

Parish of Kilsherdany & Drung

4th Sun. of Advent (B) - Christmas 2023/NewYear 2024 - 24 & 31 Dec.2023



2023 Christmas Masses in the Parish:

24 Dec: Bunnoe 7.00 pm
Kill 8.15pm

25 Dec: Corick 9.30am
Drung 11.00am

Jan 2024 Masses: **Saturday:** Kill 6.30pm **Sunday:** Bunnoe 10.00am

St Brigid's Church, Kill

Sun 24th - 8.15pm - CHRISTMAS EVE MASS

- Colin Carolan, Cornasaus, Mountain Lodge

Tues 26th - 9.30 am - Aoife O'Reilly (nee McKiernan), Jim, Maura & Seamus

McKiernan & the deceased members of the McKiernan family

Sun 31st - NO MASS

Sat 6th - 6.30 pm - Mick Brady, Drumhurt; Margaret & Patrick Cusack, Cornasaus,
Mountain Lodge; The Sullivan family, Tullywaltra

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

Church of Immaculate Conception, Drung

Sat. 23rd - 7.30 pm - Jim & Susan Keogh; Liam, Pat, Edward & Paul Keogh; Philip
Gilsenan & Maria Tiernan, RIP & all deceased members of the Keogh family &
any others that have gone before us

Mon. 25th - 11.00am - The Nativity of the Lord

Thur. 28th - NO MASS

Sat. 30th - 7.30 pm - James & Ellie Coyle & Benny Coyle, Cornagall, Drung &
deceased members of the Coyle & McCaffrey families

Sun. 7th - NO MASS

St Mary's Church, Bunnoe

Sat. 23rd - NO MASS

Wed 27th - NO MASS

Sun 24th - 7.00pm - CHRISTMAS EVE MASS

Sat. 30th - NO MASS

Sun. 7th - 10.00 am - Philip & Anna Greenan, Lisgannon, Tullyco; Dan Reilly, Bunnoe

St Patrick's Church, Corick

Sun. 24th - NO MASS

Fri. 29th - NO MASS

Mon. 25th - 9.30am - The Nativity of the Lord

Sun. 31st - 10.00 am

Sat 6th - NO MASS

Important Church Information

Season of Advent: ends Sun 24th Dec. 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. We also light a fifth candle on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day to represent the birth of Jesus. Advent week 4 - Love: Angel's Candle (purple)

The fourth candle of Advent represents **Love**, the ultimate love of God that He might send His only Son for us. Called the "**Angel's Candle**," the fourth candle of Advent is lit the Sunday before Christmas, and it is the colour **purple**, leading us to eagerly await the new Kingdom of God on earth.

Feast Days During Coming Weeks:

Monday 25 th :	THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD (CHRISTMAS)
Tuesday 26 th :	St Stephen
Wednesday 27 th :	St John
Thursday 28 th :	The Holy Innocents, martyrs
Friday 29 th :	5 th Day in the Octave of Christmas
Saturday 30 th :	6 th Day in the Octave of Christmas
Monday 1 st :	Mary, The Holy Mother of God
Tuesday 2 nd :	Ss Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen
Wednesday 3 rd :	St Munchin
Friday 5 th :	St Charles of St Andrew
Saturday 6 th :	THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



Recent Death: Please pray for the soul of Anne (Nancy) Smith (née Galligan), Rathrussan, who died on Tue 12th Dec 2023, Funeral Mass in Kill on Thur 14th Dec 2023. May she rest in peace.

Recent Death: Please pray for the soul of Marie Donohoe, Dublin and late of Drumcho, who died Fri 10th Nov 2023, Funeral Mass in Drung with Committal of Ashes in Drung Cemetery on Sat 16th Dec 2023. May she rest in peace.

Recent Death: Please pray for the soul of Marie McCabe, (née Smith) Ardglushin, Lisboduff, who died Tues 19th Dec 2023, Funeral Mass in Bunnoe on Thur 21st Dec 2023. May she rest in peace.

THERE WILL BE NO WEEKDAY MASSES IN JANUARY

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

The Parish Office will be closed from 12.30pm on Thur 21st December until 10am on Tues 2nd January.

Christmas Message/Appreciation to all parishioners

On behalf of the Parish Pastoral Council, the Parish Finance Committee and all the various church Committees in the parish, and on behalf of the Parish Priest Fr. Yusuf Bamai, and the Bishop Most Rev. Dr. Martin Hayes; we extend our Christmas wishes and blessings to all parishioners. We thank God for all His blessings to us in the parish over the years. We are indeed very grateful to Bishop Leo O'Reilly and priests in the pastoral area for their continuous support and assistance to us in the parish. We also want to use this opportunity to thank all parishioners for all your supports and cooperation, we are sincerely and very grateful for your kind and generous contributions to the parish. We thank the various groups and individuals in the parish for their sacrifices, dedication and commitment: Our Sacristans, our Altar Servers and their coordinators, Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, Collectors/Missalette Distributors, Choirs, Altar Society Ladies/Church cleaners, money counters/Record keepers & Accountants, Eucharistic Adoration Group, St. Padre Pio Group and so many Associations/individuals that work behind the scenes for our common good. May God bless and reward you abundantly. Merry Christmas and blessed New Year 2024. **Fr. Yusuf Bamai (PP).**

Christmas Reflection, 2023

"Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on Earth peace to those on whom God's favour rests." (Luke 2:13-14) We approach Christmas with a sense of receiving an enormous transforming gift, the gift of the declaration of God's love for us. And in response we offer the Lord our love in return. We pray, at this Christmas, may our hearts be filled with the realisation of this gift of love, and our response be one of generous self-giving in reply.

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 Gilsenan, CC, Maudabawn: 087-436-3555

Most Rev. Dr. Martin Hayes Diocesan Bishop, Kilmore



Fr Yusuf Bamai, PP

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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)

We wish to extend a sincere **THANK YOU** to ALL the **Christmas Mass singers** in all the churches, who so generously donated their time and wonderful talents to make our celebrations so beautiful this Christmas season.

Kill Altar Society: Dec 2023 - Jackie Mc Mahon & Sinead O'Flynn
Jan 2024 - Helen Clarke & Pauline Brady

Corick Altar Society: Dec 2023 - Mary McPhillips
Jan 2024 - Maura Smith & Teresa Foster

Bunnoe Rotas (Dec 2023): **Altar Society**: Susie McCaul **Cleaning**: Gretta Fay, Bernie Moore, Jane O'Reilly, Ann Hughes **Door Collectors**: Hugh John Cassidy, Sean McConnell

Bunnoe Rotas (Jan 2024): **Altar Society**: Kathleen Daly **Readers**: Oliver McCaul, Sean Slowey **Cleaning**: Teresa Fitzpatrick, Nellie Fitzpatrick, Helen Watters **Eucharist**: Nellie Fitzpatrick, Philomena Cassidy **Door**: Barry Smith, Gerry McCaul **Servers (7th)**: Thomas McEntee, Alanna Hughes, Morgan Maguire, Annaliese Maguire

Important Local Information

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 info that might help this search.

Whist: Tullyvin Community Centre on Tuesday 2nd January at 8.30pm

BINGO: There will be NO Bingo Mon 25th Dec or Mon 1st Jan, but we will return on Mon 8th Jan at 8pm in Bunnoe Community Centre

Indoor Bowls: returning every Monday night at 8pm in Tullyvin Community Centre, starting Monday 8th January

Drung GFC Blotto Results Monday 18th December 2023. Numbers drawn: 11. 18. 19. 20. No Jackpot Winner. €30 Winners: Philip Fitzpatrick, Liverpool, FOD; John Joe Curran, Drung, FOD; Tom & Michelle Vesey, Drung, FOD; Thomas McGill, Drung. Hamper Winner: Michael McEntee. Next week's jackpot €7,400.

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