

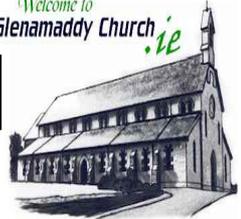
Glenamaddy Parish Newsletter



The Nativity of our Lord
25th December 2022

Church Radio
106.4 FM

Welcome to
Glenamaddy Church .ie



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

Christmas Eve

7pm The People of the Parish

Christmas Day

Sunday 25th December

10am The People of the Parish

Sat 31st Dec

7pm Pat, Danny, Noel & Della Kelly, Stonetown.
Mary & Patrick Donelon, daughter Breege & granddaughter Leah & grandson Sean.
Mae & Luke Mannion & decd O'Brien & Mannion families, Ballinastack.
Margaret Keaveny, James & Gary Keaveny, Bill & Kathleen Keaveny & Maeve Walsh, Church Street.
Tommy Kilmartin & decd Kilmartin, Hussey & Finn families, Shannagh.

MASSES AND PRIESTS IN OUR CLUSTER AREA OF GLENAMADDY

Saturday	Glenamaddy	7.00pm
	Kiltevena	7.30pm
	Clonberne	7.30pm
Sunday	Garrafrauns	10am
	Williamstown	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.

Dear Parishioners,

Happy Christmas everyone. I wish you all a very Happy New Year. Our faith asks us to be positive, to look forward, to hope. It has been an unusual few years in our parish and in our world. We ask the Lord to bless us all with His peace, to bring a peace to our world, that we deeply need and desire. A peace that only the Lord can bring to us.

We welcome Ukrainians to our parish, our thoughts and our prayers are with them, with their people and nation. May the Lord bring peace and love to all our lives, may Jesus bless our community and help us to live out our Christian vocations.

I thank you all for helping out in our parish as we endeavour to get back to full operation. Thank you to our choir, readers, Eucharistic Ministers, basket collectors, those who decorate the Church for Christmas, to our altar servers, to our schools, parents to all of you.

Thank you. God bless and a very Happy Christmas.

Fr Eugene

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 is 10am on Friday morning.

FAMILY GIVING TREE is on display in our church. Please leave all of your unwanted gifts under the tree and they will be given to Galway Simon Community in early January.

WE WELCOME into the Christian community Zara Maeve Brogan, Lisheen & Australia and congratulate her parents Emily & Michael.

GLENAMADDY CLUBS' LOTTO draw on Wednesday nights. Next Wed's Lotto Jackpot will be €12,800. No Jackpot winner this week. Numbers drawn 4,11,15,22. 6 share €100 having 3 numbers. Lottery draw still available on line.

LISHEEN NS CARD GAME Progressive 25 card game on Wednesday December 28th at 8.30pm. Prizes will include Christmas Hampers and usual hospitality. We thank everyone for their continued support and wish you all a very Happy Christmas.

KNOCK YOUTH LEADERSHIP PROGRAMME aims to bring together a group of passionate and enthusiastic people from different Parishes, to learn youth ministry skills and to bring these skills back to their parish to set up child and youth focused faith activities/gatherings/events etc. Starting February 25th. Places are limited. Contact Knock Youth Ministry on 0949375321/ youthministry@knockshrine.ie for details and application forms.

GLENAMADDY THEATRE FESTIVAL All Ireland Season Ticket's are now available to buy online via Eventbrite. Our All Ireland Confined Drama Finals, 2023, season tickets are the perfect gift for anyone who loves drama, comedy, and live performances and will have access to all nine performances at the reduced rate of €110 (nightly tickets will go on sale in March for €15 + booking fee). Season Ticket @ €110.00... in the Eventbrite search engine add 'Season Ticket - All Ireland Confined Drama Finals 2023' to purchase. Also our social media platforms will bring you directly to the Eventbrite link. Enquiries email glenamaddydrama@gmail.com and we will get back to you. Thurs 13th of April - Friday 21st of April 2023. (Line up of performances will be determined at the All Ireland Draw on Sunday 2nd of April). Adjudicator Geoff O'Keeffe ADA.

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"...



CHRISTMAS TIME

If Christmas is hard, if you've lost someone dear.

Just look in your heart, and you'll

know they're still here.

The star in the sky, the light falling snow.

The robin outside, it seems like they know.

If this is a time, when you're struggling through.

Just do what can, for what matters is you.

There's no need to be merry, there's no need to be bright.

Just do what you can, it will be alright.

