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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****12th – 19th Dec 2021**[**www.ballycroyparish.ie**](http://www.ballycroyparish.ie) |

**Mass at 11am will be Broadcast on our Facebook Page *The outside speaker will be in operation if you wish to listen to the mass on the grounds. Special Thanks to Cathy / Nora for operating the live broadcast on Facebook and to Shelly for the beautiful selection of music and hymns.***

**Welcome Back to Church**

**As most restrictions have been lifted in the church, I invite and welcome people back to Mass, especially families and those who have been absent for a long time. There is now no excuse as the church is a very safe place, with face masks, hands being sanitised and the church is sanitised every week. If it is safe to go shopping, to schools, attend football matches and parties, then it is very safe for you to come to church. I make a special plea to you all – please return to Mass.**

**Third Sunday of Advent - (Gaudete) Rejoice Sunday (*Pink Candle*)**

**A thought for the Third Sunday of Advent.** **You notice today that we have a change in the four candles. The third candle is what many people call the pink candle, but it sounds nicer to call it the rose candle. So, today, we have the rose candle, because it is a sign of rejoicing. If you have ever been up very early, before the sun rises, and you see the sun rising, especially in the sea or open area, you will see that the clouds are filled with the colour of a rose. And so rose means the new dawning of a new day and, for Christians, the new dawning of a new life.**

**Sat 5pm Ballymunelly Church**

**Sat 6.30pm 1. Nora, John, Noel Masterson (Kildun)**

 **2. Ger and Ellen O’Keeffe (Cork)**

 **3. Michael Leneghan (1st Ann) Crosshill**

**Sun 11am 1. Marty Murray, Month’s Mind Mass**

 **2. John and Patricia Campbell (Dooriel-US)**

 ***Gaudete Sunday: Rose Vestments are worn on this Sunday. This Sunday’s vestment has been presented by Patricia Campbell-Family, Westlake Ohio-US, in memory of their parents John and Patricia Campbell (Dooriel-US)***

**Sun 12.15pm Bangor Church**

**Tue 6.30pm Michael, Margaret, Manus, Frank, Paddy, Nora Conway,**

 **Frank Bradley, Mary Jones, Rose O’Brien, Margaret Canning**

**Wed 10am Bangor Church**

**Thur 10am Dec’d Gildea and Murray Families**

**Fri 10am Peter – Margaret Sweeney (Dooreil), req’d by Eddie**

**Sat 12pm Bangor Mass**

**Fourth Sunday of Advent**

**Sat 6.30pm 1. Mary, John Conway. Dec’d Conway – McManamon Families**

 **2. Margaret – John Gaughan (Crosshill)**

 **3. Annette Gallagher, 2nd Ann (Knockmoyleen)**

**Sun 11am 1. Kathleen Conway (13th Ann)**

 **2. Jim O’Boyle (13th Ann) Doona**

 **3. Bridie Leneghan (5th Ann) Doona**

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***Our Beloved Dead****:* ***Please pray for the faithful departed; PJ Carey (Glencullen – Bangor - Dublin). May his soul rest in peace.***

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| **Alter Society Schedule: Sincere thanks to Kathleen R. and Group 3 for looking after the church last week. This week Christina T. and Group 4 will look after the church.**  |
| **Week to 19th Dec** | **Christina T: M Keane, M. Conway, K ‘or’ N Campbell** |
| **Week to 25th Dec** | **Patricia G: M Sweeney (Tar), M McGowan, J Campbell**  |

**Scoil Naomh Bhríde N.S. will be having a Christmas Hamper Raffle with 4 Hampers and Spot Prizes. Top Prize 150 Euro. Tickets available locally and online. Draw takes place on Monday 17th Dec at 10am. Please Support.**

**Drumgallagh N.S: The staff and children of Drumgallagh N.S will be participating in a Christmas Jumper sponsored walk in December. Lines for a raffle with fantastic prizes to be won are on sale locally now. Raffle will be held on the 17th Dec . Please support.**

**Chiropodist Clinic for December: Chiropodist Peter Armstrong will attend on Monday 20th December and there will be restrictions due to COVID-19 which will include limiting the number of patients that can be seen and patients needing to wear a face mask. The fee is now €10. To book an appointment please contact Noreen Grealis 086 60 67 899 or Mary Masterson 098 49193 by 6pm on Friday 17th December.**

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| **Readers Schedule Nov-Dec** | **Readers** | **Eucharistic Ministers** |
| ***Sat 11th Dec 6.30pm*** | ***Family*** | ***Peggy Ginty*** |
| ***Sun 12th Dec*** | ***Family*** | ***Bernie Hough*** |
| ***Sat 18th Dec 6.30pm*** | ***Family*** | ***Marian Masterson*** |
| ***Sun 19th Dec*** | ***Family*** | ***Noreen Grealis*** |

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**The Diocesan Liaison Person – Confidential No - 087 1003554. (Please see more information on the notice board).**

Could you please include the following information in your Newsletter for the next 2 weeks in the lead up to our Christmas Market. Much appreciate it.

Give the gift of handmade this Christmas. Knock Christmas Market @ the Plaza takes place Saturday, 18th & Sunday, 19th December. Time: 11am to 4pm. Venue: Pope Francis Plaza, Knock. For bookings see contact information below.

Lots of beautifully hand crafted gifts, handmade by local crafters. Adjacent to Knock Shrine, wheelchair accessible, car park, restaurants, gift shops and toilet facilities close by.

Market @ the Plaza takes place the last Sunday of each month.

We look forward to seeing you on the day.

Contact Leonie @ 086-8486924

E-mail: leoniekilroy@gmail.com

Follow our Facebook page @ Knock Market & Events.

**Snippetts:**

**Eucharist Ministers**

1. Marian Masterson
2. Bernie Hough
3. Noreen Grealis
4. Mary Sweeney
5. Christina Togher
6. Geraldine Murray
7. Peggy Ginty
8. Bernadette Shanaghan

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| **Alter Society Schedule: Sincere thanks to Patricia & Group 1 for looking after the church last week. This week Bernie S & Group 2 will on duty.**  |
| **Week to 5th Dec** | **Bernie S: M Cafferkey, M McGowan, S Carolan** |
| **Week to 11th Dec** | **Kathleen R: A McManamon, J. Keane, G Grealis** |
| **Week to 19th Dec** | **Christina T: M Keane, M. Conway, K ‘or’ N Campbell** |
| **Week to 25th Dec** | **Patricia G: M Sweeney (Tar), M McGowan, J Campbell**  |
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| **Monthly Schedule** | **Readers** | **Eucharistic Ministers** |
| **Sat 26th Nov: 6.30pm** | **Family** | **Bernie Hough** |
| **Sun 27th Nov: 11am** | **Family** | **Noreen Grealis** |
| **Sat 4th Dec: 6.30pm** | **Family** | **Mary Sweeney** |
| **Sun 5th Dec: 11am** | **Family** | **Christina Togher** |

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