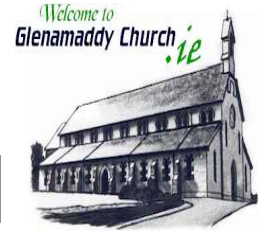


Glenamaddy Parish Newsletter



Third Sunday of Advent
Sunday 17th December 2017



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Church Radio
106.6 FM

Sunday 17th December

10.30am Frank Fahy, Scotland & grandparents Martin & Peggíe Duane, Ballinlass.
Raymond Moran, Crossboyne & Michael & Ellen Mitchell, Cloonlara South.
Sean Comer & decd Murphy & Comer families, Stonetown & Tom Cruise & decd., Clooncun.
John & Julie Dolan, Cloonkeen.
Michael Brennan & decd., Boyounagh.
Michael & Tina Heneghan, Kilkerrin Road & their son Pat.
Billy Glynn, London & Scotland.

Weekdays

Tues 7pm Patrick & Mary Ward & their daughter Bridie, Patch.
Decd. Keaveney family, Kiltullagh.
Private intention.

Thurs 9.30am Mass for our three Primary Schools
WILLIAMSTOWN Wednesday & Friday @ 9.30am

Christmas Eve

10.30am John & Kate Keane, sons Tom, Frank & daughter Margaret & David Robinson, Stonetown.

7pm People of the Parish

Christmas Day

9.45am People of the Parish

**Carol Service in
Glenamaddy
Church this
Sunday 17th Dec.
at 7pm.**

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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Fr. Tommie Commins (094) 9659212

PARISH BAPTISMAL DATES: Saturday 13th January @ 4pm. Sunday 11th 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 €781

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-12noon & 6pm-10pm (except Bank Holidays) in Convent
Divine Mercy Devotions at 3pm every Friday.
Padre Pio Devotions 2nd Wednesday of the month at 7.30pm.
Marriage and Family Life Adoration 2nd day of each month 7pm-8pm.
Our Lady of Fatima Prayer Service 1st Saturday of the month at 11am.



In the lead up to World Meeting of Families in 2018, is there anything we can do in our parish to help all families have a happier Christmas? Yes! Our 'Parish Family Giving Tree' is located at the Baptismal Font area of our Church. Please leave your unwanted gifts under this tree. All gifts will be given to the Galway Simon Community. We welcome Karen Feeny from this Community to our Mass today. For some people Christmas Day is just another day without a roof over their heads, enough clothes to keep out the cold or enough food to keep the hunger away.

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.

CHURCH ROTAS were sent out by post and email last week. Please contact the Parish Office during office hours if for some reason you didn't receive yours. Should the allocated times not suit you please arrange someone to swop from the list of names and contact numbers on the back of your rota.

THANKS to everyone who helped decorate the church so beautifully for Christmas. Also, thanks to the lads who cleared away the snow around the church last Sunday morning. You did a brilliant job.

USED STAMPS Please put them into the box in the church porch. These are sent to the Missions.

JUNIOR CHOIR practice this Monday 5pm-6pm.

SENIOR CHOIR practice this Tuesday 8pm-9pm

CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS towards the priest's salary will be taken up at the Masses during the Christmas period.

TURF FOR SALE by bags, load etc 087 9337955.

CLOBERNE CHRISTMAS BINGO This Monday 18th Dec. Total of €2,000 in prizes. Christmas hampers, cash including €700 Jackpot. Also prize for the most seasonally dressed. Santa will also be pay a visit with some goodies. Monday 1st Jan 2018. Total of €2,400. €100 on all houses including the €700 Jackpot.

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

GLENAMADDY CS GYM is now closed for the year. The gym will open again next September. The gym would like to wish all its patrons a happy Christmas and a healthy New Year.

GLENAMADDY ANNUAL THEATRE FESTIVAL season tickets (€80) now available for the perfect Christmas present. Please contact 087 9738491. The 57th Glenamaddy Annual Theatre Festival line up coming soon. The dates for the 2018 festival are Thursday 15th March - Saturday 24th March (Adjudicator Padraic McIntyre).

ANNUAL CARD GAME in Gortnaleam N.S. on Wednesday 20th December at 8:30p.m. Usual Christmas hampers, spot prizes The B.O.M. wishes all our patrons a very happy Christmas and a happy New Year.

GLENAMADDY CLUBS' LOTTO No jackpot winner in last Wednesday's draw, numbers drawn were 10,13,24,29 matched 2 numbers and share €100. Next Wed's Lotto Jackpot will be €3,900.

Advent: A Time of Grace

With Advent comes a new year of grace,
grace that's yours alone Lord to give and mine to
receive...

In this new year I want to offer you
an open door to my heart
for you to enter and make your home there...
I offer you my heart's hopes and dreams, Lord,
for this new *year of grace*:
my pledge to pray more regularly;
my desire to grow in your love;
my need to rely on your wisdom and your word;
my promise to ask for your help each day;
my hope to be more forgiving of those who offend me,
more faithful in serving others' needs,
more welcoming of those who are alone...
I offer you this new year of grace, Lord,
and ask for the strength and resolve I need to live it
as one worthy of the name *Christian*,
ready for the work of a disciple,
confident of your presence in everything I do
and in all I meet and know...
I offer you the new year ahead, Lord
- one day at a time -
and I pray for the serenity and grace
to accept the things I cannot change,
the courage to change the things I can
and the wisdom to know the difference...
Amen.

CHESTNUTS ROASTING ON AN OPEN FIRE, A Festive Fusion of Music Song and Christmas Cheer, on Thursday the 21st of December at 7pm in the GP Area at Glenamaddy Community School. €5 for adults and €2 for children and there will be complimentary refreshments of mulled wine, hot chocolate and mince pies on the night.

LISHEEN SCHOOL Christmas Dance will take place on Friday 22nd December in Divilly's Lounge, Glenamaddy at 9pm. Music will be provided by the very popular Carmel McLoughlin and finger food will be served. Entry on the door is €5 which also includes entry into a draw for two fantastic Christmas hampers. Come along for a great night of festive fun!

GENTS GAA The best of luck to our U21 team and management in their semi final v Williamstown today at 2pm in Williamstown pitch.

GRINDS available for Junior cert Technical Graphics and Leaving Cert DCG. Contact 086 4016 403.