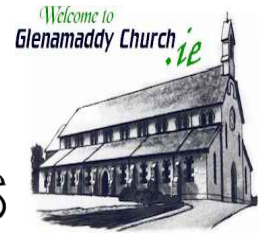


Glenamaddy Parish Newsletter



Fourth Sunday of Advent Year C
Saturday 19th/Sunday 20th December 2015



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MERRY
CHRISTMAS

Sunday 20th December

Sun 10.30am Marcella Maguire.
Leaha Lanfear, London and her grandmother Mary Donelan, Cashel.

Weekdays

Mon 10am Christmas Mass for our three primary schools.
Tues 7pm Private intention
Christmas Eve 7pm The people of the parish
Christmas Day 9.45am The people of the parish
WILLIAMSTOWN 9.30am Wednesday
Christmas Eve 8.30pm
Christmas Day 11am.

Sunday 27th December

Sun 10.30am Tom Hussey, Fartown
Michael & Ellen Mitchell & Raymond Moran, Cloonlara South.
Juris Buls, Ballymoe Road.

Please pray for Sean Flaherty, Woodfield who died during the week., Also, for Christina Madden, grand-niece of Ann Concagh, Stonetown and Pete Webb, stepfather of Kevin Molloy, Ballyhard who died recently and for Michael Heneghan, Kilkerrin Road whose anniversary occurs at this time.

Next Sunday's Readings

1st Reading—1 Sm 1:20-22,24-28
2nd Reading—1 Jn 3:1-2,21-24
Gospel—Lk 2:41-52



MASSES AND PRIESTS IN OUR CLUSTER AREA OF GLENAMADDY

Saturday	Williamstown	7.00pm
	Kiltevena	7.30pm
	Clonberne	8pm
Sunday	Garrafrauns	10.00am
	Glenamaddy	10.30am
	Kilkerrin	11am
	Dunmore	11.30am

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PARISH BAPTISMAL DATES: Saturday 2nd January 2016 @ 4pm.
Sunday 14th February @ 12 noon. Attendance at a Baptism meeting by the parents is necessary and these meetings will take place the Wednesday before the Baptism. Also a copy of your child's Birth Certificate is required and two weeks notice. To book your child's Baptism please phone (087) 2805241.

CHURCH INCOME LAST WEEKEND €1,683

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL, GLENAMADDY helpline (086) 8364866.

GLENAMADDY BETHANY BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP is a parish based group ministry whose aim is to help those bereaved and grieving. If at any time you feel a need to talk we are here to listen. Our contact number is (087) 6663734.

Adoration every Monday 9am-12 noon & 6pm-10pm (except Bank Holidays)

Divine Mercy Devotions at 3pm every Friday.

Padre Pio Devotions 2nd Wednesday of the month at 7.30pm.

Marriage and Family Life continuous prayer on 2nd day of each month.

Our Lady of Fatima Prayer Service 1st Saturday of the month at 11am.



Many years ago, in the thirteenth century, when most ordinary people could not read, St. Francis decided he would demonstrate the Christmas story in a way anyone could understand. He set up a stable scene in a cave not far from his home in Assisi, with real people and animals. As people gathered around to see what he was doing, he told them how

Jesus had been born in a simple stable and how angels had appeared to shepherds telling them to go and find for themselves the Messiah who had been born. The idea gradually caught on and now the Christmas Crib (also called a creche or Nativity scene) is a universal part of the celebrations.

PARISH OFFICE open on Mondays and Fridays 10am-12pm. Please use the office during these hours to book Masses, Baptisms, Weddings or all general enquiries and to enquire about records. Please telephone (094) 9659017 or email newsletter@glenamaddychurch.ie. Deadline for newsletter 10am on Friday mornings. Mass cards available during office hours. Office also open in Parochial House in Williamstown on Tuesday 10am-12noon.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY will take a break for Christmas and resume on Sunday 10 January 2016.

MASSES FOR 2016 are at 7pm on Saturday evening in Glenamaddy and 10.30am on Sunday morning in Williamstown as voted by the parishioners in each parish.

PRIEST'S SALARY (Christmas collection) will be taken up at our Christmas Masses.

WE WELCOME into the Christian community Eileanor Mary Flanagan Power, Barna & Tasmania and congratulate her parents Rebecca & Robert.

CONFESSIONS on Christmas Eve 11am-11.30am in Williamstown and 12-12.30pm in Glenamaddy.

PRIEST'S SALARY The Christmas collection for the priest's salary will be taken up at the Christmas Masses.

SPECIAL THANKS to all who helped to decorate our Church so beautifully for Christmas and all involved in our Carol Service.

USED STAMPS—Lots of them this time of year..please put them in the box in the porch of the church for the Missions.

CHESTNUTS ROASTING ON AN OPEN FIRE' a Festive Fusion of Music Song and Christmas Cheer will take place again this year on Tuesday the 22nd of December at 8pm in Glenamaddy Community School. Adm €5 adults. Children free.

GLENAMADDY CS GYM is now closed for Christmas and will re-open on Thursday 7th January 2016. Merry Christmas and a happy new year to all our patrons and we look forward to seeing you in 2016.

GCDC Office will be closed from Wednesday 23rd December at 12.30pm and will re-open on Tuesday 5th January 2016. Wishing all our customers a very happy Christmas and a Peaceful New Year.

GLENAMADDY 55TH ANNUAL THEATRE FESTIVAL Thursday March 10th – Saturday March 19th 2016, Town Hall Theatre, Glenamaddy. A season ticket is an ideal Christmas Gift! Ticket price €80.00. Please contact 0879738491

GLENAMADDY CLUBS' LOTTO No jackpot winner in last Wednesday's draw, numbers drawn were 1,3,17,20. 5 matched 3 numbers. Next Wed's Lotto Jackpot will be €3,300.

GLENAMADDY BINGO on Wednesday nights in the Community Centre at 8.30pm. €1,200 in prize money including €500 jackpot

KATHLEEN's Ladies & Gents Hairdressing Salon & Indian Head & Shoulder Massage is holding a fundraiser in aid of Ability West in Glenamaddy & Kilkerrin from the 18th Dec - 29th Feb 2016. Contact Kathleen Finnegan. Tel: 094-9643286 Mob: 086-8403824.

GLENAMADDY COMMUNITY TEXT ALERT system is now in operation, and we would like to update everyone on how easy it is to use the "Alert". Member of the public reports incident to the Gardai in Tuam station (093) 70840 by way of telephone call or in person. The Garda verifies the details and determines that the Text Alert system should be utilised. 2) The Garda sends a text out to each Registered "Community Contact" in their Garda District which will then be received by the "Community Group" to advise the public to watch out and report any developments in relation to whatever activity has been reported.

LGFA Our annual Social takes place on Friday 8th Jan 2016 @ 8pm in the Ard Ri Hotel Tuam, music by Jive Buddies. Tickets €20 each available from any club officer or team management. Thanks to Breda Keaveney and Fr Mooney for doing our newsletter reports. We wish everybody a very happy & holy Christmas and all the best for 2016.

CLONBERNE CHRISTMAS BINGO this Mon 21st Dec at 8.30 with over €2000 in Christmas Hampers, Cash and neighbours prizes.

LISHEEN GOLDEN MILE overall winners. Congrats to all involved.

GLENAMADDY REVISION ACADEMY

Enrolment & information evening: Monday 21st Dec at 7pm, Education Centre, (formerly St Benin's Vocational School), is holding a Leaving Certificate Christmas Revision Course in Education Centre between Dec 28th and 31st. The Christmas intensive course is designed to help students prepare for their final exams in Irish, English and Maths. Experienced teachers will give guidance on study technique, deliver exam-focused materials, provide important notes, sample questions, model answers and work on revision exercises. For Enquiries and bookings please call 086 2330389 or email: revision1@eircom.net

GLENAMADDY CREDIT UNION CHRISTMAS OPENING

Wed 23rd Dec 10am to 4pm: Thurs 24th Dec 10am to 1pm
Fri 25th to Mon 28th Dec CLOSED: Tues 29th Dec 10am to 4pm
Wed 30th Dec 10am to 4pm: Thurs 31st Dec 10am to 4pm
Fri 1st Jan to Sun 3rd Jan CLOSED:
Open as normal from Monday 4th January

MEEHANS LONDIS

Wishing our customers a Happy Christmas and Peaceful New Year.
Pop instore for Fresh Turkeys, Hams and Hampers made to order.
Christmas Opening hours
Christmas Eve 8-6pm: Christmas Day Closed
St Stephen's Day 10am-6pm.