

# Islandeady-Glenisland Parish Newsletter

St Patrick's Church, Islandeady and the Holy Rosary Church, Glenisland.

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Weekend **Mass Times:** Glenisland Church **SAT 7 pm** & Islandeady Church **SUN 11am**.

**Remembering in our Masses this week:** (Sun 9<sup>th</sup> Dec – Sun 16<sup>th</sup> Dec)

Sat 8 <sup>th</sup>	- Thomas Neary, Derryharriff (3 <sup>rd</sup> Anniv).
Sun 9 <sup>th</sup>	- Austin & Bridget Devine & DFM of the Devine & Mугan Family, Leitir. - Ellie McGill & her son Henry. - Molly Walsh & Thomas J. Walsh & DFM. - Michael & Nora Murray, Leitir & DFM.
Sat 15 <sup>th</sup>	- Evelyn, Packie & Gerry Tolan, Castlebar.
Sun 16 <sup>th</sup>	- Mary & Michael McLoughlin, Derrycoosh & DFM of McLoughlin & Graven Family. - Jimmy & Margaret Chambers & DFM of Chambers & Lynn Family. - Edward & Sabina Staunton & DFM of Staunton & Kilcoyne family, Ballinamorogue. - Jerry & Mary Brosnihan, Deergrove & their son Mike.

**RIP:** Pdraig Mulchrone, Aughagowla, Fahy & Sheeane, brother of Mary O'Malley Kilbree.

**People of God ministering / helping in CHURCH next Weekend: (Sat/Sun Dec 15<sup>th</sup>/16<sup>th</sup>)**

Ministry:	Glenisland:	Islandeady:
<b>Mass Servers:</b>	Team 2.	Team 3.
<b>Music:</b>	Anne & Choir	Nora & Choir.
<b>Readers:</b>	Teresa Walsh	Breege Joyce <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sun of Advent Cyc C (Pg 106).</b>
<b>Ministers of Eucharist:</b>	John Ruane	Breege Staunton, Eileen Cawley, Kathleen Clarke.
<b>Offertory Collectors:</b>	Mass Servers	Peter Collins, Timmy Davitt, Seamus Moylette.

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- Marian Movement praying for Priest's every Sun Night at 7pm in Glenisland Church.
- Weekly Card Game every Mon night in Community Centre at 8:30pm. €5 entry. All welcome.
- Wednesday Get-together continues each Wed, starting at 11am in Community Centre. All welcome.
- Islandeady **Foróige** meets every Friday Night in the Community Centre from 8:30pm – 10pm.
- **Rambling House** session every Wed night in Islandeady Community Centre from 7:30 – 9:30pm.

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**Kind Volunteers** are sought to help decorate/prepare the Church in Glenisland for Christmas – Gathering at **2pm next Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> Dec** in Glenisland Church – Everyone is invited to participate in this important Community event – refreshments will also be provided afterwards!!

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The **Wednesday Get-together Christmas Dinner** will take place on Wednesday Dec 19<sup>th</sup> starting with mass at 12 noon, a lovely 3 course meal, music, entertainment & lots of fun. To confirm your attendance, or if you want to join, please contact Philomena on 087 962 6075 or Patricia on 094 90 44797.

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**Parish Mass Diary** is open for Mass Intentions & Weddings for **2019**. Please note, when booking anniversary masses for Mon-Fri evenings in 2019, evening masses will now be held at 7pm in Glenisland & 8pm in Islandeady. These times will also apply for the First Friday Vigil masses in 2019.

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**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** – (Adoration Times in our Parish)  
**Glenisland:** Monday & Wednesday Nights **7-8pm**.  
**Islandeady:** Sunday & Monday **7-8pm** / Tuesday **7-8pm**, Thursday Night **8-9pm**.

**ADVENT CONTINUES THIS WEEK:** *the Advent Wreath* is a circle of evergreens. The circular shape symbolises the eternal nature of God. The evergreens - the continuing & everlasting life that comes from God through Christ. The 4 Candles (3 purple & 1 pink) mark the 4 weeks of Advent. Purple for Repentance and Pink for Joy (Gaudete) on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday as Christmas gets nearer. A white candle is placed in the centre on X-Mas Eve. **Why not make one for your Home or School this Advent!**

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- Christmas Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions) in **Glenisland:** Mon Dec 17<sup>th</sup> at **7pm**.
- Christmas Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions) in **Islandeady:** Mon Dec 17<sup>th</sup> at **8pm**.
- Christmas Eve **Midnight** Mass: Mon 24<sup>th</sup> Dec - **7pm** in Glenisland & **9pm** in Islandeady.
- Christmas Day **Morning** Mass: Tues 25<sup>th</sup> Dec - **10am** in Glenisland & **11am** in Islandeady.

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**Santa Claus** will visit the Children of Islandeady **next Sun 16<sup>th</sup> December** after 11am mass. He will arrive on his Sleigh & Reindeer & will travel from the Church with the children to his grotto in the Community Centre for 12 noon. Cost is **€3** per child. Tea/Coffee/Mince Pies for Parents. Everybody young & not so young is welcome!

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**Mayo Mental Health Association** would like to THANK the People of Islandeady-Glenisland who supported their recent Church-Gate Collection. €255 was collected.

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**A 25 Drive** (Partners) will take place in Castlebar Tennis Club this Friday Night December 14<sup>th</sup> at 8:30pm in aid of the Chernobyl Children, Castlebar Branch.

Islandeady Community Council Meeting this Tuesday Night at **8pm** in the Community Centre.

**Pro Life Public Meeting** on Monday December 10<sup>th</sup> in the TF Hotel Castlebar at 7:30pm. Peadar Toibin is the Guest Speaker. All Welcome.

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St. Jarlath's Amateur Operatic Society is celebrating its 75th anniversary, and, in association with Scoil Bhríde Mercy Secondary School, presents *The Phantom of the Opera* in St. Jarlath's College Hall from Wed 12 – Fri 14 Dec at 8pm nightly. Tickets purchased at Quinn's Shop, Bishop St, Tuam, or from St. Jarlath's College.

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The **2019 Church Readers & Minister of the Eucharist List** has been completed for Islandeady Church. Sincere **THANKS** to ALL kind Minister's who confirmed their availability for 2019 & we also **THANK** those who have confirmed their retirement. The two Lists are now available & can be collected in the Sacristy from this weekend. The rota will start from the **FIRST WEEKEND** in **January 2019**.

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This year's **8<sup>th</sup> Annual 5km Fun Walk** starts at the Key West Bar at 2pm on St. Stephens Day. Entry is €10 per family and the proceeds will go to the Islandeady GAA Youth Teams & to Linda Heraty, who is fundraising to be a Volunteer at the Special Olympics World Summer Games. Raffle and refreshments served afterwards in the Key West. Please support a great afternoon.

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- Parish **Confirmation** will be on Monday March 4<sup>th</sup> 2019 in Islandeady Church at 12 noon.
- Parish **First Holy Communion** will be on Sat May 11<sup>th</sup> 2019 in Islandeady Church at 12 noon.

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Islandeady Foróige Club Youth Mass will be held in Islandeady Church on Sunday Dec 23<sup>rd</sup> at 11am.

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**CHOIR PRACTICE:** People who are willing to help out with music & singing - especially as we prepare for Christmas - are kindly asked to please wait behind for just 30 minutes after Mass **next SUN Dec 16<sup>th</sup>**. If God has blessed **YOU** with the 'gift' of a voice or the ability to play music **PLEASE** come along so that **YOU** will use that 'talent' for the benefit of your **COMMUNITY** and **CHURCH**.

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If parishioners know of people who have recently died belonging to themselves or neighbours or with any Islandeady-Glenisland parish connections, please let Fr. Chris or Liam (newsletter) know (numbers top of opposite page) so they can be included in **RIP** of newsletter and prayed for/remembered at mass.

**Important Church/Holy dates for your diary:** 24<sup>th</sup> Dec (Nativity of Our Lord), 25<sup>th</sup> Dec (Nativity of Our Lord).

Life after bereavement can feel empty and lonely. A Bereavement Support Group meets at the Family Centre, Knock Shrine, every Wednesday at 11am. Anyone is welcome to attend. Further information from Monica Morley on 094 93 75 320

#### **Christmas Pilgrimage Group to the Holy Land 19<sup>h</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> December 2018 (Last Remaining Places)**

Taking in Bethlehem, Jerusalem (Mount of Olives, Garden of Gethsemane, Last Supper Room and Calvary), Mount Tabor, Cana, Nazareth, Jericho, River Jordan, Dead Sea and Sea of Galilee. Contact James Treacy on 061 921 470 or 086 0572 216. (Payments can be made in instalments).

#### **5 Special Requests from the Priest....**

- 1) **Readers:** 5 minutes before Mass please pop into Sacristy & let priest know YOU are reading today.
- 2) Ministers of **Eucharist:** Please sit in **front** seat with your family or the other Minister so that priest sees/knows there's help for Communion.
- 3) **For Offertory Collection** please take baskets from outside of seat & move baskets towards the back & hand it to Collector (or mass server).
- 4) In the event there aren't enough mass servers, please take a newsletter which will be already placed in the holders at each of the 3 doors in Islandeady.
- 5) Prayer Cards available in church seats; please use them to assist you saying the prayers during mass.

**Are you Thoughtful?** Some elderly & housebound parishioners in **Islandeady & Glenisland** have remarked how very much they appreciate it when a neighbour or family are thoughtful enough to bring them a copy of the weekly **Sunday Bulletin** (or Glenisland Newsflash/Community Council Newsletter) ... & how much it helps to keep them in touch with life in the parish. **So... are YOU Thoughtful?**

**Western Alzheimers** are holding a Carers Support Group in the **Ard Ri Hotel**, Tuam on the 1<sup>st</sup> Tues of every month. For more information contact Tom on 087 1930 233 or the office on 091 565193.

The Islandeady/Glenisland Parish **Newsletter** can be read every week on the **web**. You can look up [islandeady.ie](http://islandeady.ie) **OR** [glenislandnewsflash.ie](http://glenislandnewsflash.ie) **OR** [mayo.ie](http://mayo.ie) **OR** following the face book page "whats on in Islandeady". Please spread the good news.....& **NOT THE FAKE NEWS.....!!**

The **new** Islandeady/Glenisland Pastoral Council has being formed for 2018-2022. They are: Michelle Lavelle (**Chairperson**), Sephine Morris (**Vice Chair**), Breege Carney (**Secretary**), Lesley McNicholas (**Vice Sec**), Siobhan Barrett, Phil Browne, Noreen Coyne, Michael Dooley, Liam Keaveney, Michael McCormack, Cathriona McNally, Seamus O'Donnell, James O'Malley, Caroline Price, Anne Roache, Noreen Sadler, Teresa Walsh & Fr. Chris Brennan.

A First Aid/Defibrillator course is being organised by the Islandeady Community Council. A max of 12 people is needed to run the course. If interested, please give your name to Philomena on 087 962 6075.

Thank you for keeping Catering in St Aidans & the Presbytery simple! Again please remember these rooms are in a Church setting & for the sake also of minding expensive carpet & chairs ... please NO egg sandwiches, salad sandwiches, cream or jam buns etc. Confine food to biscuits, buns, brack, simple sandwiches or cake that doesn't fall apart! Just use common sense. Remember most people have a mug in one hand and food in the other.

For **catering** in the Presbytery & St Aidans – on occasions of Weddings, Funerals, Anniv & Months Mind – nice customs emerged whereby **neighbours** offer to help out **OR a family** can make their own arrangement for catering ... **OR** members of the **Pastoral Council** kindly step in to organise ...**OR** ... just thoughtful **kind parishioners** from any **village** offer to help out. **Thank you** for keeping this nice custom alive in our Parish, it is nicely remarked on by people '*within*' & visitors '*outside*' our Parish.

Tá **Gaeilgeoirí á lorg** a bheadh sásta **suirbhé beag cúpla nóiméad** faoi sceidil TG4 agus RTÉ Raidió na Gaeltachta a líonadh **go rialta**. Mar chomhartha aitheantais bíonn duaiseanna breátha ar fáil... 6 Dhearbhán **One4all** ar luach **€100 - €500 le buachan** gach mí.

**Cláraigh ag:** <http://www.fiosfise.ie/fiosru.asp>

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Next SAT **8<sup>th</sup> Dec** is a **Holyday of Obligation** - Feast of the Immaculate Conception. **2 Vigil Masses** on FRI **7<sup>th</sup>** in **Glenisland at 7pm /Islandeady at 8pm** & Mass in Islandeady on **SAT 8<sup>th</sup> at 11am**.

#### **Remember Me**

*Speak of me as you have always done,  
Remember all the good times, the laughter & fun.  
Share the happy memories we've made,  
Do not let them wither or fade.  
I'll be with you in the summer's sun,  
and when the winter's chill has come.  
I'll be the voice that whispers in the breeze,  
I'm peaceful now, put your mind at ease.  
I've rested my eyes and gone to sleep,  
but memories we've shared are yours to keep.  
Sometimes our final days may be a test,  
but remember me when I was at my best.  
Although things may not be the same,  
don't be afraid to use my name.  
Let your sorrow last for just a while,  
Comfort each other and try to smile.  
I've lived a life filled with Joy and Fun,  
Live on now & make me proud of what you'll become.*

**Islandeady** Community Council Newsletter items to **Patricia** at: [islandeadynewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:islandeadynewsletter@gmail.com)