

Glenamaddy Parish Newsletter



Fourth Sunday of Advent
Sunday 24th December 2017



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Church Radio
106.6 FM

Sunday 24th (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
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Weekdays

Thurs 7pm	Private intention
WILLIAMSTOWN	Friday @ 9.30am

Sunday 31st December

	Tom Hussey, Fartown. Tom Cunningham & decd., Meelick, Cloonkeen. Owen & Catherine Tully & son Christy, Knickanes. Patrick & Mary Donelon, Cashel, grand-daughter Leaha.
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WE
WISH
★ you a ★
merry
CHRISTMAS
★ AND A ★
HAPPY NEW YEAR
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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 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.

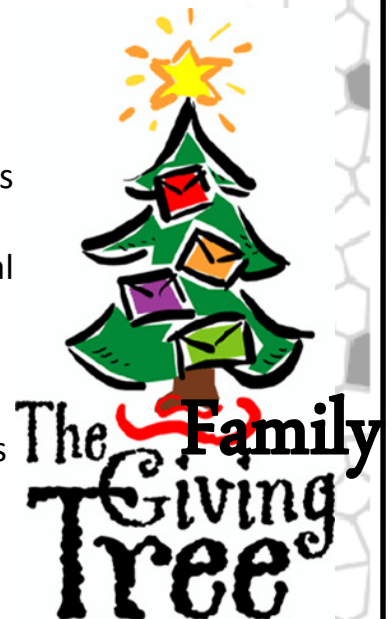
CHURCH INCOME LAST WEEKEND €1665

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.

Please leave your unwanted gifts under our 'Family Giving Tree' which is located at the Baptismal Font in Glenamaddy church. All gifts will be donated to Galway Simon Community and distributed among the homeless and less well off. All donations will be gratefully appreciated.



PARISH OFFICE closed for the Christmas period. In an emergency phone Breda 087 2805241.

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

GENTS GAA Our Under 21 team drew with Williamstown in their semi final 0-12 to 1-9. Best of luck in the replay this weekend. The Club would like to wish our players, members, supporters and sponsors a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Thanks to Fr. Mooney and Breda in the office for all their help in the past year.

THE DAYCARE CENTRE thank all those who attended our annual Christmas party and helped to make it such an enjoyable day. Thanks to those who donated gifts your generosity is valued greatly and who helped out on the day. Wishing you all a happy Christmas and a peaceful new year.

GLENAMADDY ARTS & HISTORICAL SOCIETY sincerely thank everyone who supported the recent Town Hall Theatre Refurbishment Draw. Wishing everyone a peaceful and Happy Christmas and look forward to seeing you all in 2018.

GLENAMADDY BRIDGE CLUB prize winners. Kingspan Cup 1st Brid Morgan, 2nd Bríd Walsh 3rd prize Seamus Cooney. Gross Teresa Timothy. Fr. Glynn Cup: 1st Tony Worrall, Eileen Connolly 3rd Bríd Walsh. Christmas Competition: 1st Larry Curley & Seamus Cooney, 2nd Phil Cooney & Loretta Curley & 3rd Nollaig Mannion and Maura O'Toole. Seamus paid special tribute to both Brid Morgan and Bríd Walsh, who brought great honour to our club by coming second on a recent national competition.

GLENAMADDY TIDY TOWNS thank the community for their continued support over the past year and our Christmas draw. We wish all residents and businesses in a very Happy Christmas and a peaceful and prosperous New Year.

DIVILLYS BAR & LOUNGE

Tues 26th DJ Joe: Fri 29th Kings of Connacht: Sat 30th: Bar DJ Mark: Lounge Sean Brennan. Sun 31st DJ Ollie: Monday @ 5pm Pool Competition Final with DJ Ollie afterwards. Wishing all our customers a very Happy Christmas.

Christmas Eve

Irish tradition says that the Holy Family still travel throughout the world this night seeking shelter... Is there room for them at your inn?

at my inn?

Can you see them pass by?

Joseph lost in thought...

Mary tired and heavy with child...

Can you see their eyes looking out at you from the eyes of

the homeless,

the poor,

the excluded,

the refugee,

the immigrant,

the elderly,

the child,

the lonely,

the victim of war,

the abused,

the hungry,

the persecuted,

the one you have already judged,

the one I have already judged...

If you would recognise them

then

slow down,

let your hands unclench,

simply breathe,

and

light

a candle

of welcome

in the

window

of your soul...

As the old poem put it...

"Often, often, often

goes the Christ

in the stranger's guise"...



GLENAMADDY CLUBS' LOTTO No jackpot winner in last Wednesday's draw, numbers drawn were 6,9,12,17. 3 matched 3 numbers and share €100. Next Wed's Lotto Jackpot will be €4,000.

After all the preparation, Christmas has arrived. We share Christmas greetings with one another and we visit with family and friends. We come to the crib this Christmas and we let the images there touch our hearts. We see a little family who were homeless at a very critical time in their lives. We see a little baby born into the most humble circumstances amongst the animals, a little baby who would change the world. We see in the crib the heart of Christmas and we take a moment to give thanks. As we prepare to celebrate the World Meeting of Families in Dublin next year we think especially of all families in our parish. This Christmas we are asking you to leave all of your unwanted gifts under our 'Family Giving Tree' located in the church sanctuary. These gifts will be given to Galway Simon Community to help the less well off and homeless in our county. We congratulate all those from the parish and connected with the parish who were married during the year and those who had a new arrival into the family! We extend warm wishes to those away from home at this time. We also remember in a special way those who are ill this Christmas and all those who have been bereaved since this time last year. We are also conscious of the people who for one reason or another no longer attend Church. While respecting your decision in this matter, know that you are always welcome. As the priest in the parish I am so uplifted by the huge number of people who minister alongside me. In truth these volunteers are the heart of the parish. Working together we aim to have a parish that is inclusive where everyone is and feels welcome. Our special thoughts and prayers are with you. With every kind wish for Christmas. Fr Paddy.