carols at the National Museum of Ireland** –Turlough Park, Castlebar, this **Sunday 17 December** with The Mayo Male Voice Choir performing at 3pm and the Cill Aodain Choral Society at 4pm. All are welcome. **Admission is free.**

**Car Boot Sale and Bargain Hunt** The next Car Boot Sale and Bargain Hunt will take place this **Sunday December 17<sup>th</sup> 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.

**A Bake Sale in aid of The Irish Pilgrimage Trust trip to Lourdes** will take place after Christmas Eve Masses in Ballindine and Irishtown. The fundraiser is hosted by Mt. St. Michael pupils who are accompanying children with a disability to Lourdes next Easter. Your support would be much appreciated.

**Ballindine Community Centre Committee** regret there will be No Santa party this year due to the ongoing renovations taking place. Everyone is wished a Happy Christmas and look forward to next year.

**Season tickets for the 52nd Claremorris Drama and Fringe Festival March 14th to 23rd 2024** are now available from the Town Hall box office 09493 10999. They are also available on line [www.townhall.ie](http://www.townhall.ie). They would make a lovely Christmas present for your Drama friend.

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**16<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> December, 2023**



### **Advent Prayer**

Lord Jesus, Master of both the light and the darkness,  
send your Holy Spirit upon our preparations for Christmas.

We who have so much to do seek quiet spaces to hear your voice each day.  
We who are anxious over many things look forward to your coming among us.

We who are blessed in so many ways

long for the complete joy of your kingdom.

We whose hearts are heavy seek the joy of your presence.

We are your people, walking in darkness yet seeking the light.

To you we say "Come, Lord Jesus". Amen.

#### **Cluster Priests**

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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

## Third Sunday of Advent Gaudete Sunday

### Mass Intentions for Week 16<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> December, 2023

**Irishtown Sat 16<sup>th</sup> 8pm** Joe Mannion (Month`s Mind),  
Annie & James Cummins and deceased of Raftery Family,  
William, Ellen & Michael Morrin and deceased of family,  
Grow in Love Mass John & Bridie Quinn,  
Delia Ward (Anniversary).

**Ballindine Sun 17<sup>th</sup> 10.30am** 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.

**Ballindine Tues 19<sup>th</sup> 7pm** Johnny Meehan and his sister Mary Mullahey

**Irishtown Wed 20<sup>th</sup> 9.30am** People of the parish, living & dead

**Irishtown Thurs 21<sup>st</sup> 7pm** Private Intention

**Ballindine Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> 9.30am** Private Intention

**Fourth Sunday of Advent**  
**Irishtown Sat 23<sup>rd</sup> 8pm** Gerald & Kathleen Griffin and Gerry Costelloe,  
Fred Hutchins & grandson Paul,  
John & Maureen Heneghan and Michael Martyn,  
May, Willie, Pake & Molly Kirrane.

**Christmas Eve**  
**Ballindine Sun 24<sup>th</sup> 6pm** People of the Parish  
**Irishtown Sun 24<sup>th</sup> 8pm** People of the Parish

**Christmas Day**  
**Irishtown Mon 25<sup>th</sup> 9.30am** People of the Parish  
**Ballindine Mon 25<sup>th</sup> 11am** People of the Parish

**St. Stephen`s Day**  
**Irishtown Tues 26<sup>th</sup> 10.30am** Mike & Teresa Mitchell,  
Peter and deceased of Mitchell and McCormack Families,  
Maura, Michael & Anthony Mooney and deceased of family,  
Martin Costello and deceased of family.

**Ballindine Tues 26<sup>th</sup> 11.30am** Kathleen Casserley (1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary),  
Michael Joyce and Kathleen Charlton,  
Denise Moran,  
Nora & James Naughton,  
John Joe & Julia Noonan and Peadar,  
Mary & Patrick Hosty,  
Martin Munroe.

<u>Eucharistic Ministers</u>	<u>Reader</u>	<u>Servers</u>	<u>Collectors</u>
<b>Irishtown Dec 23<sup>rd</sup> 8pm</b> <i>M. Corless, C Griffin</i>	<i>Ann Marie McDermott</i>	<i>Gp A</i>	<i>J. Roche, E. Nolan</i>
<b>Ballindine Dec 24<sup>th</sup> 6pm</b> P & J. Hennigan & K. Cunnane	<b>Orla Duggan</b>	<b>Gp 5</b>	<b>S. Higgins, F. Goggins</b>
<b>Irishtown Dec 24<sup>th</sup> 8pm</b> <i>J. Rattigan, T. Boyle</i>	<b>Agnes Clarke</b>	<i>Gp B</i>	<i>L. Grffin, E. Mitchell</i>
<b>Irishtown Dec 25<sup>th</sup> 9.30am</b> <i>L. Griffin, S. Kirrane</i>	<b>Shane Kirrane</b>	<i>Gp C</i>	<i>A. Clarke, T. Ronayne</i>
<b>Ballindine Dec 25<sup>th</sup> 11.00am</b> P. Macken, M. Kenny	<b>Eddie Clarke</b>	<b>Gp 1</b>	<b>B. Devane, M. Kearne</b>

### Prayers of Faithful:

**Sat 23<sup>rd</sup> Irishtown 8pm:** Tom & Amy  
**Sun 24<sup>th</sup> Ballindine 6pm** Iarlaith, Finn, Sadhbh & Áine Rose  
**Sun 24<sup>th</sup> Irishtown 8pm:** Sean & Hannah  
**Mon 25<sup>th</sup> Irishtown 9.30am:** Niall & Ruairí  
**Mon 25<sup>th</sup> Ballindine 11am:** Eoghan & Michael  
**Tues 26<sup>th</sup> Irishtown 10.30:** Alice & Anna

**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.

**Children`s Liturgy** will take place at the 6pm Mass on Christmas Eve in Ballindine.  
Please note there will be **No Children`s Liturgy on Sun 31<sup>st</sup>**. Children`s Liturgy will begin again on **7<sup>th</sup> January at 10.30am Mass in Irishtown.**

**Death:** Please pray for **Jimmy Corley**, Ballygowan, Claremorris, brother of Mary Rattigan, Carrowlena, Ballindine.  
**May he Rest in Peace, Amen.**

### Confessions :

Ballindine Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> after Mass 7.30– 8pm (*P.S. There will be No Adoration after Mass*)  
Irishtown: Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> after Mass 7.30 – 8pm.

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

The **Christmas Collection in support of your priest** will be taken up at all Masses over the Christmas period. Please be as generous as you always are. Thank you.

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

Ballindine Church Altar Flower arrangers required – please contact 087-9793747