

Irishtown Community Futures. A letter outlining details of the Community Futures programme will be sent out to householders in Irishtown over the coming weeks. More details are available on the Facebook page 'Irishtown Community, Mayo'.

Davitts The numbers drawn were 2, 12, 22, 26. The Jackpot was not won (three matched 3 numbers). The following won €50 each: Sarah Crehan, Ballygar (online), Michael Rattigan, Irishtown (online), Bob Collieran, c/o Billy and Rose Kearns, Josephine Regan, Claremorris. Thanks to Killeen's Bar for hosting the draw. There will be a Jackpot of €28,000 in this week's draw which will be held in Clarke's Bar.

ACTIVE RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION : The Annual General meeting will be held on Tuesday, 20 February, at 11.30 a.m. in Davitts GAA Clubhouse, Ballindine. A good attendance is expected.

Bereavement Support Meetings:

Life after a bereavement can feel very lonely. Trained facilitators conduct a weekly **Bereavement Support Meeting** at the Family Centre, Knock Shrine, each Wednesday at 11am. There is also a special meeting for bereaved partners / spouses on the **First Thursday** of each month at 11am. No appointments needed. Further information from Monica Morley on 094-9375320.

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.

Mayo Cancer Support wishes to thank all who supported and facilitated its recent Churchgate Collection in Ballindine. Special thanks to the volunteer collector. €140.05 was raised. These funds will support the ongoing provision of emotional support to local people affected by cancer.

Caife le Gaeilge / Ciorcal Comhrá - Conradh na Gaeilge invites you to a FREE coffee morning and chat in The Dalton Inn Hotel, Clár Chlainne Mhuiris from 11.00 am to 12.00 pm on **Thursday 22nd February**. Whether you are fluent or have just a cúpla focal you will be very welcome. Buail isteach. Beidh fáilte romhat!!! Gach eolas: 086-8859407 eolas@conradhmhaigheo.ie

Claremorris Musical Society Table Quiz on **Thursday February 29th** from 8:30pm in Killeen's Bar, Claremorris. Tables of 4 - €40, Cash prizes, finger food and raffle. All welcome!

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.

Prayer for Gaza and Israel

Dear God, We cry out to you on behalf of the people seriously affected by the conflict in Gaza and Israel. Our hearts break at the devastation and suffering that we see, and we know it breaks yours, too. We ask that you would stretch out your mighty hand to bring an end to this war. In the name of Jesus Christ, Our Lord, Amen.

Pray for unity, pray for the synod

Heavenly Father,
as the Magi journeyed
towards Bethlehem led by the star,
so by your heavenly light,
guide the Catholic Church to walk together
with all Christians during this time of synod.

As the Magi were united
in their worship of Christ,
lead us closer to your Son
and so to one another,
so that we become a sign of the unity
that you desire for your Church
and the whole creation.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen

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17th – 25th February, 2024



This year Trócaire's lenten campaign focuses on the country of Malawi, Africa. Malawi is one of the least developed countries in the world and has been badly affected by climate change. In the Machinga district, Malita and her family must make a one-hour trip up to five times a day to collect water. Please support Trócaire in helping communities develop sustainable access to clean, safe and reliable water supplies by taking home a Trócaire box today or going to: www.trocaire.org.

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

First Sunday of Lent

Mass Intentions 17th – 25th February, 2024

Ballindine Sat 17th	8.00pm	Deceased of Ellis Family, John & Nora Walsh.
Irishtown Sun 18th	10.30am	Bridgie & Tommie Hernon & Kate. Patrick Rattigan, Kathleen Griffin, husband Tom & son Stephen.
Ballindine Tues 20th	7pm	People of the Parish, living & dead.
Irishtown Wed 21st	7pm	Private Intention
Irishtown Thurs 22nd	7.00am	Private Intention
Ballindine Fri 23rd	7.00am	Private Intention
Ballindine Sat 24th	8.00pm	Mary & Martin Devane (Woodstock), Maud & Kevin McHugh, John, Mary & Fr. Martin O'Connell (Claregalway).
Irishtown Sun 25th	10.30am	Mary Theresa Ronayne, Ann McNamara, Mary Birmingham, Thomas Boyle & deceased of family, Pat Cullina.

Deaths: Please pray for **Mary Mooney**, died in London, formerly of Woodstock, Ballindine.
June Slattery, Essex, England, wife of John Slattery, Dunmacreea, Irishtown. May they Rest in Peace, Amen.

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.

Peter Hunt, Margaret Mullarkey, James Heneghan, Mary Ann McCormack, Justine Dowd, Patrick Corr, Mary Kate Raftery, Michael Kirrane, James Mawn, William Aughwan, Johnny McEllin, Kate Mullarkey, Fr. Michael Lally S.V.D., Evelyn McLoughlin, Thomas Roche, Nellie Macken, Padraic Gilmore, Patrick Boyle, Billy McManus, Laddie Griffith.



Eucharistic Ministers

Ballindine Sat 24th 8pm
P. Macken, J. Hennigan
Irishtown Sun 25th 10.30am
Ann M. Kelly, H. Ronayne

Reader

Orla Duggan
Anne M. Kelly

Servers

Gp 2
Gp D

Collectors

L. Niland, F. Goggins
L. Griffin, E. Mitchell

Marian House Sun 25th Jan – Agnes Clarke

Prayers of Faithful

Ballindine Sat 24th: Tadhg & Aoife
Irishtown Sun 25th: Alice & Anna



Lent

Purple Paper Crosses (for your Lenten Intentions) are available for pick at the churches. Please place in the box at the Altar during Lent.
TRÓCAIRE: Boxes are available for pick up – please give generously to help the world's poorest this Lent.

Early Morning Masses for Lent
Thursday in Irishtown -7am
Friday in Ballindine -7am

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.

'Our Parish:

Facing The Future'

This is an opportunity to explore the challenges facing our parishes today. This 3-part series at **St. John's centre, Knock Shrine** takes place on February 26th, March 4th and March 11th from 8pm to 9.30pm. Facilitated by Rev. Dr. Eugene Duffy, with international guest speakers via video link. This will be of particular interest to Parish Pastoral Councils.
See www.knockshrine for info.

TRÓCAIRE NEWS

In Africa, in particular, the dry season has become more prolonged in recent years, and droughts are becoming more frequent as each year the rains fail to arrive. Some of you might remember that last year, Trocaire told the story of 8-year-old Nasteha, her parents and brothers and sisters who had lost their home and 200 goats when a record drought hit Somalia. Since we last saw them, Nasteha's family have built a new home in the camp, her mother Ambiyo has set up a business selling vegetables they grow on their new land and Nasteha and her older brothers and sisters have been able to stay in school for the first time. Despite the floods that hit Somalia last year, the family have begun to rebuild their lives again. *It is thanks to parishes like yours that we are able to report back with good news about the families we work with while also speaking out with and for communities most impacted by climate injustice.* **TRÓCAIRE**

Baptism: We welcome into the Christian Community

Aoibhín Sheila Sheridan, who was baptised in Irishtown Church and congratulate her parents Lisa & David, Tulrahan, Claremorris.