

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

A Christmas Celebration concert featuring James Kilbane is being held in **Milltown Church** on **December 8th at 8 pm**. Tickets €25 available locally in all business in Milltown or by phoning 086 8054160. All proceeds going towards the Church Refurbishment Fund.

Davitts The numbers drawn were 11, 25, 26, 33. The Jackpot was not won (four matched 3 numbers). The following won €50 each: Richie Daly, Claremorris, Breda Jordan, Scardaune (online), Ronan Kurrane, Ballinaine (online), Richie Daly, Claremorris. Thanks to The Shamrock Bar for hosting the draw. There will be a Jackpot of €26,800 in Sunday night's draw which will be held in Killeen's Bar, Claremorris. Fixture: Mayo U-21 A C'ship semi-final: Davitts v Castlebar in Ballindine at 12pm. **Following last week's 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 wish to thank Kilvine Parish for your generous donations of €770.

Youth 2000 annual Christmas retreat in Dominican College, Newbridge, Co Kildare 8th -10th Dec for ages 16-35. This promises to be a special retreat!! Excellent Speakers, Inspiring Talks & Workshops, Fantastic music, Group activities, Youth Masses, Adoration, Reconciliation, prayer, Drama, Games & plenty of time to chill out, meet new people and find out what it means to be young & Catholic today!! There are free buses leaving from all over the country to the retreat. Donation only. Find out more and register now on www.youth2000.ie

St. Colman's College Open/Enrolment Evening for incoming first-year students will take place on Thursday, 7th December 2023 from 5:30pm. More details on our website www.stcolmans.ie
St. Colman's College online Lotto fundraiser now up and running. All details www.stcolmans.ie and on our social media sites. Please spread the word among family and friends at home and abroad! **First draw on Thursday 30th November.**

Mount Saint Michael Open Evening will take place on **Thursday December 7th**. Come and see all we have to offer from 4.15pm to 5.45pm. **The Principal's address will be at 4.45pm and 5.45pm.** Looking forward to meeting all incoming first years and their parents/guardians.

Malta Pilgrimage. 'In the Footsteps of St Paul' Pilgrimage to Malta; from Tuam Archdiocese; 7 nights; June, 26th to July, 3rd; ex Dublin; with a Spiritual Director. Tel 01 2410800 for details.

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>

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2nd – 10th December, 2023

First Sunday of Advent



The first purple candle is the candle of hope. It symbolises the hope we have in Christ and our desire to spend Eternity with him. During the first week of Advent we wait for Jesus with Hope.



*The Feast of
The Immaculate Conception
Friday 8th December*

Cluster Priests

Fr. Gannon 086-2656563

Fr. Quinn 087-2685288

Fr. Conlisk 089-4298365

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

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Mass Intentions for Week 2nd – 10th December, 2023

Irishtown Sat 2nd 8pm **Geoffrey & Moira McCarthy and daughter Veronica, Willie, Nora & Annie Quinn, Dick, Esther & Larry O'Dea, Freddie, Ellen, Pat & Padraig Cullina, James, Tom & Michael Daly, Michael & Martin Duffy, Delia & Tom Hopkins and James Reynolds and John Dalton, Eddie Boyle (8th Anniversary).**

Ballindine Sun 3rd 10.30am **Sarah (Sal) Sheridan, Cullane, Catherine Halligan & deceased of Halligan and McLoughlin Families, Teresa & John Hartigan.**

Ballindine Tues 5th 7pm **People of the parish, living & dead**

Irishtown Wed 6th 9.30am **Private Intention**

The Immaculate Conception of The Blessed Virgin Mary

Irishtown Thurs 7th 8pm **People of the Parish**

Ballindine Fri 8th 10.30am **People of the Parish**

Irishtown Sat 9th 8pm **Tom Mitchell (3rd Anniv) and parents Tom & Delia and brother John, Andy & Mary Teresa McHugh, Eileen Kirrane (nee Glenney), Ian Curran, John & Eileen Kirrane.**

Ballindine Sun 10th 10.30am **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.**

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

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.

Eucharistic Ministers

Irishtown Dec 9th 8pm

M. Freeley N. Nally

Ballindine Dec 10th 10.30am

C. Kirrane, P. Hennigan

Reader

Kathleen Gibbons

Bernadine Waldron

Servers

Gp C

Gp 3

Collectors

A. Clarke, T. Ronayne

S. Higgins, M. Kearns

Marian House Sun 3rd Dec: Chris Kirrane

Prayers of Faithful:

Sat 9th Irishtown: *Michael & Emma*

Sun 10th Ballindine: *Aoife Corless, Katelyn Corless*



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.

Deaths: please pray for **Mary Connolly**, New Jersey, sister of Brendan Mooney, Shanballybocht, Irishtown; **Michael Ronayne**, Kilmacnella, Irishtown. **Daniel Burke**, Chicago, brother of Martin, The Heath, Ballindine. **May they Rest in Peace, Amen.**

December Church Cleaners:

Irishtown: *Pauline Roche, Evelyn Mitchell*

Ballindine: *G.Conroy, H. Morley, AM. Callaghan*

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.

See www.knockshrine.ie for more information.

'A LIGHT TO ENLIGHTEN THE WORLD': ALL-NIGHT VIGIL KNOCK BASILICA. Confessions from 10pm until Midnight on the night of **Thursday 7th December.** The Vigil commences at Midnight and will include Rosary, Reflection and Holy Hour, concluding with

Mass at 4am on Friday Dec 8th.

See www.knockshrine.ie

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.

Mary Conway, Michael Monaghan, Delia Canney, Thomas Daly, Frank Griffin, Tommie Nolan, John Rattigan, James Finnegan, Sarah O'Donnell, Thomas O'Donnell, Mary Hunt, Michael McGee, Sarah Cullina, Austin Fagan, Edward Kelly, Raymond Prendergast, Winnie Concannon.