

Parish of Kilclooney & Creagh

Sunday, DECEMBER 25th - CHRISTMAS DAY O.T (C) 2016

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Mass Intentions this week: St. Michael's. (Monday/Friday)

Morning: 10a.m.

Mon: Tom Waters, Dunlo Hill.

Tues: Paddy & Bridie Bergin, St. Joseph's Place.

Wed: Patricia Hannon, St. Michael's Place.

Thur: Mary & dec mem Masterson Family.

Fri: Peter O'Halloran, Brackernagh

Sat. 10.a.m. Lilly Broderick, Brackernagh (M.M.)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 1st: First Mass of; Sat. 7p.m.

Joe Keogh, Cleaghmore

9a.m. Mass for the People of the Parish.

11a.m. Vera Geraghty, Cleaghmore.

12.15p.m. Michael Kelly, Ard Mhuire.

Our Lady Of Lourdes, Creagh:

No Mass Monday & Tuesday

Wed: 12 noon: Michael Hough, Parkmore.

No Mass Thursday & Friday.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 1st: First Mass of; Sat 6.30p.m.

Imelda Brooks, Portnick

10.30a.m. John & Kitty Hannon, Portnick.

ADORATION: Wed: 10.30a.m. – 7.45p.m.; Thur: 10.30a.m. – 9p.m.;

Friday 10.30a.m. – 8p.m. All most welcome.

SECULAR FRANCISCANS: meet around the crib on Tuesday 27th @ 3p.m. in Franciscan Convent. All welcome.

ANNUAL MASS & BLESSING: ST. DOMINIC'S WELL--ESKER: 5 & 6th

Jan. Mass @ 11a.m. Thur 5th to ask God's blessing on the families, homes, land, stock & farm implements. Blessing after Mass on Friday 6th. All welcome.

PRAYER TO THE HOLY FAMILY: Please take a copy from back of Church.

CATCHING YOUR BREATH: 1 day workshop of gentle movement, breath, chant and meditation in Glenstal Abbey on Jan 14th from 9.30a.m. to 5p.m. Details: events@glenstal.com.

GAMBLERS ANONYMOUS: meet every Tuesday @ 8p.m. in Galway East Life Support (GELS) meeting room, Main St (down archway beside B'sloe Credit Union). Details: Confidential line - (086) 3494450.

PROGRESSIVE 25 CARD GAME: in aid of B'sloe Social Services in B'sloe Golf Club on Thur 29th @ 9a.m. Adm: €10 – all welcome.

B'SLOE GAA CLUB: Race Night in Pillar House (Gibbon's) on Fri Dec 30th @ 9p.m. Be on a winner..... all welcome.

CALLING ALL EMIGRANTS home for Christmas – "Home for Work" event in Harbour Hotel, Galway on Thur 29th : 10a.m.-1p.m. Bring CV & talk to experts about job opportunities. All welcome.

EXPLORING B'SLOE: is an initiative of the Fit Town Project to promote & develop Ballinasloe's rich outdoor environment – so much to do & see! Details:

<http://www.ballinasloe.ie/exploringballinasloe.htm1>

ENVELOPES & CALENDARS FOR 2017: are available at the Presbytery. If people who distribute them could please call in – we would be most grateful.

THANKS: to all who supported the Priests Christmas Collection.

READINGS FOR SUNDAY NEXT: Num 6:22-27. Ps 66:2-3, 5, 6, 8, R/ v 2. Gal 4:4-7. Lk 2:16-21. Lect 1:139

R.I.P: Austin Lyons, Garbally Drive; Eithne Barclay, Athlone (sister of Ann Donelan, Beechlawn, Eileen Coyne & Anthony Kearney, Derrymullen)

'The world at the end of 2016 seems a very different place than it did at this time last year. People speak of a profound and pervasive sense of uncertainty and insecurity all around us. Many are now finding themselves asking questions about their identity in a new and bewildered way. Is our deepest identity to be found in the local setting, or in a wider context? How local a setting, and how much wider a context?..... From a Christian perspective, our fullest identity is found in our being children of God, an identity we share with everyone on this planet. This is the central message of the Gospel and it is presented with a supreme clarity in the Christmas story. God comes among us in the person of Jesus Christ, not as an outsider but as fully human and with a perfect love for all humankind. The plight of so many hundreds of thousands of displaced people in the world today gives us all cause for thought. If our concern with our own identity allows us to think of others as less worthy of God's love or less in his heart of love than are we, then we are both deluded and dangerous. But Christmas, with its message of joy and hope, is a celebration of the real identity we all share in the love of Jesus Christ for us.' Archbishops Eamon Martin & Richard Clarke.

A HAPPY & PEACEFUL CHRISTMAS TO EVERYONE.

