

MOYVANE PARISH NEWSLETTER

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Vigil and Sunday Masses: Saturday 9th and Sunday 10th December

MOYVANE:

Sat 9th 7.30pm Maurice & Joe O'Connell & Deceased of the O'Connell Family, Tarbert

KNOCKANURE:

Sun 10th 10.00am P.J. Nolan, Kilmeaney, Kilmorna

MOYVANE:

11.00am Seamus O'Flaherty, The Village (Anni)

Church of the Assumption Moyvane - Wednesday 13th to Sunday 17th December

Wed 13th 7.30pm John Dore, Woodgrove (Anni)

Thurs 14th 7.30pm Alice Hanrahan, Aughrim (Anni), her sister Kay & her father-in-law Thomas Hanrahan

Fri 15th 10.00am Special Intention - Christmas Mass Bouquet

Sat 16th 7.30pm Ned & Maureen Sheehy, Leitrim Middle (Anni)

Sun 17th 11.00am Connie Shine, The Village (Anni) & Deceased of the Shine Family

Church of Corpus Christi Knockanure - Monday 11th to Sunday 17th December

Mon 11th 12noon Active Retired Christmas Mass in Knockanure



Community Centre followed by Christmas dinner & music by Stevie Donegan. You still have time to phone and book your place at this great celebration on 49799 no later than 10am on Monday.

Tues 12th 7.30pm Robert Connor, Kilbaha (Months Mind)

Sun 17th 10.00am Bill, Margaret & Edward Fitzmaurice, Leitrim Middle

CHRISTMAS CONFESSIONS

The Pastoral Area Confessions will take place with a special reconciliation service in St. Mary's Church, Listowel on Monday 18th Dec at 8pm. There will be at least ten Priests available to hear confessions. This is a beautiful Sacrament and it is a lovely time of the year to make peace with God and with each other. It does not matter when you were at confession last, the Priest will help you in making a good confession. If you make time to attend this celebration, I guarantee you it will help you to celebrate Christmas in a new and special way with God's healing, love and forgiveness to help you enjoy all the festivities and celebrations.

Please note that I will be available in Moyvane Church on Christmas Eve from 1pm - 3pm for confessions, a chat or a blessing. All ages welcome. Gift yourself with Confession for this Christmas.

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PRIEST ON DUTY THIS SUNDAY: Fr. Pádraig Kennelly ☎ 087/2931064. Emergencies only.

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

PARISH OFFICE: Call in for Christmas items, Christmas cards & Mass Bouquets.

LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTIONS: Here is a breakdown of the numerous offerings made at last weekend.

Offertory €1,324.13

Diocesan Youth Service Collection €464.21

Adoration Moyvane €180

Shrines Moyvane €95 (two old electrical shrines)

Shrines Knockanure €150.99 (from 29th Oct to 28th Nov)

New Shrines in Moyvane since last Wednesday -

Sacred Heart €59.50

Our Lady €50.43

Very many thanks for your continued generosity, which I deeply appreciate and which is of immense help both to the Diocese and to the Parish. May the Lord bless and protect you this Advent for such generosity.

NOTICES

PRAYERS & SYMPATHY: To Terry Dunne of Holly's Gala on the death of his mother Pauline whose funeral took place in Dublin recently. To the Nash family in Knockanure on the death of their mother Sheila whose funeral was in Knockanure on Saturday 9th. Our prayerful support to Terry and his family and to the Nash family at this time. May Pauline & Sheila Rest In Peace.

SCOIL CHORP CHRÍOST CHRISTMAS CONCERT on Tuesday 12th and also on Thursday 14th of Dec at 7.30 p.m. in Knockanure Community Centre. A Great Nights Entertainment assured. Tickets €7.

ENABLE IRELAND KERRY SAYS THANK YOU: for supporting their recent church gate collection in Moyvane & Knockanure. The total raised was €287.35. This money is used to support children and adults with disabilities throughout Kerry. If anyone missed the collection and would like to contribute, you may do so by contacting Seán Scally on 066/7128220. €50 more has been added to the above amount since the collection.

PRAYING WITH YOUR CHILDREN: Sunday 17th is Gaudete Sunday (Joyful Sunday). Following on from the recent Diocesan Assembly on Family Life, the Diocese have compiled a prayer booklet, *Praying with your Children*, to enable parents and children to pray together. Copies will be available at all Masses next weekend.

MOYVANE DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION: The Christmas Tree lights will be switched on after Mass this Saturday night 9th. Come along and enjoy the fun. Please God the weather will be kind.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL - FOOD CLOTHES & TOY BANK AT MOYVANE CRIB: Please feel free to put the aforementioned items to be used by the SVP in the containers available beside the Crib at Moyvane Church. Also their Church Gate Collection is at both Churches this weekend. Your generous support will help the SVP greatly in journeying with families who are under stress and strain this Christmas here in the Parish.

A MESSAGE FROM THE DIOCESE: Christmas and New Year is often a time when we are reminded of our deeper selves and deepest hopes, and deepest pain. The vision of Towards Peace is to provide a safe supportive space for people who have been affected by abuse in a Church context, and who are seeking to explore the spiritual impact of the abuse. If you have been abused and would like a space to reflect on the impact of the trauma of abuse on your own relationship with God and spirituality. Info www.towardspeace.ie / 01 505 3028.

WHAT TIME IS IT?

Life's Clock

*The clock of life is wound but once
And no man has the power
To tell just when the hands will stop,
At late or early hour.*

*To lose one's wealth is sad indeed,
To lose one's health is more;
To lose one's soul is such a loss
As no man can restore.*

*The present only is our own,
Live, love, toil with a will,
Place no faith in tomorrow—for
The clock may then be still.*

Life's Clock »»

I think many of us see time as the enemy. There are simply not enough of hours in the day. If I only had an extra hour, an extra day and extra week! During times of illness and suffering when we lie awake at night or times of waiting when we anticipate a visit, a call or a letter time seems to stand still. I wish it were tomorrow, next week, next year. In this weekend's second reading from St. Peter, we are reminded that our focus on time and its passing is very different from the Lord's version of time, which is endless and finite all at once. We simply cannot grasp the concept of time that works like that, not according to the clocks, nor bound by empty boxes on a wall calendar. We are told that God is patient, not wishing us to perish, at the same time that God will come "like a thief in the night" and dissolve the Heavens in flames. We are inclined to think that we have plenty of time, we say "ah sure there is always tomorrow". Our readings remind us that we need to make straight our ways today. God doesn't operate from a day planner and when it comes to the big stuff in life neither should we. Jesus is simply telling us in three words this weekend to adhere to the following: BE. HERE. NOW.

CHRISTMAS 'ACTIVITY' PLAY

In my early days of Priesthood, while working in England, most classes in the Junior Schools had Nativity Plays. These were gems of presentations while young little hearts threw heart and soul into the parts they were given. I remember meeting Lindsey at the shop all excited when she said, "Fr. Kevin, I am going to be an Angel in our Christmas 'Activity' Play. She didn't have the right word, but I had the feeling that she had the right idea. As I watched the Nativity Plays from the various classes, it seemed to me that the boys and girls were not just playing parts, it was as though they were really there, participating in the actual events of the Christmas story. It truly was an 'Activity' play for them. Isn't that how Christmas should be for all of us!