

Parish of Kilsherdany & Drung

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT, Year B

17 December, 2023



2023 Christmas Masses in the Parish:

24 Dec: Bunnoe 7.00 pm
Kill 8.15pm

25 Dec: Corick 9.30am
Drung 11.00am

Masses This Week:

St Brigid's Church, Kill

Sun 17th - NO MASS

Tues 19th - 9.30 am

Sun 24th - 8.15pm - CHRISTMAS EVE MASS

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

Church of Immaculate Conception, Drung

Sat. 16th - 7.30 pm - Terence Fay, Tullybrick, Lisboduff; Andrew & Kathleen Reilly, Kilmacnoran; Peter & Margaret Reilly, Gortskeagh & deceased members of the Reilly family

Thur. 21st - 9.30 am

Sat. 23rd - 7.30 pm - Jim & Susan Keogh; Liam, Pat, Edward & Paul Keogh; Philip Gilsean & 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

St Mary's Church, Bunnoe

Sat. 16th - NO MASS

Wed 20th - 9.30 am

Sat. 23rd - NO MASS

Sun 24th - 7.00pm - CHRISTMAS EVE MASS

St Patrick's Church, Corick

Sun. 17th - 10.00 am - Patrick & Rose McPhillips, Killycreeny, their son Declan & daughter-in-law Mary; Mary Brady (nee McKeon), Fall of Water

Fri. 22nd - 6.30 pm - Mass for Special Intention

Sun. 24th - NO MASS

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

Important Church Information

Baptismal Remembrance Mass for First Communion Children of St Mary's National School, Drung & St Patrick's National School, Lisboduff - Children should come with baptismal candle (Sat 16th Dec. - Drung)

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 3 - Joy: Shepherd's Candle (pink)
The third candle is **pink**, the liturgical colour for joy. Often called the "**Shepherd's Candle**," the third candle takes us back to the joyful anticipation of the shepherds who journeyed to see Jesus in Bethlehem, even before the wise men. On this third Sunday of Advent, which the Church calls "Gaudete Sunday," meaning rejoice or praise, we light the third candle and rejoice like the shepherds.

Feast Days During Coming Week:

Monday: St Flannon
Wednesday: St Fachanan
Thursday: St Peter Canisius
Saturday: St John of Kanty



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

Parish of Kilsherdany & Drung Christmas Penitential Service & Confession - 4th Sunday of Advent Dec 23rd & 24th at the end of Mass

St Patrick's Corick Church notice: Sincerest thanks to the men and women who turned up on Monday evening last to clean and prepare the church for Christmas ceremonies, and for providing the floral decorations. Your help is deeply appreciated.

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. Please get all newsletter items in before Wed 20th December. There will only be one newsletter over the Christmas period.

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 Cards & Mass Cards now available in all four churches.

Fr Yusuf Bamai, PP

049-5553035 or 089 964 5065

Email: kill@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, Larith: 049-433-0142

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

Most Rev. Dr. Martin Hayes Diocesan Bishop, Kilmore

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 information that might help this search. Other churches in the district please copy.

IMPORTANT NOTICE: Monday 18th December Is The Last Day For Sending Out By Courier Before Christmas

Whist: Tullyvin Community Centre on Tuesday the 19th of December at 8.30pm and Tuesday 2nd January at 8.30pm

Join us for Bingo: every Monday night at 8pm in Bunnoe Community Centre "There will be NO Bingo Monday 25th December or Monday 1st January but we will return on Monday 8th January at 8pm in Bunnoe Community Centre."

Indoor Bowls: in Tullyvin Community Centre, every Monday night at 8pm, except for the two Mondays over Christmas and New Year

Drung GFC Blotto Results Monday 11th December 2023. Numbers drawn: 8. 17. 21. 30. No Jackpot Winner. €30 Winners: Rachel Elliott, Corravahan, FOD; Nellie Fitzpatrick, Renard, OD; Gareth & Leanne Nugent, Lisboduff; Olivia Lynch, Oldcastle, Online. Next week's jackpot €7,300.

General News

Christmas Church Concert... Spreading the Joy of Christmas with Songs & Carols, featuring the St. Michael's and St. Patrick's Church Choirs and with Special Guest's the Cavan Rugby Male Voice Choir, in St. Michael's Church Cootehill, Sunday 17th December 2023 at 7.30pm Sharp. (Doors open 7pm) Please bring a cushion!

Anam Cara Armagh, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding a Parent Evening for bereaved parents on Wednesday 20th December at 7:15pm in the The Armagh City Hotel, Friary Rd, Armagh, . This event is free and open to all bereaved parents 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.**

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