"Ireland Lights Up" in partnership with RTE Operation Transformation

every Wednesday 7-8pm in Davitts GAA Pitch for 6 weeks - All ages welcome.

Contact Gemma 087-9652646 or Anne Marie 086-1668668

Club Registration is now open for the **My Life/GAA Healthy Every Step Counts Challenge 2024**. Davitts are looking for your help to hit the 4,000km target and to be entered into the Prize draw. There are 3 prizes of €2,500 to be won per province. You can log your activity any time you go for a walk or a run. Everyone is welcome to get involved. Simply join the Davitts team on My Life App and help hit the 4,000km target. **To register for the challenge**:

- 1. Download the My Life app. 2. Register your details. 3. Tap on the social tab.
- 4. Select Challenges. 5. Select Connacht GAA 6. Select Leaderboard. 7. Tap on join & select Davitts GAA. Everyone is welcome to get involved.

<u>Davitts</u> The numbers drawn were 2, 22, 28, 32. The Jackpot was not won. The following won €50 each: Darren Glynn, Dublin (online), Katie Melvin, Irishtown (online), Anne Mullen, Irishtown (online), Ronan Noone. Thanks to Killeen's Bar for hosting the draw. There will be a Jackpot of €27.500 in this week's draw which will be held in Clarke's Bar.

Medjugorje Pilgrimage - Knock to Mostar. Sept. 18th to Sept. 25th. Accompanied by Spiritual Director. Accommodation 2 mins from church. Early booking with discount before 3rd February. Further details: Anne Keadin, 086 376 6293

<u>Tuam Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes</u>; led by the Archbishop; August 30th to September 5th 2024; 6 nights; ex Ireland-West, Knock, Contact details: 012410800.

<u>Malta Pilgrimage</u>. '*In the Footsteps of St Paul*' Pilgrimage to Malta; from Tuam Archdiocese; 7 nights; June, 26th to July, 3rd; ex Dublin; with a Spiritual Director. Tel 01 2410800 for details.

Flower Arrangers needed for Ballindine Church - please message 087-9793747.

Church Cleaners needed for Irishtown and Ballindine Churches. Please Help

<u>ALONE</u> is looking for volunteers for older people who need befriending for up to one hour per week and/or telephone support for up to 2 hours per week. We need your help more than ever. If this is something that interests you, then please reach out to me on 086 0135043, email <u>paul.stafford@alone.ie</u> or follow link https://alone.tfaforms.net/f/ALONE-Volunteer-Expression-of-Interest-2021

Prayer for Putting Away Christmas Decorations

Lord Jesus, today we have put all of our Christmas decorations away. We are entering into Ordinary Time, and our house looks "ordinary" again, too.

But Lord, you know and we know that our house has a secret. Deep inside it, all of our Christmas decorations are still here. The blessing of Christmas is always with us, kept in the deep, quiet places of the house.

And Lord, our lives will become ordinary again, too, but you know that each of us has the grace of baptism. The grace you gave us is always with us, in the deep, quiet places of our soul.

May we live the grace of Christmas every day, only without all the trappings: May we always
 give generously, receive gifts gratefully, welcome others, and study your life.

May our house be a home with Christmas at its core, and our souls a home where Jesus always dwells. Amen.

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13th – 21st January, 2024



The calling of the first disciples

Peter casts his net on the other side of the boat (Luke 5:1-11) After fishing all night without a catch Peter obeys Jesus and casts his net on the other side of the boat. As a result four fisherman become 'fishers of men'.

Cluster Priests

Fr. Gannon 086-2656563

Fr. Ouinn 087-2685288

Fr. Conlisk 089-4298365

<u>Neighbourhood Watch:</u> Any suspicious activity or vehicles should be reported to the Community Alert Text No's: 087-2452565; 087-1322411;

086-8436958: 087-6528213 or

Claremorris Garda Station 094-9372080

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Intentions 13th - 21st January, 2024

Ballindine Sat 13th 8pm Margaret & Bartley Prendergast,

Martin Joe Garvey, Jimmy & Julia Treacy, Robbie McAuley,

Pat Kivneen.

Irishtown Sun 14th 10.30am John Joe McWalter (3rd Anniv.).

Tommie & Maureen Freeley.

Ballindine Tues 16th 7pm People of the Parish, living & dead

Irishtown Wed 17th 9.30am Private Intention

Irishtown Thurs 18th 7pm Private Intention

Ballindine Fri 19th 9.30am Private Intention

Ballindine Sat 20th 8pm Cathlyn Flanagan (6th Anniv)

GROW IN LOVE MASS and husband John 38th Anniv),

Celia & Tommie Huane.

Beginning of Michael, Patrick & Nora Raftery

Catholic School's Week & deceased of Cummins Family & John Healy,

Mark Devane (1st Anniv.) & wife Teresa and deceased of family.

Irishtown Sun 21st 10.30am Kathleen Daly (1st Anniv.),
Tommie & Maureen Freeley

GROW IN LOVE MASS & deceased of Cullina and Freeley Families,

Paddy & Babs Burns

and deceased of Burns and McGough families,

Gerald Corr (11th Anniv) and deceased of Corr & Healy Families.

Anniversaries:

Anyone wishing to have their deceased loved ones remembered in the Parish Newsletter please forward your list with names and dates and they will be included annually in the newsletter.

Annie Lynch, Tom Jennings, James O'Connor, Lizzie Heneghan, Celia Huane, Nora Roche, John Kirrane Kate Connell, John Kivneen, Tim McNaney, Teresa Slattery, Jim Cunnane, Michael Keane, Thomas Skehan, Paddy Cullina, James & Nora Ruane, William Heneghan, Julia Mullaney, Mike Daly, John McLoughlin, Davy Cummins, Teresa Mullarkey, Tom Martin, Michael Byrne.

Eucharistic MinistersReaderServersCollectorsBallindine Sat 20th 8pmPatricia HenniganGp 5M. & J. HynesP. Macken, J. HenniganFrishtown Sun 21st 10.30amKathleen GibbonsGp CM. Dooley, T. Ronayne

Marian House Sun 21st Jan – Dympna Clarke

Prayers of Faithful

D.Clarke, B. Egan

Ballindine Sat 20th: Grow in Love Children *Irishtown Sun 21st: Grow in Love Children*

<u>Children's Liturgy</u> continue on Sundays at the 10.30am Mass in Irishtown. The children will learn the story of the Gospel in their own language and will present some art work at the Altar later in the Mass. Do bring them along.

Catholic School`s Week

Next Sunday, 21 January, marks the beginning of Catholic Schools Week 2024. This year's theme is *Catholic Schools: `Communities of Service`*. We will also be celebrating our `*Grow in Love` Mass* for the children who are preparing to make their First Holy Communion in May.

2024 Mass Readers Books in Church Sacristies

Parish Pastoral Council (outgoing) 8pm Wed 17th Jan in Parochial House, Ballindine

Mary Hickey, Greenwood,
Ballyhaunis, mother of Pat Hickey
Woodstock, Ballindine;
Deacon Joe McGuire, Brooklyn,
New York, brother in law of Pat
Sheridan, Cullane, John Daly,
Boleyboy, Irishtown;
P.J. Rattigan, The Heath,
Scardaune; Ian White, Corofin,
Galway, husband of Noreen
Connolly, formerly of Ballindine.
May they Rest in Peace, Amen.

Deaths: Please pray for

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 18th-25th January

"You shall love the Lord your God ... and your neighbour as yourself"
(Luke 10:27)

Christians around the world are called to act like Christ in loving like the Good Samaritan, showing mercy and compassion to those in need, regardless of their religious, ethnic or social identity. It is not shared identities that should prompt us to come to the aid of the other, but love of our 'neighbour'. However, the vision of love of neighbour that Jesus puts before us is under strain in the world today. Wars in many regions, inequalities and imbalances in international relations inhibit our capacity to love like Christ. It is by learning to love one another regardless of our differences that Christians can become neighbours like the Samaritan in the Gospel. Jesus prayed that his followers would all be one (cf. Jn 17:21), and so Christians cannot lose hope or stop praying and working for unity.