

Parish of Kilmovee

“A family of families”

*Church of the
Immaculate
Conception,
Kilmovee*

*St. Joseph's Church
Urlaur*



*St. Celsus' Church,
Kilkelly*

*St. Patrick's Church,
Glann*

MISSION STATEMENT



The Parish of Kilmovee is a Christian Community, committed to making everyone welcome through meeting in liturgy, prayer and friendship as we bear witness to the love and compassion of Jesus Christ. Fáilte roimh gach éinne.



Christmas Day - 25th December 2016

SO THIS IS CHRISTMAS AND WHAT HAVE WE DONE?

It's not a bad question and maybe one that needs a bit of time ... As we come to the end of the year in the Parish we might well ask "What have we done?" It's not easily answered of course and the initial response might be "not much" but then again

As a parish:

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We celebrated new life in fifteen baptisms and spent time with families as they rejoiced. We shared the joy of new life and shared in the celebration of Baptism - *"The Gateway To The Sacraments"*.

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We watched with twenty-four families who experienced the sadness of death and as a parish rallied around these people, helping in any way we could - ways that included directing traffic, parking cars, making tea, preparing graves, organising Liturgies, offering prayers and basically "being there".

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As a parish we stood with and prayed for eight boys and girls who prepared for and celebrated First Penance and First Holy Communion. This involved the parish at its very best - home, school and parish - in a combined effort of sharing the faith with a new generation. It also gathered the generations as parents, grandparents and relations came to celebrate together.

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We celebrated Marriage on seven occasions during the year in the churches of our parish. Gathering for days like these brings out the love lived in family life and reminds us that when all is said and done our friends and family are the most important part of our lives.

We marked fifty-two Sundays by celebrating Mass in our four churches where the men, women and children of the parish join, as one, to praise God, seek guidance and "be faithful". We celebrated Mass every day in at least one of our churches (most days - two churches and some days, all four) and, in so doing, shared Eucharist and heard God's word. We visited the sick and prayed with and for them.

Do you know something? We've done a lot of good and there's not better time than Christmas to realise that. It's a time to be grateful and a time to be hopeful. *Let's be both!*



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PLEASE PRAY FOR

We remember in our prayers at this time: Tom McDermott, Castleduff, Carracastle (late of Cullgariff), Eileen Clarke, Bonnicionlon, sister of Mary Dunleavy, Sinolane, Mary McCann, Banada (wife of Christy McCann, former Principal Tavrane NS) and all who have passed away in the last year and our own relatives and friends. May they rest in peace.

COMMUNITY CONCERT THANKYOU

Following our Kilmovee Community Christmas Concert 2016, we would like to thank everyone for their help and support on the night and all the performers. We also thank all our very generous donors of raffle prizes. We have a grand total of €960 giving both St. Vincent de Paul and Féileacáin €480 each. Nollaig Shona

NEW YEAR'S MASSES

Masses for New Year's Day (Sunday 1st January 2017) will be celebrated as follows: **Kilmovee: 10am, Urlaur: 11.30am, Glann: 9.45am, Kilkelly: 11.30am. There will be no vigil Masses on New Year's Eve.**

NEWSLETTER ITEMS DEADLINE

Items for the newsletter for **Sunday 1st January** to be in by **Wednesday 28th December**. Please use info@kilmoveeparish.org to submit any items via email. Thank you for your co-operation.

ACCORD COURSES 2017

Courses, given by Charlestown Accord Centre, are held at McWilliam Park Hotel, Claremorris, and take place on Friday 7pm to 10pm and Saturday 9.30am to 4pm. **January 27th & 28th; February 24th & 25th. Mar./Apr. 31st & 1st; May 26th & 27th; September 29th & 30th; November 3rd & 4th; December 1st; & 2nd.** Book online - www.accord.ie or call the

Charlestown Centre on 094-9254944. Couples are urged to complete their course not less than nine months before wedding date.

SENIOR HELP LINE

Senior Help Line, Ireland's only national listening service for older people will be open every day over Christmas and the New Year from 10 am to 10 pm. We are here to take your call if you are on your own; feeling isolated, worried or would like someone to talk to. Christmas can be a sad time for many people, and in the midst of apparent universal gaiety, some of us can feel very alone. Senior Help Line volunteers are trained older people who understand the ups and downs of life, and are happy to listen, to keep company and to support. So let us put the companionship into Christmas this year. LoCall 1850 440 444, no call costs more than 30c. All calls are completely confidential and treated as such.

COIS TINE

'Cois Tine' Heritage Committee would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their support over the last year. Looking forward to your continued support for the coming year. Next heritage night will take place on January 2nd. More details next week. Nollaig Shona Duit.

A CHRISTMAS BLESSING

The Sisters' in the Carmelite Monastery in Knock have enrolled the parish in nine masses for Christmas and New Year as a thank you for our custom in the purchase of communion breads over the last year.

KILMOVVE/URLAUR GROUP WATER SCHEME

Dear Members, there has been a significant increase in water usage and we believe this could be undetected leaks. Could land owners please ensure that any unused connections are turned off and also anyone with unoccupied houses, please ensure the supply is turned off at the meter. Thank you.

KILMOVEE LADIES CLUB

The Ladies Club Christmas Dinner will be held on 7th January in the Community Centre. Please leave your name at the Centre as soon as possible with a €10 deposit

KILMOVEE SHAMROCKS

The lotto numbers drawn for Saturday December 17th were 7,20,25,45. There was no winner. The jackpot now stands at €9,050. Lotto tickets for 2017 are currently on sale from club officers. Congrats to Corey Duffy winner of the €1,000 draw in the Four Ways last weekend. The club will hold its annual social and presentation in the Brusna Inn on the 30th December. Please support!!!

RECENTLY BAPTISED

Congratulations to Jason Edward Miller, Swinford Road, Kilkelly who was recently baptized. We wish him and his parents every blessing and good wish at this special time.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

Offertory Envelopes for 2017 are now available. Please pick up your box after weekend Masses or during the coming days. If you see a box for a relative or neighbour, you might kindly collect and deliver. We appreciate your assistance very much. As we begin a New Year, we thank all those who continue to support the parish financially. If you are in the habit of using the envelopes each week, we hope you will continue to do so. We encourage as many as possible to use the envelopes since it is a good way of making that weekly commitment to support the upkeep of our parish churches and property and to support the priests of the parish in the four special collections taken up each year. Should you attend another parish on a given Sunday and place your Parish Envelope in the Offertory Basket, your offering will be returned to the parish. Thanks again for your continued support.

KILMOVEE FAMILY RESOURCE CENTRE

Kilmovee Family Resource Centre would like to take the opportunity to wish Jane Thomson the co-ordinator at the centre for the past nine years all the best in her retirement. Jane has done tremendous work here at the centre and she will be missed greatly. Over the years Jane has be-friended many in the community and has had wonderful vision for the future both here in Kilmovee and Kilkelly. We wish herself and her husband Paddy all the best in their retirement and also take this opportunity to welcome on board her successor Siobhan Smyth.

MINISTRIES NEXT WEEK

URLAUR:

New Year's Day 11.30am

SS Reader: Fiona Walsh Boyle
Eucharist: Lorraine Collins
Offertory: Keegan Family
Servers: As arranged.

KILMOVEE:

New Year's Day 10.00am

SS Reader: Frank Grehan
Eucharist: Marie Regan
Offertory: Volunteers
Servers: C. Duffy, A. Roddy,
P. Horan, T. Horan

GLANN:

New Year's Day 9.45am

SS Reader: Rita Flatley
Eucharist: Tina Coakley
Offertory: Volunteers
Servers: K. Gallagher & D. Towey

KILKELLY:

New Year's Day 11.30am

SS Reader: Caroline Leetch
Eucharist: Eamonn Tighe
Offertory: Volunteers
Servers: K. Kelly & K. Dunleavy

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KILKELLY FAMILY RESOURCE CENTRE

Our office will reopen in 2017 on January 9th. If you need to speak to someone over the holiday please ring Siobhan on 0872288301

PARISH CALENDAR

A Calendar with pictures of Kilmovee Parish has been produced by Kilmovee Community Centre, On sale in the Community Centre and FRC. cost €10

CARERS WANTED

No. 1 Quality Home Care Provider RHS Home Care urgently requires carers in the Castlebar, Newport, Westport, Ballina, Cloontia, Ballina, Claremorris, Swinford, Kiltimagh and Gurteen areas. A FETAC Level 5 Healthcare qualification, transport and flexible working hours are essential. To apply email jobs@rhshomecare.ie or call 090 66 25988.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

We will recommence Eucharistic Adoration in our four churches the week beginning January 9th. It might be a good time to consider giving some time to The Lord for 2017. If you feel you cannot commit to an hour, perhaps part of an hour

might be an option. Think about it and let us know. Many thanks to all who commit so faithfully to Eucharistic Adoration in the parish.

COMHALTAS THANK YOU



Kilmovee Comhaltas would like to thank all those who attended and took part in our recent Christmas concert, as well as all who donated prizes for our raffle. A great afternoon was had by all and it was fantastic to see such a huge attendance on the day. Craobh Sheosaimh Mhic Ghabhainn CCE would like to wish all our members & friends a very Happy Christmas and a peaceful & healthy 2017.

KILMOVEE OPERATION TRANSFORMATION

Would you like to take part in Operation Transformation in the New Year. Kilmovee Community Centre and FRC are running a 6 week programme open to all starting in January. Exercise Classes, walks & runs, talks on nutrition and weigh- ins will be included. €50 for 6 weeks and €30 for students. Please contact the Centre on 094 96 49484 to register.

WELL DONE KILKELLY NS



The boys and girls of St Theresa's did not disappoint us on Tuesday last. A fine performance that covered the truth of the Christmas Story in word and song (and a bit of dance!) followed by some lovely

music and song to set the mood for Christmas. Well done to you all and to your teachers. A lovely night for sure. God Bless you all.

THANK YOU

As we approach the end of the year, the priests of the parish wish to say a word of thanks to all who do so much good work in the parish. Often this might go un-noticed or without mention but at this special time, we remember all members of our Choirs, Musicians, Altar Servers, Ministers of The Word, Ministers of Holy Communion, Sacristans, Counters, all connected with CES and TÚS schemes in the parish, Teachers, Altar Society/Church Care Teams, the members of our Parish Pastoral Council, Collectors, those who donate Flowers for our churches and arrange them, those who commit to an hour's Eucharistic Adoration and so, so many more, who in countless ways make this a parish that's a joy to be in. We thank all of you in the parish for your continued support and good wishes and especially for your care of one another. May God bless each and every one of you at this Christmas time and grant you many blessings throughout the New Year.

KILMOVEE CRIB

Following the death of Martin Frain, his family made a donation to the parish to be used in his memory. It was suggested that a new crib might be constructed, since Martin had a special link with the crib in our Parish Church and had been involved in putting it in place each year from his late teenage years to the Christmas before his death. It is a source of great joy to see that this has happened and, a happy coincidence too that Martin's family has been involved in designing and building the new crib. (This was not the original plan but maybe it should have been!) Many thanks to Martin's family for the long and careful attention they have given this project. There can be little doubt, he'd be proud of you and would approve of the work done. May this Crib, with the others in our parish, speak to us again of welcome and making a home for Jesus at the very heart and hearth of Christmas.

NEW YEAR'S EVE

There will be Mass in Kilmovee on New Year's Eve at **11am** - a sort of farewell to the year and blessing of our memories. All are welcome!



CHURCH DIARY THIS WEEK

Church of the Immaculate Conception, Kilmovee

Christmas Eve 8.00pm
Christmas Day 10.00am
 Monday 26th December 10.00am
 Tuesday 27th December 10.00am
 Wednesday 28th December 10.00am
 Thursday 29th December 10.00am
 Friday 30th December 10.00am
 Saturday 31st December 11.00am
New Year's Day 10.00am

The People of the Parish
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 St Stephen's Day
 Martin Shiel, Drimalasson
 Jim and Bridie Meehan, Culcastle
 James Horan, Cullgarraff
 Margaret, Martin Rushe, Culclare, daughter Margaret Freeman and grandson Daniel
Mass for Peace as we end the year.
Mary. Mother of God and Mass for Peace

Christmas Day 11.30am
New Year's Day 11.30am

St Joseph's Church, Urlaur
 People of The Parish
John Keegan, Aughadefin

Christmas Eve 9.00pm
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 Wednesday 28th December 10.00am
 Thursday 29th December 10.00am
 Friday 30th December 10.00pm
 Friday 30th December 7.00pm
New Year's Day 11.30am

St Celsus' Church, Kilkelly
The People of the Parish
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 Malachy Egan, Tavrane
 Bridgie & Michael McDermott
 Elizabeth, James & Kevin Mullgian, Shammer
 Stephan Tarpey, The Square
 Kathleen & Sean Maye, Goulane
 Mass of Thanksgiving for 2016
Mary. Mother of God and Mass for Peace

Christmas Day 9.45am
 Monday 26th December
New Year's Day 9.45am

St Patrick's Church, Glann
The People of the Parish
 No Evening Mass
Mary. Mother of God and Mass for Peace

PRIESTS OF THE PARISH

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 Fr John Maloney: 094-936 7031

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PARISH BULLETIN

Please submit items including contact details, by Thursday evening.
Bulletin email address is news@kilmoveeparish.org

PARISH WEBSITE

www.kilmoveeparish.org

ST VINCENT DE PAUL

Contact Number: 086-372 5256
 Monday to Friday 3pm-7pm

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