

Parish of Kilsherdany & Drung

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT, Year B

3 December, 2023



Weekend Masses in the Parish:

SATURDAY MASS: Drung 7.30pm

SUNDAY MASS: Corick 10am

Masses This Week:

St Brigid's Church, Kill

Sun 3rd - NO MASS

Tues 5th - 9.30 am

Sun 10th - NO MASS

Eucharistic Adoration: Spend time with Jesus every Tues 6-7pm in Kill Church

Church of Immaculate Conception, Drung

Sat. 2nd - 7.30 pm - Mary Smith (2nd Anniv) & John Smith, Corcavity

Thur. 7th - 9.30 am - Patrick Dowd, Lisgannon, Tullyco

Sat. 9th - 7.30 pm - Mary, John & James Higgins; Eddie Fitzpatrick; Patricia Heaphy; Patsy & Sean Sheridan, all of Ballinacargy, Drung

St Mary's Church, Bunnoe

Sat. 2nd - NO MASS

Wed 6th - 9.30 am

Sat. 9th - NO MASS

St Patrick's Church, Corick

Sun. 3rd - 10.00 am

Fri. 8th - 6.30 pm - Frank, Ellen & Patrick Cusack, Corbeagh

Sun. 10th - 10.00 am - David Gallagher, Corbeagh; Joe & Molly McIntyre, Campstown, and deceased family members; John & Annie Higgins, Drumnatrade; Peter Reilly, Corgreagh; Michael & Kitty McQuillan, Lung

Recent Death: Please pray for the soul of Brigid (Beesie) Nicholl (née Rudden), Ramulligan, Redhills, mother of Martin, who died on Thursday 23rd November. May she rest in peace.

Exchange of Priests in the pastoral area will take place at the weekend Masses of 9th & 10th December

Important Church Information

Season of Advent: begins on Sun 3rd Dec & ends Sun 24th Dec. In Advent we prepare for the birth of Christ. Advent is a uniquely joyous and hopeful season in the Church. We light candles amidst the darkness. We find warmth in the cold, dark winter season. And we come together as friends and family to celebrate the coming of our Savior. The four candles of Advent represent the four Sundays of Advent, and they respectively symbolize hope, peace, joy, and love. In some homes and parishes, people will also light a fifth candle on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day to represent the birth of Jesus; this candle, when added to the Advent wreath, is typically white and larger than the other candles and is placed in the centre of the wreath.

Advent week 1 - Hope: Prophecy Candle (purple)
The first candle is **purple**, the primary color of Advent and a color symbolizing royalty. Sometimes called the "**Prophecy Candle**," the first candle harkens us back to Isaiah's foretelling of the birth of Christ and all of the promises God gave us in the Old Testament that would be fulfilled by the birth of Jesus.



Feast Days During Coming Week:

Monday: St John Damascene
Wednesday: St Nicholas
Thursday: St Ambrose
Friday: The Immaculate Conception of the BVM
Saturday: St Juan Diego Cuatlatotzin

AN ADVENT CAROL SERVICE OF CAROLS & READINGS, led by Bishop Martin Hayes, will take place in The Conaty Chapel of the Kilmore Diocesan Pastoral Centre, Cullies, Cavan H12 E5C7, on the First Sunday of Advent, 3rd Dec 2023, at 5p.m., with Fr. Darragh Connolly, P.P. Killinkere, leading the singing and Thomas Hanley as organist. All are welcome to attend this special event as we begin the journey together towards the celebration of the birth of Our Saviour at Christmas. A voluntary collection will be taken up towards the upkeep of the Diocesan Pastoral Centre. Light refreshments will be served afterwards.

Dear Fr./ Diocesan Staff Member/Pastoral Council Chair/Parishioner,

I write to say well done to all involved in arranging and coordinating the Parish Meetings in response to the Pastoral Letter entitled '**Making Decisions and Preparing for the Future Together**'. It is great, in these days, to be receiving the feedback from parishes which is offering a positive way forward. We are now actively bringing together all the responses to compile a draft diocesan report. Also, we are arranging to meet with the hosts/facilitators of the parish meetings to present them with the draft report so as to ensure that we have got a true picture of what has emerged.

Again, thanks for your participation and we encourage all parishes, yet to submit their reports on their parish meetings, to do as soon as possible.

Trusting in the Good Lord.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Martin Hayes'.

+ Martin Hayes, Bishop of Kilmore.

A clean up has been arranged for Corick Church in preparation for Christmas on Monday 4th December commencing at 6pm. Your help would be greatly appreciated.

St Vincent de Paul Annual Collection: 9th & 10th December at the church gates. SVP envelopes in back of all the churches if anyone wants to donate that way.

It has been agreed at a recent Pastoral Council Meeting that all **church gate collections** must take place off church grounds and away from church gates/entrances. We would ask all collectors to respect this decision.

Kill Altar Society: Dec 2023 - Jackie Mc Mahon & Sinead O'Flynn

Corick Altar Society: Dec 2023 - Mary McPhillips

Bunroe Rotas (Dec): Altar Society: Susie McCaul **Cleaning:** Gretta Fay, Bernie Moore, Jane O'Reilly, Ann Hughes **Door Collectors:** Hugh John Cassidy, Sean McConnell

Christmas Penitential Service & Confession will take place in St. Michael's Church, Cootehill on Mon 18th Dec at 7.30 pm. Parishioners are encourage to attend.

Friday 29th December - First Friday Calls - from 10 am

Fr. Yusuf is bringing Holy Communion to those at home, to all church areas. If you want anyone to be added to the First Friday Calls list, please contact the parish office. 049 589 3239 or kilsherdanyanddrungparish@gmail.com

2024 Pioneer calendar, offering spiritual support & encouragement to families impacted by alcohol & addiction, is available from Pioneer centres & from Central Office (01 805 4226). €5. www.pioneerassociation.org/calendar

Christmas Cards & Mass Cards now available in all four churches.

Fr Yusuf Bamai, PP

049-5553035 or 089 964 5065

Email: kil@kilmorediocese.ie or drung@kilmorediocese.ie

Office (Kill Church porch room): Tuesday and Thursday; 10.00am-12.30pm

Landline: 049 589 3239

Parish Website: kilsherdanyanddrungparish.com

Please send all items for the newsletter before 9pm on Wednesday to

kilsherdanyanddrungparish@gmail.com

[webcam: www.churchtv.ie](http://webcam:www.churchtv.ie)

Other Priests of the Pastoral Area

Fr John Cooney, PP Cootehill: 049555-2120 & 086-875-5695

Fr Martin Gilcreest, PP, Laragh: 049-433-0142

Fr Michael Gilsean, CC, Maudabawn: 087-436-3555

Most Rev. Dr. Martin Hayes Diocesan Bishop, Kilmore

Important Local Information

Drung GFC AGM: Sunday 3rd December @ 4pm in Bunnoe Community Centre.

Whist: Tullyvin Community Centre on Tuesday the 5th of December at 8.30pm

Coffee Morning in Tullyvin Community Centre on Sat. Dec 9th from 10am-2pm for the Cavan Multiple Sclerosis Branch. Everyone is welcome, there will be also Carol Singing on the day . Organised by Nuala Mc Enroe & Geraldine Fitzpatrick.

Join us for Bingo: every Monday night at 8pm in Bunnoe Community Centre

Indoor Bowls: in Tullyvin Community Centre, every Monday night at 8pm

Drung GFC Blotto Results Monday 27th November 2023. Numbers drawn: 17. 18. 22. 32. No Jackpot Winner. €30 Winners: John Cassidy, Tullynacross, FOD; Patricia Halligan, Kilnavora; Fiacra McDonnell, Lisboduff, FOD; Jack & Annie Rossiter, Lisnageer. Next week's jackpot €7,100.

Kilmore Youth Ministry is running a Christmas art competition, open to all primary school students in Kilmore Diocese. Participants are asked to "draw a picture of the first Nativity" Entries can be sent to Youth Ministry Office, The Conaty Centre Cullies Co Cavan. The closing date is December 12th.

Money Found on the grounds of St Brigid's Church Kill, Fri 20th Jan 2023, prior to a "full house" anniversary mass celebration - the rightful owner to this money has yet to be discovered. The search continues until 20th Jan 2024, after which time the money becomes the property of the finder. Please contact the gardai in Cootehill (049 5552105) or Bailieboro (042 9694577) with any information that might help this search. Other churches in the district please copy.

General News

Anam Cara Armagh, supporting bereaved parents, FREE monthly Parent Evening Wed 29 Nov at 7:15pm, Armagh City Hotel, Friary Rd, open to all, regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether their death was recent or not. We also offer an online support service. Contact us on info@anamcara.ie or 028 95213120 for any queries. anamcara.ie

The Alzheimer Support Group meet Thur 7th Dec in CCLD/ 6 Corlurgan Business Park, Ballnagh Rd . Cavan H12D86. Time 7.30pm. **The Forget Me Not Cafe**

Christmas Party takes place in the Conaty Centre, St. Patrick's College. Cavan, on Wed 13th Dec at 11am-1pm . For further info on the above notices contact Carole 0852669542 or Claire 0852562482.

Here are some Support numbers you may find useful:

ALONE (Elderly): 0818222024 **AWARE** (Anxious/Depressed): 1800804848

TEARMANN (Dom Abuse): 0858102433 **PIETA** (Mental Health): 1800247247

SAMARITANS (To Talk): 116 123 **CHILDLINE** (Children): 1800 666 666

WOMEN'S AID (Dom Abuse): 1800341900 **MEN'S AID**: 015543811

NORTH WEST STOP (Free counselling): 086 777200