

Davitts Lotto - The numbers drawn were 19, 27, 28, 30. The Jackpot was not won. The following won €50 each: Mari Doherty, Donegal, John Killeen, Marie Mooney, Katie, Tadhg & Donnacha Kirrane, Ballindine. There is a Jackpot of €12,600 in this week's draw which will be held in Clarke's Bar on Sunday night. Davitts "Walk and Talk" continues at the football pitch on Tuesday evening from 7pm to 8pm. Davitts GAA Club's 50th Anniversary book is on sale (€30) in Spar, Centra and Healthcare West Pharmacy in Ballindine and in Hillside Service Station, Glynn's shop, Supervalu and Daily's Newsagents in Claremorris and Castle Books in Castlebar.

The annual St. Stephen's Day match between Ballindine and Irishtown, for the Michael Mooney Memorial Cup, will be held in Davitt Park, with a 1pm throw-in.

RSS Positions Available - on the Rural Social Scheme for the Ballindine Meals on Wheels Service, along with other positions. To be eligible, you must be in receipt of a social welfare payment and have access to a herd number through a close family member. For more information, call Laura Commins RSS Supervisor 087 1306945.

RHS Home Care - are recruiting for care staff to provide Home Care in clients houses, email jobs@rhshomecare.ie or phone our Head office on 090 6625988

Christmas Santa Party - in Ballindine Community Centre Sunday Dec 15th; 3 -5.30pm. Adm €5 per child. Meet Santa and enjoy a Disco and refreshments. All welcome.

Christmas market and 'live crib - in the Courtyard at the National Museum of Ireland, Turlough Park, Castlebar, from 1pm to 5pm on Sunday December 15. The market will feature local and regional makers and artists. Live crib display with Kiltimagh Pet Farm and festive storytelling with Fiona Dowling. Admission is free. See www.museum.ie

Offertory Envelopes 2025 - Anyone who wishes to have a 2025 Offertory Box and doesn't already have one allocated to them can ask for one at the church sacristy. Thank you to all who have already picked up their 2025 Offertory Box of Envelopes.

Carols by Candlelight - takes place at Knock Basilica on Sunday, December 22nd at 8pm. Join us for an evening of Christmas carols and festive favourites. All are welcome.

'The Longest Night' Service at Knock Shrine - This is a service for those who feel isolated from the general feelings of joy and happiness typically associated with this time of year. This service seeks to bring comfort by reminding us that we are not alone and that there is always hope in Christ. It takes place in the Apparition Chapel on the 21st of December at 8:30pm. All are welcome.

Two Christmas Flower Arranging classes - on Wednesday morning Dec 18th at 10.30am – 12.30 and Thursday evening 7-9p.m. in Cúram. Each participant will make a table/mantlepiece arrangement. Cost is €10. Please contact the centre on 094 9362096 with your preference for morning or evening class.

 'Blessed are the Peacemakers'- Mt. 5:9
 Receive the peace of Christ in preparation for Christmas with a Reconciliation Service after Masses on the weekend of December 21/22.
 Give thanks to the LORD for he is good, for his mercy endures forever; (Ps 136)

Ballindine - Parish of Kilvine - Irishtown

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Parish Office Hours: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 9am to 1pm (emergencies anytime)

14th December – 22nd December 2024

On Baminelli Sunday, Pope Francis has a message for children

"Dear Children, listen carefully: When you pray before your Christmas Crib, remember to pray also for me as I shall remember you. I thank you heartily-and have a Merry Christmas"

CHRISTMAS IS A MANY-SPLENDORED THING

Christmas is a bell, carols, a manger, Church ... a time of prayer, hope and peace. It's Mary and Joseph and the Child Jesus wrapped in swaddling clothes. Let Christmas be a bright and happy day, let its brightness come from the radiance of the Star of Bethlehem and its happiness be found in Christ. (From a *keepsake of beautiful thoughts in prose and poetry*)

<p>Cluster priests: Fr Peter Gannon - 086 2656563 Fr Frank Conlisk - 089 4298365</p>	<p>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</p>
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Third Sunday of Advent: Gaudate Sunday - Year C

Mass Intentions 14th December -22ndDecember, 2024

Irishtown Sat 14th 8.00pm Annie & James Cummins, John Healy and deceased of Raftery family, William & Ellen Morrin and deceased of family, Tom Mitchell & parents Tom & Delia and brother John, Padraic & Bridie O'Malley & deceased of family, Fred Hutchins & grandson Paul, Bridget & Edward Cooney.

Ballindine Sun 15th 9.30am Tommy & Celia Huane, Mick & May Hynes, Ann & Bert Hickey, Tom & Frank Dowd, Dick Prendergast, parents Paddy & Ellen and deceased of family, Jarlath Fallon & mother Mai.

Tuesday 17th – Wednesday 18th Mass in Crossboyne and Taugheen

Ballindine, Thursday Dec 19th 7pm People of the Parish, living and dead.

Irishtown, Thursday 18th 7pm Carol service by Irishtown N.S. children.

Irishtown, Friday Dec 20th 10am People of the Parish, living and dead.

Irishtown, Sat 21st 8.00pm Andy & Mary Teresa McHugh, John & Eileen Kirrane, Eileen Glenney (nee Kirrane) & Ian Curran, Winifred & John Cummins and Sheila Mitchell, Mike & Teresa Mitchell, Pete Mitchell and deceased of Mitchell & McCormack families, Annie Heneghan (28th Anniv) & husband Michael.

Ballindine, Sun 22nd 9.30am Tom, Margaret & Pat Connolly, Kathleen Casserley (2nd Anniv), Deceased of Conroy, Keogh & Sheridan families, William & Delia Fallon & daughters Mary, Eileen and Madeline, Michael, Nan & Micky Monaghan.

Please pray for

Rosena Conway, Charlestown, mother of Karen Trench, Station Road, Ballindine.
Tommy Higgins, Claremorris, father of Florence Devane, Ballindine.

Eucharistic Ministers **Reader** **Servers** **Collectors**
Irishtown Sat 21st 8pm
S.Mooney, Ann Clarke. *Sinead Mooney* **Gp 2** **T.Ronayne, A. Clarke.**

Ballindine Sun 22nd 9.30am
M.Kenny, K. Cunnane. *Eddie Clarke* **Gp 1** **S.Higgins, M. Kearns**

Marian House Sun 22nd Dec: Hanorah Ronayne

Prayer of Faithful

Irishtown Sat 21st: Grace & Emma

Ballindine Sun 22nd: Annie & John Paul

Christmas and New Year Masses - 2024/25
 Christmas Eve: Ballindine 7pm, *Irishtown* 8pm
 Christmas Day: Ballindine 9.30am, *Irishtown* 11.30am
 St. Stephen's Day: Ballindine 10am
 New Year's Day: *Irishtown* 10am
 Epiphany - January 6th 2025: *Irishtown* 7.30pm

Mass Time Change - weekend of 4th/5th Jan 2025

Saturday evening Mass: Ballindine - 8pm

Sunday morning Mass: *Irishtown* - 10am

Crossboyne
 Christmas Eve : 5pm
 Christmas Day : 10am
 New Year's Day : 11.30am

Taugheen
 Christmas Eve: 9pm
 St. Stephen's Day: 11.30am
 Epiphany 6th Jan '25: 10am

Mass Times 2025
 Sat Eve Mass: Taugheen
 6.30pm
 Sun Morning Mass:
 Crossboyne 11.30am

Head Sacristan Vacancy - Knock Shrine, Ireland's International Eucharistic and Marian Shrine, is inviting applications for the role of **Head Sacristan**. This full-time post presents an exciting opportunity for someone with a keen interest in the liturgy and ritual of the Catholic Church, to work in this special place of welcome, sanctuary and sacredness for over 1 million pilgrims each year. To view the full job specification, please visit Knock Shrine's website www.knockshrine.ie

Sensory-Friendly Mass - takes place in the Parish Church at Knock Shrine on Sunday December 22nd at 12:15pm. This Mass will have no music, dimmed lighting, and pictorial resources for those with additional needs. Families are encouraged to bring materials that can assist with comfort during the liturgy. Contact Nicola Mitchell for more information at faithrenewal@knockshrine or 094-9388100.

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.
 Fr. Gibbons Alec Heneghan Padraic O'Malley Muriel Rattigan Michael Conroy Willie Heneghan Mary Sherlock Frank Fitzgerald Mary Rattigan Malachy Mooney Annie Heneghan Marie Flynn Jane Cosgrove Johnny Connolly Patrick Canney Margaret Devaney Nellie Grogan Mary Nolan Jane O'Connor Sara Finnegan Mary Harrington Michael Monaghan Paddy Walsh Katie Huane Christie Huane Mary Corcoran Tom Connolly Valentine Gilmore