

## Parish of Killelooney & Creagh

Sunday, DECEMBER 20<sup>TH</sup> – 4th Sunday of Advent 2020

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**R.I.P.** Mary O'Regan, Blarney Co Cork (sister of Dan Burke, The Pines)

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

**Mon:** Pat Tiernan, Ard Mhuire.

**Tues:** Christopher Ryan, Beechlawn; Dec mem Grenham, Flannelly & Masterson Families.

**Wed:** Kelly & Keating Families, Beechlawn; Christopher, Ann & dec mem Williams Family, Knocknagreena.

**Thur: Christmas Eve:**

**10a.m.** Tom & Katie Kerrigan & John & Annie O'Neill

**6p.m.** People of the Parish.

**9p.m.** Dec mem Flannelly & McCormack Families.

**Fri: Christmas Day:**

**8a.m.** Private Intention. **10a.m.** Michael Coffey, St. Joseph's Place.

**12noon:** Helena Kenny, Kellysgrove; John & Tommy Cawley, 28 Hymany Park & Bridget Ward, Hymany Park

**Sat: St Stephen's Day: 10a.m.**

**SUNDAY 27th, : First Mass of; Sat 7p.m.**

Tom Waters, Dunlo Hill; Hubert Croffy, Hawthorn Crescent.

**9a.m.** Personal intention

**12noon:** Johnny Riddell, St. Michael's Place; Joe Keogh, Cleaghmore; Jimmy & Ann Carty, USA.

### **OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH, CREAGH:**

**Thur: Christmas Eve. 7p.m.** Dec mem Dignan & O'Connor Families.

**Fri: Christmas Day: 9a.m.** Imelda Brooks, Portnick.

Masses from St Michaels Church are being live-streamed at

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

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**ALONE COVID 19/CORONAVIRUS SUPPORT LINE:** for older people – open 8a.m.-8p.m. Tel: 0818222024.

**IRISH HOSPICE FOUNDATION:** their Bereavement Support Line is open over Christmas (except Christmas Day). Freephone 1800807077 from 10a.m -1p.m.

**THANKS:** to all who supported the Priests Christmas Collection for the support of the clergy of the parish

**Christmas 2020 :** (From Message of Irish Bishops for Christmas 2020)

"We strongly encourage the faithful to *keep Christ at the centre* of Christmas this year. Clearly it will be impossible for our usual large congregations to assemble for Mass on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day. We wish to remind Catholics that the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days remains suspended during the pandemic. But Christmas is about more than just one day. Families are welcome to attend Mass at some point during the twelve days from Christmas Eve to Epiphany. Christmas Masses will also be widely available over webcam and we strongly encourage families to "tune in" from the "domestic churches" of their living rooms and join with those who are gathering in their local churches in welcoming the birth of the Christ-child.

It is possible to experience the spiritual richness of this special season in many ways. Our homes can become "little churches" where we invite the Christ-child in. The age-old tradition of having a Christmas crib in the home and gathering there as a family to pray or to sing a carol will be especially meaningful this year. We also invite families or "household bubbles" to pay a visit to their local church at some time during the twelve days to offer a Christmas prayer at the crib and pray together for their families and for those particularly impacted by the pandemic." We are particularly conscious of those whose livelihoods have been seriously threatened by the pandemic. ....We keep in mind those for whom Christmas time may bring feelings of sadness – people coping with bereavement, families that cannot be together, those in care homes who can only have limited visits from their loved ones. Christmas can be difficult for Irish emigrants and migrants living in Ireland, who are unable to travel home. We pray that the time will come very soon when sorrow will ease and loving connections can be fully restored. For full message go to [www.catholicbishops.ie](http://www.catholicbishops.ie)

The message above outlines the options available to us re participation at Mass for Christmas 2020. The number of people who can be present at each Mass is limited in accordance with national guidelines. People will enter as they arrive and until the permitted number is reached. For people who choose to remain outside Communion will be distributed at the appropriate time. Outside seating cannot be facilitated due to restrictions on outside gatherings. The ushers are working hard for the safety of us all and we appreciate very much their efforts and the work of the people who strive to keep the Churches clean. Happy Christmas and keep safe.

