

A meeting in relation to '**Irishtown Community Futures**' (initiative by Mayo Co. Council) will take place **next Tuesday Feb 6th in Irishtown Community Centre at 8pm.** Geraldine Leneghan Coordinator of Mayo Community Futures will be in attendance.

Mayo Community Futures is a bottom-up, community-led process which assists communities to put together a 5 - year Community Action Plans to identify the projects that the community as a whole think are most important for the future of their area. It allows all members of the community opportunities to put forward their views and visions for the future. It is designed to involve people in thinking about and discussing the future of their community and consequently getting involved in community projects which enhance their communities.

It is hoped that as many people as possible from the Irishtown community will attend to have their say and put forward their ideas and vision for the future of Irishtown.

Davitts The numbers drawn were 2, 5, 9, 28. The Jackpot was not won (seven matched 3 numbers). The following won €50 each: Andy Nestor, Garrafrauns, Sinead Payne Treacy, Ballindine (online), Lisa Bourke, Irishtown, Aoife Devane (online), Michael Cosgrove, Irishtown, Megan Keadin, Andy Nestor, Garrafrauns (again). Thanks to Bourke's Bar for hosting the draw. There will be a Jackpot of €27,800 in this week's draw which will be held in The Shamrock Bar, Claremorris.

Davitts Lights Up continues on Wednesday evening from 7pm to 8pm in Davitt Park.

There has been a fantastic turnout for the first four walks. All are welcome to come along. After first shortlisting the entries, a subsequent vote by the Bord na nÓg committee and consultation with our Senior Committee, we are thrilled to announce the name for our new Youth Academy: DAVITTS DRAGONS.

Thank you to all the boys and girls who gave us such super suggestions.

ACTIVE RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION : The first meeting for 2024 will be held on Tuesday, 6th Feb. at 11.30am. Venue : Davitts GAA clubhouse, Ballindine. Agenda : AGM and planning for the year ahead.

Chime : Services for Deaf and Hard of Hearing, Outreach Clinic, Tuam. The venue is now Clinical Room R22 in the Old Health Centre , Vicar St Tuam H54 HO28. Contact Tony Dolan for more info or an appointment 086-8341318 tony.dolan@chime.ie Appointment and contact is necessary to gain access to the building.

Fatima Pilgrimage, May 9th; 7 nights; ex Dublin. (discount for January Booking). Contact 012410800. (ref: Tuam).

'In the Footsteps of St Paul' Pilgrimage to Malta; June 26th; 7 nights; ex Dublin; with a Spiritual Director. For details and booking, ring 012410800.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes - The Tuam Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes, led by Archbishop Francis, from Ireland West (Knock) Airport, 6 nights, Friday August 30th to Thursday, Sept 5th. €949 pp sharing. For details and booking, please contact 01-2410800.

Sacred Heart Messengers ready for pick up in Ballindine Church.

Calling Pioneers and Friends to the 25th Pioneer National Ball. An evening of celebration and fun on **Saturday April 6th 2024.** Mass at 6pm in the **Cathedral of Christ the King, Mullingar,** followed by special guest speaker, dinner, music and dancing at the **Annebrook House Hotel,** Mullingar. Extra activities on Friday night and Saturday and Sunday afternoons. For details/ tickets contact Dermot Fagan 085-7201646 or Daisy Carey 087-6544626.

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3rd – 11th February, 2024



Prayer in honour of St. Blaise

O GOD deliver us through the intercession of Thy holy bishop and martyr Blaise from all evil of soul and body. especially from all ills of the throat: and grant us the grace to make a good confession in the confident hope of obtaining Thy pardon. and ever to praise with worthy lips Thy most holy name.

Saint Blaise was the Bishop of Sebaste in Armenia (modern Turkey) around 1,700 years ago. He left Sebaste to escape persecution and made his home in a mountain cave and lived there, surrounded by wild animals, until he was arrested.

On his way to prison, he met a mother whose son was choking to death on a fish bone. He cured the boy and to show her gratitude, the mother brought candles to light his prison cell. In prison he was asked to renounce his faith, but he refused and was beaten with wool combs and beheaded.

After his death, he was made a saint and has become the Patron Saint of wool combers, wild animals, candle makers and ailments of the throat.

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

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Intentions 3rd – 11th February, 2024

Feast of St. Blaise (Blessing of Throats)

Ballindine Sat 3rd 8pm Rita Stephens (1st Anniv.)
and husband Tom (50th Anniv.),
John Devane (18th Anniv.),
Tom & Winifred Rush and deceased of family,
Michael & Bridget Raftery.

Irishtown Sun 4th 10.30am John Daly (Month`s Mind),
Margaret & Willie Burke and sons John & Tony,
John Austin and Mary & Christina Moran,
Kathleen & Gerald Griffin and Gerry Costelloe,
Mary Glynn, Kilmacnella.

Ballindine Tues 6th 7pm People of the parish, living & dead

Irishtown Wed 7th 9.30am Private Intention

Irishtown Thurs 8th 7pm Private Intention

Ballindine Fri 9th 9.30am Private Intention

Ballindine Sat 10th 8pm P.J. Rattigan (Month`s Mind),
Gerry Devane & deceased of family,
Deceased of the Goggins Family.
Paddy Rattiigan,

World Day of The Sick

Irishtown Sun 11th 10.30am Nora Naughton (4th Anniv)
and husband Tom,
Philomena Slattery.

February Church Cleaners:

Ballindine: Margaret Corless, Mary Rush, Christine Diskin

Irishtown: Geraldine Higgins, Maria Cullina

Ballindine Church Flowers: Chris Kirrane

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.

John McCormack, Pat Tierney, Michael Flanagan, Tommie Joe Melvin, Baby Burke, Mr. Redmond, Maggie Delia Flattery, Michael Roche, John Duffy, Winnie Mitchell (Pat), Helen Godfrey, Martin Keeley, Kathleen Doyle.

Eucharistic Ministers

Ballindine Sat 10th 8pm

P. Giblin, F. Devane

Irishtown Sun 11th 10.30am

Agnes Clarke, Joe O`Dea

Reader

Mary Peters

Joe O`Dea

Servers

Gp 8

Gp B

Collectors

L. Niland, F. Goggins

James Clarke, Joe Ryan

Marian House Sun 11th Jan – Ann Marie Kelly

Prayers of Faithful

Ballindine Sat 10th: Ryan & Cormac

Irishtown Sun 11th: Niall & Ruairi



Blessings

The Blessing of St Brigid`s Crosses, Candles and Throats will take place after Mass this Sat 3rd in Ballindine and Sun 4th in Irishtown.

(Blessed candles, along with Holy Water, are useful in the event of the laying out of a person in the home and as a protection for your home during a storm.)

Prayer for Peace and Unity in the World

*Lord God,
we pray for peace in the world today.
May compassion and understanding
triumph over hatred and violence.
Help us to work towards a society
that is equitable, just and peaceful for all,
by guiding all world leaders.
Through Christ Our Lord, Amen.*

First Holy Communion 2024

First Confessions:

Ballindine Tuesday 12th March @ 7.30pm

Irishtown Thursday 14th March @ 7.30pm

First Communion

Ballindine Saturday 11th May @ 12noon

Irishtown Saturday 25th May @ 12noon

Children`s Liturgy

continues on Sundays at the 10.30am Mass in Irishtown. The children will learn the story of the Gospel in their own language and will present some art work at the Altar later in the Mass. Do bring them along.

Deaths: Please pray for **Jim Kelly**, Cree, Co. Clare, father of Bernie O`Gara, Logalisheen, Ballindine; **Brigid (Brid) Moran**, Roscam, Galway, aunt of Ultan Molloy (Healthwest Pharmacy, Ballindine and sister of the recently deceased Paddy Molloy; **Frances Cunningham**, Scarduane, Claremorris, mother of Mary Moran (Centra, Ballindine); **Mary Fahy**, Barnaderg, Tuam, mother of Marian Trench, formerly of Woodstock, Ballindine. **May they Rest in Peace, Amen**