

MASS INTENTIONS
(Saturday 10th December to Sunday 18th December 2022)

MYNA CHURCH

- SUN 11.30am.** Con Hayes (A) and Peter and Minnie Garavan, Carrowholly.
Tommie Casey, Cross.
- TUE 9.30am** Mass for the People of the Parish.
- WED 8.00pm** Mass.
- FRI 8.00pm.** Peter Duffy and deceased family members, Ballinlough.
- SUN 11.30am.** Mary Gilger (A), Knockychataun and deceased members of Gilger and Hamilton families.
George Mortimer (A) Carrowholly and deceased family members.
Paddy Moran (A), Roscahill and deceased members of Moran and Geraghty families.

FAHY CHURCH

- SAT 7.00pm** Thomas and Mary Keane, Knockgloss and son, John and grandson Robert and Kate Heneghan and deceased members of Keane and Moran families.
James Nixon (A), Clooncanavan and deceased family members.
- MON. 8.00pm** Patrick and Catherine Moore and deceased family members, Drimgar.
- THU 9.30am** Conal O'Donnell, Slingane.
- SAT 7.00pm** Vincent Reilly, (A) Carrowholly.

VIEW MASS ON WEBCAM IN MYNA AND FAHY CHURCHES:

Webcam is now set up in Fahy Church as well as in Myna Church so all Masses can be viewed on our webcam at churchtv.ieMayo and click onto Fahy Kilmeena. You can also listen to Mass from Myna Church on the radio on FM106.3.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES IN MYNA & FAHY.

- Christmas Eve** Vigil Mass in Fahy at 7.00pm.
Vigil Mass in Myna at 8.30pm.
- Christmas Day** Mass in Myna at 11.30am.

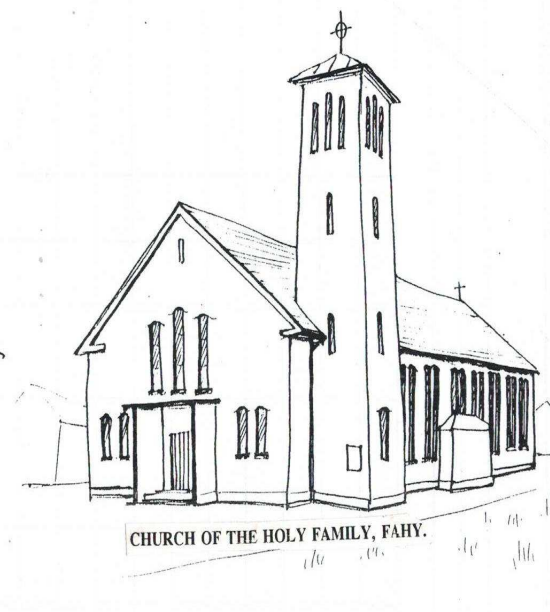
FAMILY CENTRE CASTLEBAR: The Family Centre offers a wide range of supports. Contact 0949025900. Web: thefamilycentre.com

KILMEENA - FAHY PARISH

NEWSLETTER

Sunday 11th December 2022

Third Sunday in Advent



Rejoice in the Lord always;
again I say, rejoice!
The Lord is near

Fr. Jim Walsh, P.P.

(098-41270)

PARISH NEWS

ADVENT AND THE ADVENT WREATH:

The third Sunday of Advent was once called 'Gaudete (rejoice) Sunday', from the first word of the Entrance Antiphon at Mass. On this day rose coloured vestments may be worn at Mass to indicate the joyous note in the liturgy. For the same reason the pink candle is lit on the Advent Wreath along with the two purple candles representing the first two Sundays of Advent.

In today's Gospel John the Baptist announces the coming of the Messiah, Jesus Christ – 'someone is coming after me, someone who is more powerful than I am and I am not fit to undo the strap of his sandals'.

During the final eight days of Advent, ie from the 17th to 24th December, the events that happened immediately before the Lord's birth are presented in the Gospel at Mass each day. The first reading in the Mass each day gives the principal prophecies that refer to the Messiah or Saviour.

Mary Kelly on behalf of the Pastoral Council will light the third candle on the Advent Wreath at 7.00pm Mass in Fahy.

Tracy O'Donnell on behalf of the Folk Choir will light the third candle on the Advent Wreath at the 11.30am Mass in Myna.

FEASTS OF THE WEEK:

Monday **St. Finnian, bishop.** He established a famous monastery and school in Clonard, Co. Meath. Among his pupils were Canice, Colum Cille and Brendan. He died in 549 and is remembered as the tutor of the saints of Ireland.

Our Lady of Guadalupe. When we reflect on the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe we learn two important lessons, one of faith and one of understanding

Tuesday: **St Lucy, virgin & martyr.** She was martyred in 304 in Sicily in the persecution of Diocletian. Her name means 'light' and her intercession has been sought for eye trouble.

Wednesday: **St. John of the Cross,** priest and doctor of the Church (1542-1591). He was a Carmelite who worked for the reform of the Carmelite order. He was a man of prayer, an outstanding poet and a spiritual writer.

THE KNOCK YOUTH LEADERSHIP PROGRAMME has been launched. It aims to train leaders to work with young people in their parish, to engage with them and walk with them as they deepen their faith. For full details and how to apply see the poster on the church notice board.

THE MAYO MALE VOICE CHOIR will be performing a Christmas Concert with Ballintubber Abbey Choir on this Sunday, 11th December at 7:30pm. Donations on the night in aid of the Ballintubber Abbey Restoration Fund. All are welcome.

PRIESTS' CHRISTMAS COLLECTION:

Envelope for the Priests' Christmas Collection is the Christmas Day envelope in your box of Sunday envelopes. The collection at Christmas, Easter, Summer and Autumn are the only collections used to support the priests. **Should you wish to pay online, the Priests' Revenue account - (iban IE95AIBK93716917205014). Please remember to include your name and envelope number.**

Sorry to say the Priests' Collection in 2021 and 2022 had to be subsidised by other parishes in the diocese. That is a big drop from just a few years ago when this parish was able to subsidise other parishes with a full priest's salary.

MARRIAGES IN TUAM ARCHDIOCESE:

Notice has been published that the Sacrament of Marriage will no longer be celebrated on Sundays in the Archdiocese of Tuam. This arises from the ongoing decline in the number of priests and the existing commitments to Sunday Masses and Baptisms.

CONFESSIONS IN WESTPORT CHURCH:

Christmas confessions will be heard in Westport church at 8.00pm on Friday, 23rd December and on Saturday, 24th December from 11.30am to 1.30pm.

AN IRISH PILGRIMAGE GUIDE TO THE HOLY LAND by Michael Kelly, editor of the Irish Catholic explores the places associated with the life of Jesus Christ. It brings the Gospel to life for those who cannot travel to the Holy Land. It is available in bookshops for €16.99 and at www.columbabookss.com

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:

First Holy Communion for the pupils of Fahy National School will be on Saturday, 6th May 2023 at 12 noon. First Holy Communion for the pupils of Myna and Carrowholly National Schools will be in Myna Church on Saturday, 13th May 2023 at 12.00 noon.

KILMEENA FORÓIGE CLUB annual Christmas party postponed to a later date due to the bad weather.

DEATHS:

Please remember in your prayers: -
Nora Woods (nee Geraghty), Castlebar and late of Knockgloss.

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE