

Glenamaddy Parish Newsletter



Fourth Sunday of Advent
19th December 2021

Church Radio
106.4 FM



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

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.

Weekdays

Tues 7pm Luke Cunniffe, O'Keefe Park
Christmas Eve 7pm People of the Parish
Christmas Day 11.30am People of the Parish

Sunday 26th December

10.30am Pat Kelly, son Danny & Noel &
Della Kelly, Stonetown.
Michael & Tina Heneghan &
son Pat & decd Heneghan &
Toman families, Kilkerrin Road.

Please pray for Marcella Maguire whose anniversary occurs at this time.

MASSES AND PRIESTS IN OUR CLUSTER AREA OF GLENAMADDY

Saturday	Williamstown	7.00pm
	Kiltevena	7.30pm
	Clonberne	7.30pm
Sunday	Garrafrauns	10am
	Glenamaddy	10.30am
	Kilkerrin	11am
	Dunmore	11.30am

Fr. Eugene O'Boyle (094) 9643774

Fr. Fergal Cunnane (093) 38124

Fr. Tommie Commins (094) 9659212

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 €605

*If you look for me at Christmas
...you won't need a special star -
I'm no longer just in Bethlehem,
I'm right there where you are.
You may not be aware of me
amid the celebrations -
You'll have to look beyond the stores
and all the decorations.
But if you take a moment
from your list of things to do
And listen to your heart, you'll find
I'm waiting there for you.
You're the one I want to be with,
you're the reason that I came,
And you'll find me in the stillness
As I'm whispering your name.*

*Love,
Jesus*

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. Notices for newsletter can be emailed to newsletter@glenamaddychurch.ie. Deadline for notices 10am on Friday morning.

MASS for 2022 will be at 7pm on Saturday evening in Glenamaddy starting Saturday next the 1st January.

BINGO in Glenamaddy Community Centre this Wednesday at 8pm. We would be really grateful if you could please support us.

GLENAMADDY CLUBS' LOTTO draw on Wednesday nights. Next Wed's Lotto Jackpot will be €7,500. No Jackpot winner this week. Numbers drawn 1,20,23,28. 3 shared €100 having 3 numbers.

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).

Reflection:

A Star is Born The Magi were led to Christ by the light of a star. But they saw the star only because They were not afraid to travel in the dark. The fact is, we cannot see the stars In the bright light of day, But only in the darkness of night; And the darker the night, The brighter they shine. In a sense, all of us are night-time travellers. However, we need no longer fear the darkness. A light has come into the world, A light that shines in the dark, A light that no darkness can overpower

ADORATION for Monday, 27th December and 3rd January will be 10 am until 12 noon. (Just 2 hours)

PRIEST'S COLLECTION will be taken up at all Masses Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

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.



Thanks!

A huge thanks to all those who decorated our church so beautifully for Christmas. A special thanks to Malachy & Marian Keaveney for putting up the crib, Brid Walsh and her team Hazel, Maggie & Sarah for the lovely window arrangements, Phily for the Advent wreath, Andrea the flowers, Joseph & John for the trees, Padraig, Patricia, Sean, Tommy, Breda, Amy, Kathleen, Marie, Savine, Oisín and Geraldine for all their help in decorating the church. Thanks to Pat Hussey and Tommy Dillon and the FAS lads also.

A Different Kind of Christmas?

It's that time of year, Lord, when we do the things we always do in the ways we've always done them: we shop for gifts, send out cards, put up a Christmas tree, sing the old carols, hang wreaths on our doors, write letters to Santa, and wait for it all to be over...

But Christmas is all about something different, something new, mercy in - old grudges out, all things changing, transformation, Emmanuel, God-with-us to bring us great good news... we have many reasons to rejoice. This Christmas, Lord, draw us beyond the customs and traditions draw us to something different, something new, something changing, something leading us to be transformed by grace into children of your love, blessed with hope that in your birth all things shall be new and all things shall be well... This Christmas, Lord, change our old ways, change our souls, change the way we live our life, transform our thoughts, ideas and dreams, expand our hearts to exclude no one make new our hopes and trust in you until we are re-born again - this Christmas, change us Lord... Amen