

*Parish of Killooney & Creagh*  
Sunday, DECEMBER 6<sup>th</sup> – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Advent 2020  
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**R.I.P.** Betty Campbell, Harbour Road; John & Valerie Krasowska, Poland (parents of Mariola Krasowska, Rath Glas, Creagh.

**MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK IN ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH: 10a.m.**

**Mon:** Dec mem Costello & Connolly Family

**Tues: Feast of the Immaculate Conception: First Mass of Mon Dec 7<sup>th</sup> @ 7p.m.**

Dec mem McLoughlin & Fahy Families; Ellen Conroy, Abbey;  
Marilynn Cummins, St. Brendan's Terrace.

**Tues: 9a.m.** Personal Intention. **12noon:** Jimmy, Aggie, John & Brian Smyth, St Michael's Place; Josephine, Michael & Thomas Horan, Meelick.

**Wed:** Seamus D'Arcy, St. Michael's Place.

**Thur:** Rose & Patrick Finn, Dunlo Hill; Private Intention.

**Fri:** Mick & Inagh O'Hehir, Mackney; Dec mem Keane & Moore Families.

**Sat:** John T Cahill, Society Street (M.M.)

**SUNDAY, DEC 13<sup>th</sup>: First Mass of; Sat 7p.m.**

Johnny, John & Rose Keane & Ann Smith, Deerpark; Brigid Dowd & Pat Curley,  
St Grellan's Terrace; Martin & Winifred Donnellan, Ballygill; Tony & dec mem Finn Family,  
Ard Mhuire.

**12noon:** Emily Moylan, Sarsfield Road; Austin Lyons, 6, Garbally Drive; Patricia McAdams,  
Derrymullen; Pat & Margaret Downey, Sean & Nora Downey; Jack Cunningham, Woodmount.

**Masses from St Michaels Church are being live-streamed at**

[www.churchservices.tv/ballinasloe](http://www.churchservices.tv/ballinasloe)

**Wearing of Face coverings at Church**

Along with all of the other health measures in place we strongly encourage those attending church services to wear face coverings

**VINCENT de PAUL ANNUAL COLLECTION:** With no annual Church Collection this year we would very much appreciate if "**monetary**" donations could be posted or dropped into our Vincent's Shop on Jubilee Street or to St Michael's Presbytery, Dunlo St. Thank you.

**COPE GALWAY** Our domestic Abuse Service & refuge remain open during COVID. 24-hour confidential helpline (091) 565985.

**In Hopeful Expectation: Prayers at Home for Advent in a Time of Pandemic**

Each Advent, we are invited to set aside some extra time and space for prayer, reflection and good works. The restrictions in place because of the coronavirus mean that we may not be in a position to gather as usual for our religious services. This situation challenges us to find new ways of reflecting on our faith and praying in our homes. A guide to assist you in doing just that

is now available. Download it from [www.clonfertdiocese.ie](http://www.clonfertdiocese.ie) Clonfert Diocese Facebook Page or Twitter Account.

**Preparing For A Christmas Like No Other**

In these days we are beginning the work or preparing for a Christmas celebration like no other. The Covid restrictions mean consideration is being given to what Masses will be required taking account of reduced church capacity, the need to ventilate, clean and sanitise between Masses?

The number of people who will be able to be present at each Mass will be limited and we will operate on a first come basis. Once the limit has been reached no one else can be allowed in for safety reasons. Each Mass from St Michael's Church will be streamlined at [www.churchservices.tv/ballinasloe](http://www.churchservices.tv/ballinasloe). People may choose to participate in Mass in the week preceding or following Christmas Day.

- what stewarding will be needed? The ushers/stewards are our friends and neighbours. Please be respectful of the role they perform in ensuring people's safety. Without them public Mass is not possible at present. Outside seating cannot be facilitated due to Government restrictions on outside gatherings.
- what ventilation, cleaning, sanitising routine is needed?
- what other initiatives to make this Christmas Spiritually special might be undertaken?

Volunteers will be needed please make contact with the parish office to offer your assistance.

**ESKER HEALING MISSION:** on line this year starting Mon 7<sup>th</sup> – Fri 11<sup>th</sup> @ 8p.m.

(091)844519. Webcam: [www.eskerreds.ie](http://www.eskerreds.ie) or [www.churchservices.tv/esker](http://www.churchservices.tv/esker)

**ON LINE HOLY HOUR** for refugee & asylum seekers on Mon 14<sup>th</sup> 8-9p.m.

[www.creideamh.ie/refugee-prayer](http://www.creideamh.ie/refugee-prayer).

**THE SUBLIME ROUND TOWER-AN ICONIC CALL TO CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER:**

Booklet by Sr. Kathleen Lynch (€10). Proceeds to African Missions. (083) 8791745

**COVID 19 Support Line for Older People: ALONE** manage a national support line with professional staff to answer queries. Open 7 day from 8a.m-8p.m. 0818222024.

Thought for the day

As Christmas approaches, we could ask ourselves: how can we prepare to celebrate the birthday of our Saviour? The proclamation of John the Baptist points to the preparation that really counts: conversion of heart and life. The deeper meaning of metanoia is a change of vision, a radically new outlook, in the light of the Gospel. God is our compassionate father, our Abba, who desires nothing less than our hearts, our whole selves. We are accepted and loved by him, while we are still sinners (Romans 5:8). Receiving his forgiving love means a revolution in values, beliefs and direction in life.

Prayer: Loving God, as we your children prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus our Saviour, help us to prepare our hearts too. May the coming birth of the Son of David encourage us to true repentance and genuine conversion of heart. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

Fr Kieran O Mahony OSA

Advent calendar and spiritual nourishment: [www.catholicbishops.ie](http://www.catholicbishops.ie)

