

Glenamaddy Parish Newsletter



St. Patrick's Church
23rd December 2023
Fourth Sunday of Advent

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Saturday 23rd December

7.30pm Rose Keaveney, Bushtown—
 Month's Mind.
 Tom & Bridget Collins, Shannagh
 & decd Collins & Donlon families
 & Noel Clynes.
 Tom Conneally, Boyounagh &
 decd Conneally & Heneghan
 families.
 Peter & Mary Concagh & decd.,
 Middletown.
 John & Delia Curtin & decd
 Collins family, Classaroe.
 Mick Brennan, Boyounagh.
 Aine Finnegan, Clooncun.
 Tommy & Margaret Mulryan,
 Barna, daughters Bridie &
 Teresa, son in law Eamon.
 Michael Heneghan, Kilkerrin
 Road.

Christmas Eve

7pm People of the Parish

Christmas Day

10am People of the Parish

Sunday 31st December

10.30am Mary & Patrick Donelon,
 Cashel, daughter Breege,
 grandson Sean & grand-
 daughter Leaha.
 Mae & Luke Mannion & decd
 O'Brien & Mannion families,
 Ballinastack.
 Margaret Keaveny, James &
 Gary Keaveny, Bill & Kathleen
 Keaveny & Maeve Walsh,
 Church Street.

Masses in Williamstown 9pm Christmas Eve,
 11.30am Christmas Day and 6.30pm Saturday.

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

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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. From January 2024 Baptisms will be the first Saturday of the month at 12 noon in Glenamaddy Church & the first Sunday of the month after Mass in Williamstown church.

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.

THIS WEEK: CHURCH INCOME €530

BALANCE REMAINING ON RENOVATING CHURCH BARGES: €4,717.50

A Christmas Blessing

May the true message of Christmas dwell in your heart As you treasure the mystery of incarnation. May the light of the Christmas candle brighten any dark places within. May you be blessed with the eyes of a child as you open to the wonder of every moment. May the song of the angels echo in your life bringing a message of comfort and hope. May the stillness of the night deepen your desire to rest silently in God's presence. May the story of Christmas awaken in you memories of loved ones and childhood dreams. May your restless heart be filled with peace, a deep peace that lasts throughout the year. May you carry this peace into our world. May you be blessed this Christmas.

A CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

I would like to send Christmas greetings not only to all our parishioners both at home and overseas but to all in the wider community. I know that Christmas means many different things to different people for some it is a time of homecoming, for some it is a great family time, for others not so, for others it is a time of great joy and happiness while for others it is a time of pain and sorrow and loss. Whatever your situation this Christmas, know that you are very much in my thoughts and prayers. In the name of our parish community I extend a very warm welcome to you all to join with us for Christmas Celebrations. There is a warm welcome and a place for everyone in our Parish Community, not only at Christmas, but always. A sincere "thank you" to all who contribute to the wellbeing and building up of the Parish throughout the year and to all who help out and volunteer in so many different ways in making this parish such an energetic, faith-filled community. I will remember especially in my prayers all of my special friends whom I call to monthly doing my Communion calls. Some of the highlights since my arrival in August 2023 were the 'Harvest Mass and Harvest Thanksgiving celebration where members of our global community shared their native cuisine with our parishioners, Mass for the Sick, planting of the daffodil bulbs by the children preparing for the sacraments, our new Pastoral Council and Finance committee, Our Christmas Concert featuring Roscommon Solstice Choir, Johnny Carroll, Glenamaddy Church Senior and Junior Choirs, Mass for the Daycare, Dochas, our Community School activities, Primary School Mass, Parish Carol Service and our wonderful Live Crib which was prayerful to high-light but a few celebrations in our church. We have a wonderful 'community spirit' in Glenamaddy and that is clearly visible by the amount of people who give of their time to take part in our church by way of ministries or giving of their time to help out in so many ways and to you I say 'thank you most sincerely'.

I wish you all every blessing for Christmas. May you have good health and happiness throughout 2024.

Fr. Anthaiah

PLEASE PRAY FOR Jimmy Mannion, Creggs Road and Colin Nicholson, Miltown, nephew of Tom Comer, Creggane who died during the week.

From the Official Desk of
Santa Claus

Dear Fr Anthaiah,

Thank you for your letter inviting me to visit your church in Glenamaddy during 7pm Mass on Christmas Eve.

I am writing to you to let your know that I will be there and that your parishioners in Glenamaddy and Williamstown have made it on my very 'Nice List'. The elves are very busy loading up the sleigh with lots of presents. The weather looks favourable for Glenamaddy. So hopefully this year Rudolf steadies up when landing as he always gets so excited coming to Glenamaddy. Last year he caught the barges of the church with the sleigh. (Please Fr Anthaiah do not tell the fundraising committee).

Please leave out a nice curry for me, but not, for the reindeers.

Santa Claus



**'Come and See
a Live Crib**

Immediately after
Mass this evening
Outside of our
church.

