

# 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



**T**he 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.*



## Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - 25th January 2015

The last ordination in my home parish of Gurteen was in 1988. The last in the neighbouring parish of Ballymote, 1985 and in Ballaghaderreen, 1992. In the past twelve years we've had two ordinations in the diocese. In Kilmovee, the last ordination was in 1981.

Interestingly in Ballaghaderreen, it is on record that in almost 100 years of the Brothers' School, 100 priests were ordained. I can think now of six men from Kilmovee Parish who are currently ministering as priests but, as mentioned, the last of them was ordained 34 years ago. A woman in the parish told me she could recall eleven people from her village who were in Religious Life when she was a younger woman. How many villages could say that today?

I am almost fifty-two years old. It's small consolation that I am still regarded as one of the younger priests in the diocese. When I was ordained, a man in his fifties seemed so old to me! I wondered did I look old to the children in the parish. I decided on an instant survey:) Turning to Seán who was serving Mass with his sister, I asked "Do I look young or old to you Seán?" He didn't avoid the question or hesitate with his answer – "Old", he said. Seán deserves to see a younger face before him. I'm happy to be here with Seán and hope that he, and others, can be happy about that too. The fact remains, nonetheless, that Seán needs a younger priest to journey with him. There's over forty years of an age gap between he and I. That's too much.

There's a feeling now that if a young man expresses an interest in priesthood, maybe in his Leaving Cert year, that he'd be advised to go out, experience life, get a degree or a trade and, if he still feels this way in a few years, come back and explore the possibility. At this same stage in life, schools are asking students to focus their exam subjects around what they want to do in life. CAO forms are completed where students select, in order of preference, their chosen college and, by implication, chosen career. If a young boy or girl, aged 17 or 18, expressed an interest in medicine, pharmacy, the Gardaí, nursing, teaching, farming – nobody would say, go away for a few years and think about it. If it's still what you want, then go for it. Why should priesthood or religious life be different?

Yes, it's true of course, that these other professions don't have attached a call to remain single for life. Needless to say, that is a serious consequence but maybe one that a person can grow into, explore and, if too much to deal with, re-assess over the years of study and preparation. It's almost certain that most people beginning studies in any other walk of life are doing so as single people. It's during the years of study and discernment, they make decisions around relationships.

*(This is based on words shared at Mass in Kilmovee last Sunday. We're thinking about Vocations.)*



### **PLEASE PRAY FOR**

We remember in prayer at this time; Stephen Sheridan, Rusheens and John P Higgins, Ballyglass who died during the week. We pray also for all whose anniversaries occur around this time. May they rest in peace. Amen.

### **KILMOVEE SHAMROCKS**

The numbers drawn in Shamrock's lotto for Saturday 17th January were 8, 13, 22, 43 No winner next weeks jackpot € 6900. The next monthly meeting takes place in the club house on Tuesday next January 27th.

### **KILMOVEE CEMETERY**

The Cemetery Committee is advising the community and people visiting the cemetery that dogs should not be allowed enter or wander freely around the grounds. Thank you for your co-operation.

### **CARERS' INFORMATION AFTERNOON**

The Carers Association is holding an information session for Carers in Kilmovee Community Centre on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February from 2 30pm – 4pm. This will be ideal for carers to learn about supports available in Mayo. For more information contact Bernadette 086 3775702

### **FRESH START**

Fresh Start is a GRETB funded training course for people who wish to explore their work options and update or develop new skills. It is particularly suited to persons on a social welfare allowance with short or long term health difficulties. If you wish to enquire about the course please contact Regina or Helena at National Learning Network Castlereah on 094 9620374.

### **VOICES THROUGH ART**

Kilmovee Family Recourse Centre ran a very successful over 50s club over the past few years. It is a social

gathering where the group do a bit of arts and crafts, have a chat and a cup of tea and a sandwich. We are starting back on Tuesday February 3<sup>rd</sup> from 11am to 2pm. New members welcome, and hope to see all the old members back again.

### **KILMOVEE N.S.**

The Fifth and Sixth Class pupils of Kilmovee N.S. took part in the MS Readathon, from which they raised the grand total of €829.30. The money was raised by the sponsorship which the children received from family members and neighbours for reading a number of books over a period. MS Ireland use the money to provide a range of services for people with Multiple Sclerosis. The children and staff wish to thank everybody who supported this worthy cause

### **CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK 2015**

*This year's theme is "Called to serve" and we wish all involved in our schools every blessing and peace in their work. Bishop Brendan Kelly will be Principal Celebrant at a Diocesan Mass to be celebrated in St Michael's Church, Foxford on this Tuesday evening at 7pm. All are welcome to attend this Mass and a special invitation is extended to members of Boards of Management.*

### **TOM KEVILLE TRIBUTE CONCERT**

The Tom Keville tribute concert, featuring Swinford Church Choir, Harmonia Choir, Moy Singers, Ballina and the Michael Davitt Branch of Comaltas, will be held on Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> January at 8pm in Swinford Cultural Centre. All welcome to attend. Admission Free: Any donations/contributions received on the night will go to Mayo COPD and the Swinford Branch of St. Vincent de Paul.

### **BE SAFE BE SEEN**

Kilmovee/Urlaur Community Alert Group would like to remind you to wear High Vis clothing if you are out walking. It is almost impossible for motorists to see walkers on our roads. So for the safety of all, please remember BE SAFE BE SEEN.

### **ST. BRID'S SCHOOL**

St. Brid's Special School, Pavilion Road, Castlebar, (beside entrance to Celtic football pitch) are holding their Annual Open and Enrolment

Day on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup>. February from 10.00a.m. – 3.30p.m. St. Brid's School caters for special needs pupils aged 4 – 18 years, covering both Primary and Post Primary Levels. Come and see what the school has to offer". Contact Details: The Principal 094 – 9022650 or 087-1341288

### **TOTS TO TEENS**

A position has become available on the RSS Scheme at the Tots to Teens, Tooreen. Childcare Facility. Any enquiries please call Frank on 0872093387

### **WINTER CONCERT**

Winter Concert by St Muredach's Cathedral choir, Ballina on Friday January 30<sup>th</sup>, 8pm, Twin Trees Hotel, Ballina. A magical evening of music with much loved classics. Proceeds to the Newman Institute, Ballina. Tickets €12 available from the Newman Institute (096 72066) or Gift Centre, Ballina (096 21048)

### **EMPLOYER TRAINING**

Employer Based Training – interested in Getting Back to Work. NLN can help with identifying your skills, obtain work experience and build on certification with a one year GRETB funded course. For further information contact Damien, National Learning Network 0949620374 or 086-0487104.

### **INDOOR SOCCER**

Indoor soccer has returned in Kilmovee Community Centre on Saturdays for children up to 10 yrs at 4pm and from 10-13 yr at 5pm. Cost is €2 per child.

### **LADIES BASKETBALL**

Basketball in Kilmovee Community Centre on Tuesday evenings from 8.30-9.30pm

### **STROKE SUPPORT GROUP**

The Mayo Stroke Support Group in association with Croí, the West of Ireland Cardiac Foundation will hold its next meeting – "Getting around" information on assistive devices and tips on Thursday 29th January 2015 between 11.30-1.00pm in the Castlebar Tennis Club. Free admission. Tea/Coffee provided. For further information, contact Alanna Ni Mhiochain on 094-9042368 or Barbara Ginley on 096 80497.

## **MINISTRIES NEXT WEEK**

### **URLAUR:**

SS Reader: Breege Grennan  
Eucharist: Lorraine Collins  
Offertory: Volunteers  
Servers: Volunteers

### **KILMOVEE:**

SS Reader: Michelle Jordan  
Eucharist: Peggy Davis  
Offertory: Shiel Family  
Servers: J. Dunney, L. Dunney,  
E. Duffy, D. McCann

### **GLANN:**

SS Reader: Tina Coakley  
Eucharist: Sadie Dunleavy  
Offertory: Volunteers  
Servers: A. Henry & A. Towey

### **KILKELLY:**

SS Reader: Roisin Maye  
Eucharist: Betty Kilcoyne  
Offertory: Nyland Family  
Servers A. Devine & K. Dunleavy

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### **WALKING GROUP**

If you are wanting to get out walking and don't like going it alone a group meet at Kilmovee Community Centre on Monday mornings at 9.30am. Also for the next few weeks we will try and meet on Thursday evenings at 8pm. We hope to follow some of the workouts from operation transformation projected onto a screen in Kilmovee Community Centre. This will take about 15 min and then we will go for a walk and be back at the centre again by 9.15pm. For more info contact Kilmovee FRC on 0949649814.

### **CARERS' HEALTH FAIR**

The Carers Association in Mayo are holding a "Health and Pampering Fair" for Carers in The Welcome Inn Hotel on January 27<sup>th</sup> from 11-3pm. No admission charge. Organisations attending are CROI, Diabetes Ireland, Emergency Response,

Chiropodists, Opticians, hairdressers, beauticians, Reiki, Indian Head Massage etc. We would love to see all carers from Mayo Contact Bernadette on 086 3775702

### **GUITAR LESSONS**

Guitar lessons continue for beginners and advanced musicians in Kilmovee Frc on Saturday mornings starting at 11am. For more info. contact the FRC. on 0949649814

### **FIRST ANNIVERSARY**

There will be Mass in the Cathedral, Ballaghaderreen on Saturday next, January 31st, at 11am. It marks the first anniversary of the death of Fr Andrew Finan, a fondly remembered priest and member of the teaching staff of St Nathy's College. R.I.P. All are welcome.

### **SYNOD ON THE FAMILY**

In preparation for the next sitting of this synod, called together by Pope Francis, it is hoped to get feedback from as many people and places as possible. A document has been circulated for discussion and this will be made available on our diocesan website. It is hoped that groups and individuals might respond to some of the questions so that a broad sweep of people's feelings around the family might be collated. There is a PDF version of the document on our diocesan website at the following link [achonrydiocese.org/synod2015](http://achonrydiocese.org/synod2015)

### **"BRIDGE" PROGRAMME**

During the week we had our first meeting with the parents of the boys and girls who are preparing for First Penance and First Holy Communion. The programme is called "BRIDGE" and runs over five evenings. We hope, during these evenings, to spend a bit of time together in reflection on our Faith and the way we are living it and hope to share it with a new generation. The programme, in conjunction with the work done so well by our teachers in Kilmovee, Kilkelly and Tavrane with the boys and girls seeks to bring another dimension to our parish's journey of Sacramental preparation. Over the weeks, we hope to work with and through the schools and, on some Sundays, to involve the boys and girls in our Parish Liturgies. It was a good beginning and thanks to the families of all the children involved for taking this step with us. The next meetings will be in February and March. We'll keep you posted on

progress! Pray for the boys and girls, for their teachers and families that they will all be blessed in the coming weeks and months.



### **CONFIRMATION**

It is hoped that there will be some training arranged in the coming weeks for the YOU SHALL BE MY WITNESSES Confirmation course. At present the Diocesan Advisors are working on this. More details in the next week or two.

### **TROCAIRE**

Two representatives of Trocaire met with the bishop and priests of the diocese during the week. They spoke about their work and, in the course of their presentation mentioned that most people link them with the Lenten Campaign but that there is much more to their work. They spoke of organising prayer gatherings in parishes, helping to set up Youth Groups etc. They also mentioned that they like to speak in parishes and are happy to do so when invited. We have extended an invitation to them to come and speak at our weekend Masses some Sunday during Lent.

### **MINDFULNESS**

Learn how to relieve stress and anxiety, relaxation tips and tools to maintain your wellness. This will begin in the Community Resource Centre on Thursday Morning 5th February 10:30am to 12:00pm. It will run for 6 weeks. To book your place or for further information please phone 094 986256

### **BULLETIN ON WEBSITES**

A reminder that our Parish Bulletin is available each week on our Parish Website [www.kilmoveeparish.com](http://www.kilmoveeparish.com) and also on [www.kilmovee.info](http://www.kilmovee.info).





# CHURCH DIARY THIS WEEK

## Church of the Immaculate Conception, Kilmovee

Sunday 25th January	10.00am	Michael Roddy, Magheraboy
Sunday 25th January	12noon	Stephen Sheridan, Rusheens (Funeral Mass)
Monday 26th January	10.00am	People of The Parish
Monday 26th January	_____	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 10.00am-10.00pm
Tuesday 27th January	_____	No Morning Mass
Wednesday 28th January	_____	No Morning Mass
Thursday 29th January	10.00am	Tom and Julia Cassidy, Carralackey
Friday 30th January	10.00am	Bridget Brady (nee Duffy), Skeheen and New York (Recently deceased)
Saturday 31st January	10.00am	Kitty and John Mullen, Kilmovee and Cathney Mullen (Recently deceased)
Sunday 1st February	10.00am	Martin Shiel, Drimalasson (late of Rathnagussane), Month's Mind.

## St Joseph's Church Urlaur

Saturday 24th January	7.00pm	Special Intention
Wednesday 28th January	_____	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 5.00pm-10.00pm
Saturday 31st January	7.00pm	Bridie Dalton, Aughadefin (Month's Mind)

## St Celsus' Church, Kilkelly

Sunday 25th January	11.15am	Bridget & Joe Tigie, Culmore
Tuesday 27th January	9.00am	The Sick of the Parish
Wednesday 28th January	9.00am	The Grandparents of the Parish
Wednesday 28th January	_____	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9.30am- 3.00pm
Thursday 29th January	9.00am	Holy Souls
Friday 23rd January	_____	No Evening Mass
Sunday 1st February	11.15am	Mena Nyland, Culmore

## St Patrick's Church, Glann

Saturday 24th January	8.00pm	Noreen Lyons nee Horan, New Jersey and late of Glann
Monday 26th January	_____	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 4.00pm-9.00pm
Monday 26th January	8.00pm	Special Intention
Saturday 31st January	8.00pm	Donor's Intention

### PRIESTS OF THE PARISH

Fr Vincent Sherlock: 094-964 9137  
Fr John Maloney: 094-936 7031

### PARISH EMAIL

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### PARISH WEBSITE

www.kilmoveeparish.com

### PRIMARY SCHOOLS

Kilmovee NS: 094-986 1282  
Kilkelly NS: 094-936 7371  
Tavrane NS: 094-964 9065

### PARISH BULLETIN

Please submit items via email if possible, including contact details, by Thursday evening.

### ST VINCENT DE PAUL

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

## PARISH AND DIOCESAN

### SAFEGUARDING POLICY

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