

## MASS INTENTIONS

(Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> December to Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> January 2023)

### MYNA CHURCH

- SUN 11.30am. Christmas Day Mass for all who died in 2022.
- TUE 9.30am Mass.
- WED 9.30am Mass.
- FRI 8.00pm Ellie McGill and son Henry, Roscahill and deceased members of McGill and Gavin families.
- SUN 11.30am. Brendan Smyth (A) and Mary and Patrick Coleman and deceased family members, Drumhooskert.  
Maureen Geraghty (A), Myna.  
Sean Joyce (A) Drimgarve and deceased members of Joyce and McGinty families.

### FAHY CHURCH

- SAT 7.00pm Christmas Vigil Mass.
- MON. 8.00pm Mass.
- THU 9.30am Mass.
- SAT 7.00pm Francie and Mary Mulchrone, Knockgloss and deceased family members.

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### 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 on-line, the Priests' Revenue account - (iban IE95AIBK93716917205014). Please remember to include your name and envelope number.**

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### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:

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

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### FAHY MEET AND GREET:

You are invited for a catch up in Fahy Community Centre after the 7.00pm Mass on this Saturday, 24<sup>th</sup> December.

## KILMEENA - FAHY PARISH

# NEWSLETTER

*Sunday 25th December 2022*

*Christmas Day and The Feast of the Holy Family*



Today we celebrate an amazing mystery. The Son of God is born as one of us. With joy in our hearts, we gather to celebrate our Christmas Eucharist.

Fr. Jim Walsh, P.P.

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## PARISH NEWS

### FEASTS OF THE WEEK:

- Monday:** **St. Stephen, the first martyr.** He was one of those in charge of the poor and needy. He asked God to forgive those who were putting him to death.
- Tuesday:** **St. John, apostle and evangelist.** He was the brother of James and son of Zebedee. He taught the law of love and asked all people to love one another.
- Wednesday:** **The Holy Innocents, martyrs.** Herod thought he would get rid of the new-born King of the Jews by killing all the male children of his age around Bethlehem but Joseph had been warned in a dream to flee with the Child and his Mother Mary into Egypt.
- Friday:** **The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph.**

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### SUPPORT OF YOUR PARISH:

Some people do not have a box of Offertory Collection envelopes and so don't have a chance to support their own parish. It is that collection which pays for the maintenance and insurance on both churches and parish houses. If you wish to support your parish you may do so by a once-off payment by cheque or banker's order and the parish will bless you for it.

If you wish to set up a Direct Debit in the bank, the account details are as follows: (iban IE96AIBK93716916736001). Please include your name and/or envelope number.

### Christmas Reflection

Lord, As we celebrate another Christmas,  
help us to live each moment gratefully.  
May we have the faith to trust in the gifts  
you have given us, may we have the hope  
that overcomes the dark thoughts  
that sometimes cloud our vision.

May we have the love  
that makes our world a better place.

We make this prayer through Jesus our brother,  
born for us again in Bethlehem. Amen.

### DEATHS:

Please remember in your prayers: -  
Patrick Fahey, Castlebar (brother-in-law of Jacinta Gill, Mayour)  
Andrew Verity, Castlebar (son of Marie Verity ex N.T. Myna).

MAY HE REST IN PEACE

## CHRISTMAS GREETINGS FROM FR. JIM

There is a kindness that dwells deep down in things, it presides everywhere, often in the places we least expect. The world can be harsh and negative; but if we remain generous and patient, kindness inevitably reveals itself. Something deep in the human soul seems to depend on the presence of kindness, something instinctive in us expects it, and once we sense it we are able to trust and open ourselves.' (John O' Donohue) This Christmas season we extend our best wishes and gratitude to you all. As we come to the end of 2022 Christmas offers a special message of hope, understanding and kindness as we transition into a new year. We are mindful that there are challenges being experienced by many through loneliness, isolation, illness, bereavement, and daily struggles. We acknowledge all of you who have lost loved ones in this past year and keep you in our thoughts and prayers. This Christmas and New Year of 2023, may you all experience the warmth of kindness and generosity in your lives. It is often in the darkest of times, that people discover that deep well of kindness, enabling light and hope to shine through the darkest hours. Christmas brightens up the dark days of winter and carries us over to the promise of a new beginning in January. May the blessings and hope of this Christmas season be with you all and remain with you as we move into 2023.

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### WE REMEMBER THE PARISHIONERS WHO DIED IN 2022:

At this time of family celebration, we remember all who lost a family member in the past year and pray for all who died in our parish especially: -

Sean Caine, Portlaoise	25 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2021
Mary O'Malley, Seapoint House, Claggan	6 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2022
Meike McCormick Blackwell, Ross, House.	18 <sup>th</sup> Mar 2022
Hannah Keane, Ardkeen	01 Apr 2022
Ann Walshe (nee Keane, Derrinmera) Liverpool	20 Apr 2022
Mary Ryan, Ballintleva.	03 May 2022
Jimmy Geraghty, Cushalogurt.	19 May 2022
Brendan O'Reilly, Dublin and late of Carrowholly	25 May 2022
Joe O'Haire, Drumgarve.	27 May 2022
Marty Goggins, Fahy and London.	
Vanessa Parker, Rosmindle.	27 Jun 2022
Mary Goggins, Drimgar.	03 Aug 2022
David O'Sullivan, The Quay Westport & Slogger	04 Aug 2022
Margie Cannon, Muckla, Carrowholly	09 Sept 2022
Kathleen Feehan, London and Buckfield	09 Sept 2022
Cyril Crowe, Cuietrain.	26 Sept 2022
Clare O'Sullivan, Slaugar	27 Sept 2022
Lorcan James Reilly, Castleaffey	16 Oct 2022
Chrissie Nolan, Claggan	25 Oct 2022
Paddy O'Grady, Cushalogurt	31 Oct 2022
Conal O'Donnell, Slingane	03 Nov 2022
Delia Walsh, Gortnaclasser.	11 Dec 2022