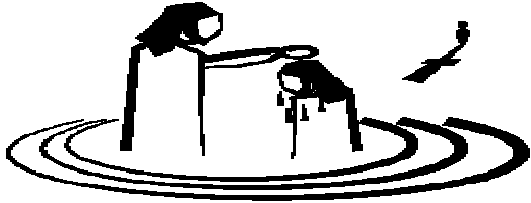


# Glenamaddy Parish Newsletter



**I Baptize With Water  
But One Mightier  
Is Coming**

**Third Sunday of Advent  
12th December 2021**

Church Radio  
106.4 FM



**Fr. Eugene O'Boyle PP**  
Phone (094) 9643774

## Sunday 12th December

10.30am	Thomas & Mary Higgins, Killererin, Tom, Paddy, Ellen and Tom Murray. John Feeney & decd O'Reilly family, Boyounagh. Michael Clarke, St Brigid's Close. Decd Keaveney family, Knickanes & Tully family, Knickanes. Sean Comer & decd Murphy & Comer families, Stonetown & Tom Cruise & decd., Clooncun. Paddy Long & decd Long family, Lisheen.
---------	---

## Weekdays

Tues 7pm	Thomas & Brigid Collins, Shannagh & Noel Clynes. Des & Ann O'Mahony, Cork.
Friday 10am	Michael Brennan, Boyounagh & decd Brennan family. Daniel & Mary Connelly & sons Willie & Tommy, Ballinamona. Michael James Slattery & decd., Lisheen.

## Sunday 19th December

10.30am	Mary Fahy, Scotland— Months Mind & her son Frank. Tom Hussey, Fartown. Paddy Coady, Williamstown, Michael & Ellen Mitchell, Cloonlara South, Raymond Moran, Crossboyne. Mary Donegan, O'Keefe Park. John & Patricia Geraghty & their daughter Mary & decd., Cashel. Aine Finnegan, Clooncun.
---------	--

## MASSES AND PRIESTS IN OUR CLUSTER AREA OF GLENAMADDY

Saturday	Williamstown	7.00pm	Fr. Eugene O'Boyle (094) 9643774
	Kiltevena	7.30pm	
	Clonberne	7.30pm	
Sunday	Garrafrauns	10am	Fr. Fergal Cunnane (093) 38124
	Glenamaddy	10.30am	Fr. Tommie Commins (094) 9659212
	Kilkerrin	11am	
	Dunmore	11.30am	

**PARISH BAPTISMS:** A copy of your child's Birth Certificate is required and two weeks notice. To book your child's Baptism please phone (094) 9659962 during office hours.

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL, DUNMORE** helpline (086) 4169828

**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.

**ADORATION** every Monday except Bank holidays in the Convent House Oratory. 9am-12 noon. 6pm-10pm.

**CHURCH INCOME LAST WEEKEND** €800

## 12 Days of Kindness

We at St. Patrick's Church, Glenamaddy are asking you to help us spread joy this Christmas with our daily countdown of Random Act of Kindnesses.

- Dec 13th Reach out to someone you haven't spoken to in a while.
- Dec 14th Give a random person a gift.
- Dec 15th Buy from a local shop.
- Dec 16th Let someone ahead of you in a queue
- Dec 17th Donate something small to a charity.
- Dec 18th Bring some treats to work/school.
- Dec 19th Bring a friend out to lunch or coffee.
- Dec 20th Take a walk with a loved one.
- Dec 21st Buy a coffee for a stranger.
- Dec 22nd Pick up some rubbish on your street, at work or school.
- Dec 23rd Smile at a stranger.
- Dec 24th Choose your own Act of Kindness

**PARISH OFFICE** is open to the public. Parishioners who wish to book Masses, require Mass cards or have any other query are asked to please call or phone the office (094) 9659962 between 10am-12 noon Monday, Tuesday or Friday. Queries by email can be sent to [glenamaddychurch@gmail.com](mailto:glenamaddychurch@gmail.com). Notices for newsletter can be emailed to [newsletter@glenamaddychurch.ie](mailto:newsletter@glenamaddychurch.ie). Deadline for notices 10am on Friday morning.

**PLEASE PRAY** for Baby Conor Moran, Cloonminda and Mary O'Grady, Kiltoom, Athlone sister in law of Tommy O'Grady, Clooncun who died during the week.

**MASS** for 2022 will be at 7pm on Saturday evening in Glenamaddy and 10.30am in Williamstown on Sundays.

**THANKS FOR THE DECORATING** ..to all who helped to decorate our church so beautifully for Christmas thank you.

**BINGO** in Glenamaddy Community Centre this Wednesday at 8pm. Your support is appreciated.

**GLENAMADDY COMMUNITY SCHEME** are currently looking for 3 environmental operatives within the area. We are also looking for an assistant cook in the kitchen of the Day-Care Centre. We are looking for a caretaker and Office Administrator for the Community Centre as well. Enquiries please to Martin Hennelly, CE Supervisor (087) 2265711.

**59TH GLENAMADDY THEATRE FESTIVAL** line up coming soon...the dates for the 2022 festival are as follows, Friday March 25th - Saturday April 2nd 2022 (Adjudicator Irene O'Meara). Season Tickets available for the perfect Christmas present, call 086 2045896 or contact us via social media (Facebook or Instagram).

**To make you Smile:** Family Ties - There was a car accident in a small town. A crowd surrounded the victim so that the newspaper reporter couldn't get close enough to see. He hit upon a bright idea: 'I'm the father of the victim', he cried, 'please let me through.!' The crowd let him pass so he was able to get right up to the scene of the accident, where he discovered, to his embarrassment, that the victim was a donkey.

#### **Reflection**

There is a clear note of joy in today's Readings.

Joy is a blend of laughter and tears

It consists of having a love affair with life.

It is having a heart aglow with warmth for all one's companions on the road of life.

It is looking for the happiness that comes in small packages, knowing that big packages are few and far between.

It is making the most of the present, enjoying what is at hand right now.

Joy is love bubbling over into life.

And it coexists with pain.

Joy is the flag we fly when Christ, the Prince of Peace Has taken up residence in our hearts

#### **MOLLOY'S FRUIT & VEGETABLES**

Tel (094) 9659167 or (086) 8778004

Orders now being taken for: Christmas trees  
(Non shedding) Christmas Wreaths &  
Fruit Baskets

Wishing all our customers a Happy Christmas

#### **Christmas Reflection**

##### **- 1 Corinthians 13 – A Christmas Version.**

If I decorate my house perfectly with fancy bows, strands of twinkling lights and shiny ornaments, but do not show love to my family. I'm just another decorator.

If I slave away in the kitchen, baking dozens of mince pies, preparing gourmet meals and arranging a beautiful adorned table at meal-time, but do not show love to my family, I'm just another cook.

If I work in the soup kitchen, sing carols in the nursing home and give all that I have to charity, but do not show love to my family, it profits me nothing.

Love stops the cooking to hug the child.  
Love sets aside the decorating to spend time with family.

Love is kind, though harried and tired.  
Love doesn't envy another's home that has coordinated Christmas china and table linens.

Love doesn't yell at the kids to get out of the way but is thankful they are there to be in the way. Love doesn't give only to those who are able to give in return but rejoices in giving to those who can't.

Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.  
Love never fails.

Video games will break, pearl necklaces will be lost, golf clubs will rust, but giving the gift of love will endure. Some thoughts as you prepare for Christmas!