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|  | **Church of the Holy Family, Ballycroy****Mass Centre - National School – Innisbiggle****Christopher J. Ginnelly****(098) 49 134 (086) 89 33 278****ballycroyparish@gmail.com****James M Cribben, Geesala (087) 64 69 016****17th Dec 2023** |

**Mass at 11.30am will be Broadcast on our Facebook Page**. *Special Thanks to Nora for operating the live broadcast on Facebook and to Shelly for the beautiful selection of music and hymns.*

**Booking a Mass***: If you wish to book a Mass, please ring Fr. Chris on his mobile 086-893-3278*

**Weekday Mass Attendance: Fr. Chris is inviting retired and people who are free to attend mass during the week. I wish to remind you - Mass For The People - is offered up for your intentions and the families of the Parish every week. Please come along and pray with us.**

**Parish Church Celebration: Special Mass on the Saturday evening 30th Dec - 5.30pm. Dinner and Dancing in Mulranny Park Hotel. Ticket Only Event.**

***Third Sunday of Advent – (Pink Candle) – Gaudete Sunday***

**Sat 8pm: Bangor Church**

**Sun 11.30am: Ballycroy Church**

 **1)Kathleen Conway (15th  Ann) Michael (Drumgallagh)**

 **2)Katie Sweeney (60th Ann) John (Dooreil). Dec’d Sweeney Family,**

 **Catherine Farrell (Birthday Rem’)**

 **3)Marty Murray, Colum Conway, Stephen Conway, Martin McHugh,**

 **Manus Keane**

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| ***Weekly Mass Schedule*** | ***Intentions*** |
| **Mon 18th Dec: 7pm****Mon 18th Dec: 8pm** | **Bangor Church – Confessions for Christmas****Ballycroy Church – Confessions for Christmas** |
| **Tue 19th Dec: 7pm****Tue 19th Dec: 7.30pm** | **John Grealis (Castlehill) req by HMc****Pastoral Council Meeting & Decorating the Church for Christmas** |
| **Thur 21th Dec: 7pm** | **William, Catherine, Michael, Partick, Anthony, John Keane (Gortbreac)** |
| **Fri 22nd Dec: 10am** | **Mass – Holy Souls** |

***Fourth Sunday of Advent***

**Sat 8pm: Ballycroy Church**

 **1)Patrick and Mary Ellen Grealis (Lettra)**

 **2)Michael, Bridgie Leneghan, Paddy, Annie Sweeney , Petie**

 **3)Thomas, Ellen Cleary (Castlehill) Dec’d Family, Jimmy Farrell (40th Ann)**

 **4)Jim O’Boyle (15st Ann) Jackie, Derek (Doona)**

 **5)Michael Gallagher (7th Ann) Bridget, Gerry, Frank Kavanagh**

**\*\*\*No Sunday Morning Mass\*\*\***

**Our Beloved Dead Please pray for the Faithful Departed - Catherine McCarthy (Castlebar/Cork) sister of Bridgie Heston and Tom McGuire. May her Soul Rest in Peace.**

**Priest’s Christmas Collection: Sincere Thanks for the Priest’s Christmas Collection (Green Envelope) taken up last weekend. Please continue to hand the collection.**

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| **Sunday - Christmas Eve - 2023** |
| **Island Mass: 2pm** | **Bangor Church: 7pm** | **Ballycroy Church - 9pm** |
| **Monday - Christmas Day - 2023** |
| **Ballymunelly Church – 9.30am** | **Ballycroy Church – 11.30am** |

**The Masses in Ballycroy Church for Christmas will be offered up for the People of the Parish and for all those who received our Parish Christmas Cards.**

**\*\*\*Choir practice next Tuesday** 19th December 7.30pm\*\*\*

**Parish Christmas Cards on Sale again this year from Shelly, Post Office, Fr Chris**

**Santa Claus: Because of renovation work at Ballycroy Community Centre, Santa will not be able to visit this year, but Santa’s helpers will visit the Local Schools.**

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| **Readers Schedule** | **Readers** | **Eucharistic Ministers** |
| Sun 17th Dec 2023 - 11.30am | *Family* | *M. Sweeney* |
| Sat 23rd Dec 2023 - 8pm | *Family* | *Christina Togher* |
| Christmas Eve 24th Dec 9pm |  | *Peggy Ginty - Bernie Shanahan* |
| Christmas Day Mon 25th Dec 11.30am  |  | *Marian Masterson - Bernie Hough* |
| Sat 30th Dec – 5.30pm (170th Ann) |  | *Noreen Grealis* |
| Sun 31th Dec 11.30am |  | *Mary Sweeney* |
| **Altar Society Schedule**: Special thanks to **Christina Togher**: Margaret Keane, Mary Conway, Katie Campbell - G4 for last week  |
| Week to 24th Dec | **Patricia Grealis**: Mary Sweeney (Tar), Marie McGowan, Joan Campbell - G1 |
| Week to 31st Dec | **Marian Cafferkey**, Bernie McGowan, Noreen Rudy, Caroline Corrigan - G2 |
| Week to 7th Jan 23 | **Kathleen Rowland**: Anne McManamon, Josephine. Keane, Grace Grealis - G3 |
| Week to 14th Jan 23 | **Christina Togher**: Margaret Keane, Mary Conway, Katie Campbell - G4 |
| Week to 21th Jan 23 | **Patricia Grealis**: Mary Sweeney (Tar), Marie McGowan, Joan Campbell - G1 |
| **Scoil Naomh Bhríde**: Congratulations to Aisling O’Donnell on her appointment as Permanent Mainstream Classroom Teacher. We wish Aisling every success and blessing. Go n-éirí leat.**Ballycroy Social Services thanks** the Craigie family & the London Ballycroy Reunion Committee for their kind donations, wishing a Happy Christmas and New Year to All.**Belmullet 1824 - 2024 - Bicentenary Ball** on 1st Jan 2024 Broadhaven Bay Hotel. Music by the Camembert quartet and Buck Taylor. Tickets €60 pp, 3 course evening meal live entertainment. Doors open 6p.m. Tickets available from Evenbrite.ie and The Broadhaven Bay Hotel Reception  |

**Healthy Communities - public information Meeting** -Tue December 12th in Ballycroy Community Centre @ 7pm. All welcome. For more information call Paul on 091 775484

**Italian students 2024** .Payment €330 p/w, text Rina 0877414252 or rinagarrett@gmail.com

**Fr Brendan Hoban “Holding Out for a Hero”**  available in Carey's Newsagents, Belmullet €18.

**Bangor Hall Bingo Thursday night 21st December at 8pm**. Jackpot €600in 47 calls or less

**Kiltane GAA club bingo complex Bangor** Tue Dec 19th at 8pm, a €550 jackpot in 46 calls or less

**Keeping Children Safe: The Diocese of Killala is fully committed to keeping children safe. If you have any concerns around their safety in any circumstance, please contact; The Diocesan Liaison Person – Confidential No - 087 1003554. (Please see more information on the notice board)**