

# MOYVANE PARISH NEWSLETTER

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## Vigil and Sunday Masses: Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> and Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December

MOYVANE:	Sat	2 <sup>nd</sup>	7.30pm	Peggy & Michael Sheehan, Leitrim Middle (Anni)
KNOCKANURE:	Sun	3 <sup>rd</sup>	10.00am	Paddy, Bridie & Jack Flavin, Kilmeaney, Kilmorna (Anni)
MOYVANE:			11.00am	Eamon Farrelly, Moynalty, Co. Meath (Rec Dec) (brother to Catriona Farrelly)

## Church of the Assumption Moyvane - Monday 4<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December

Mon	4 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Bridget Robinson, Dublin & Upper Aghrim (Anni)
Thurs	7 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	<b>FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION</b> <b>HOLY DAY VIGIL</b> - Sr. Carmelita Murphy (Anni)
Fri	8 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	Maureen Foley, Gurtromosillihy (Anni) & Deceased of the Foley Family
Sat	9 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Maurice & Joe O'Connell, Tarbert & Deceased of the O'Connell Family
Sun	10 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	Seamus O'Flaherty, The Village (Anni)

## Church of Corpus Christi Knockanure - Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December

Tues	5 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Nora Geary, Limerick & Dublin (RIP)
Fri	8 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Ollie Leahy, Croydon, UK & l/o Moyvane (Anni)
Sun	10 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	P.J. Nolan, Kilmeaney, Kilmorna



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**PRIEST ON DUTY THIS SUNDAY:** Fr. Seán Hanafin ☎ 087/8341083. Emergencies only.

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:** KNOCKANURE: Tuesday 10am to 6pm; MOYVANE: Wednesday 10am to 7pm.

**LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTIONS:** Offertory €1,435.35. Very many thanks for your generosity.

**SECOND COLLECTION:** At all Masses this weekend in aid of the Diocesan Youth Service.

**PRAYERS & SYMPATHY:** The death occurred last week of Ellen (Nell) O'Carroll (née Flynn), Ballylongford & l/o Kilbaha, whose sister Maureen's funeral was in Knockanure on Friday 24<sup>th</sup>. Our prayerful support to the O'Carroll family and the to all her relatives here in the parish. To Brendan, Brigitte & Conor Hogan on the death of Brendan's Dad Michael who died during the week. At the time of going to press, no funeral arrangements had been finalised so check RIP.ie for further details. May Ellen & Michael rest gently in the caring presence of the risen Lord. Mass for both will be at a later date here in the parish.

**CANDLEABRAS:** We have acquired two new candelabras for Moyvane Church. The arrangement with these candelabras is that we are obliged to sell a certain quantity of candles per month with each candle costing 16 cents, which goes directly to Murphy's Candles. If the income covers the expense of the candles, we will keep the candelabras.

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL:** Annual Church Gate collection on 9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup> December. Can I ask you to be extra generous with the St. Vincent De Paul who helps many families in our parish especially during Christmas time. All contribution made to this collection will be staying within the parish, helping the most vulnerable with food and other items over the Christmas period. It is hoped this coming week to have our Crib in place and from next weekend on we will have a basket there for food, toys and good quality clothes. We ask you to please note that there is a good sell by date on food items. Our sincere thanks to all our SVP group here in the parish who discretely and loving assist many families not only at Christmas but throughout the year. Your generous support to this collection is deeply appreciated.

**CHRISTMAS CARDS/MASS BOUQUETS:** are available in the Parish Office plus a nice selection of Christmas gifts along with ten copies of Eoin Hand's book "First Hand - My Life and Irish Football". These books are signed "Best wishes, Eoin Hand, Glenalappa, Moyvane" - only ten of these available in the office.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY:** To Cis Dore, New Houses on celebrating a special birthday this weekend.

## HOW MANY SLEEPS TILL CHRISTMAS

Isn't it so hard to wait? Little children sometimes talk of waiting in terms of sleeps - as we start the beautiful season of Advent this weekend, we could wonder how many sleeps there are until Christmas. It is as if it is easier to cope with waiting when we are asleep! Yet, the Gospel clearly calls us to be awake, more than that, to "stay awake", so maybe that is the way to meet Advent. Yes, allow for sleep, for rest and reflection but use the waking hours too, to prepare and observe, to transform and be transformed. So from this weekend as adults let us not count down how many shopping days are left until Christmas. We begin a journey this weekend that has to be taken one spiritual step after another, day by day, sleep by sleep, waking after waking until the destination is reached. Take your time with it. Give your time to it. A grace filled journey with the lovely days of Advent. Happy new beginnings - Happy New Church Year!

## ADVENT - SEEK OUT A HIDDEN DESERT

I must admit that for a lot of my Priesthood I considered myself a Lent person more than an Advent person. I was more comfortable in the desert than in the midst of party preparations, but slowly, slowly as I got older I began to get closer to the Advent season, which is a desert experience of another kind. Unlike Lent, where the desert is obvious and clear, Advent beckons all of us to seek out a hidden desert, our inner desert, and the dry places in our spiritual lives that need to be worked out and made lush before December 25<sup>th</sup> Christmas Day. Beginning our journey towards Christmas, we have to be careful not to pay too much attention to the flashy decorations and nostalgic carols that threaten to rob us of the waiting time and rush us into a moment that is not yet here. We do that through the rhythm of Advent, a season that challenges us to slow down even as the drumbeat of commercial Christmas pounds on its 'Hurry, Hurry!' warning. This is a time of silence, darkness, waiting and watching, surrender and trust. As we light our first Advent candle this weekend may the Lord bless each one of us with the gift of patience in making this a special season for heart and soul. Happy Advent - Happy New Church Year to you. Gift yourself with the beautiful Sacrament of Confession this Advent.

## NOTICES

**KNOCKANURE COMMUNITY CENTRE:** Rambling House Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> at 9pm. Adm free. Refreshment served. Ann Flavin ☎ 086/3090948. Active Retirement Day on Mon 11<sup>th</sup> beginning with Mass at 12noon followed by dinner and music with Stevie Donegan. €10. If attending please ring 068/49799. All welcome.

**ICA:** wish to thank all the families who 'supported local' and visited Santa and Mrs. Claus at the Family Fun Day last Sunday. The children were fascinated by Tommy the Magician & Co. in the Magic Corner! There was a great buzz in the hall. A special thanks to our Sponsors for draw prizes. **1st prize** - Hamper worth €100 sponsored by Newtownsandess Co-op won by Conor Flaherty Ballyguilteneane, **2nd Prize** Tukey sponsored by Tom & Eileen Roche, Glin Road, won by Denis McCarthy. **3rd Prize** Ham sponsored by Noel Stack Butcher won by Nora Fitzmaurice, Leitrim M and **4<sup>th</sup> Prize** - Christmas cake made by Noreen Roche, Ahalahana was won by Sinéad Kearney, Murhur. Thanks to Holly's Gala and to the Marian Hall Committee and especially Catherine.

**SENIOR CITIZENS COMMITTEE:** wish to thank all who attended their annual Christmas Party. A special thanks to Fr. Kevin for celebrating Mass with us. This party would not be the success it is without every business in the Parish supporting us with spot prizes etc., and the continued support of our main sponsors Newtownsandess Co-Op, Irish Wire, ICA Guild, Development Association and the Marian Hall Committee. We wish each and everyone a Happy Christmas and a healthy New Year.

**MOYVANE DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION:** On Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December at 8.30pm (after Mass), the Christmas Tree lights will be switched on by Santa. Why not come along and enjoy the fun with Christmas Carols etc.

**THANK YOU:** To all who helped and supported the concert last Tuesday. Another successful night where the great parish community spirit was so evident by the number of volunteers who helped inside and in the artic conditions outside. Míle Buíochas and God Bless you all.

## BROKEN ENGLISH AT MASS!

Since 2011, you and I, and indeed English speaking Catholics right across the world have endured a translation of Mass, whose language is, by consensus verbose and in places frankly unintelligible. Pope Francis has recognised how cumbersome and difficult this translation is and recently gave the Bishops in all English speaking Dioceses freedom to return to the original and more user friendly translation of 1998. They rejected his generous offer and opted to leave things as they are. I find that awfully disappointing. I for one struggle with the present translation with its convoluted syntax.