

MOYVANE PARISH NEWSLETTER

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Vigil and Sunday Masses - Saturday 15th and Sunday 16th December

MOYVANE:	Sat 15 th	7.30pm	Pat Considine, Kilmihil, Co. Clare (Rec Dec)
KNOCKANURE:	Sun 16 th	10.00am	Jack Carmody, Knockanure (Anni)
MOYVANE:		11.00am	Seamus O'Flaherty, The Village (Anni)

Church of the Assumption Moyvane: Monday 17th to Sunday 23rd December

Mon 17th 8.00pm Reconciliation Service for the Pastoral Area in
St. Mary's Church Listowel. All welcome.

Fri 21st 7.30pm Remembrance Mass (Special Intention)

Sat 22nd 7.30pm Denis McEnery, Tubbertoureen (Anni)

Sun 23rd 11.00am Ned & Maureen Sheehy, Leitrim Middle (Anni)

Church of Corpus Christi Knockanure: Thursday 20th to Sunday 23rd December

Thurs 20th 7.30pm Hannie & Ned Quinn, Beenanaspig (Anni)

Sun 23rd 10.00am Willie O'Connor, Kilmeaney, Kilmorna (1st Anni)



Bishop Ray will celebrate
Mass at 10am in Knockanure
on Sunday. He is most welcome.

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PRIEST ON DUTY THIS SUNDAY: Canon Declan O'Connor ☎ 087/0908949. Emergencies only.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Please note that after normal adoration this week - **KNOCKAURE:** Tuesday 10am - 5pm; **MOYVANE:** Wednesday 10am - 7pm, there will be a Christmas break. God willing adoration will commence again on **Tuesday 15th January 2019 in Knockanure and on Wednesday 16th January 2019 in Moyvane.** Many thanks to all involved in Eucharistic Adoration.

LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTIONS: Offertory €1,385.24; Feast of the Immaculate Conception €291.64. Dues €140. Very many thanks for your continued generosity.

SECOND COLLECTION: At all Masses on Christmas Eve & Christmas Day for Priest's Dues collection (green envelope). Envelopes are available at the back of both Churches for those who do not have Offertory boxes.

MINISTERS OF THE WORD FOR CHRISTMAS MASSES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES

Church of the Assumption, Moyvane
6pm Mary Kearney & Grace Harrison
9pm Eileen Collins & Maura O'Sullivan

Church of Corpus Christi, Knockanure
7.30pm Tony Horgan & Sarah Barrett

CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES

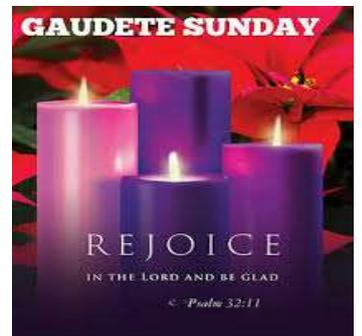
Church of Corpus Christi, Knockanure
10.00am Margaret Carmody & Gerard Leahy

Church of the Assumption, Moyvane
11.00am Mairead Hanlon & Shane Hanrahan

CHRISTMAS CONFESSIONS: Reconciliation Service will take place this Monday evening in St. Mary's Church, Listowel where there will be over ten Priests available to hear confessions. I encourage you to avail of this beautiful Sacrament and be assured that the Priest will help you to make a good confession. It is the best gift you can give to Jesus but above all to yourself this Advent and Christmas Season. Please note that from **5pm to 7pm on Sunday 23rd** I will be available in Moyvane Church for either a blessing, confession, chat etc in the shadow of our newly placed Crib and our Church looking so warm and inviting this Christmas Season. It just might be the place that Jesus will give you that inner peace which will make your Christmas so special. Don't worry if it goes beyond 7pm, I will stay as long as I am needed. This is a great opportunity to refresh your faith. I will help you. Come as you are! All welcome!

BISHOP RAY KNOCKANURE BOUND: We are delighted this weekend to welcome Bishop Ray who will celebrate the 10am Mass in Knockanure. As when Moyvane Church was renovated, he also graced us with his presence and gave his blessing. Likewise, this Sunday he will do the same in Knockanure. After the Mass in Knockanure Community Centre all are invited for a cuppa and a scone and a chance to meet Bishop Ray.

ADVENT IS ABOUT JESUS NOT US!



Welcome to week three of Advent. This is known as Joyful Sunday and here's hoping that all of us will make a generous contribution to bring joy to our own hearts and the hearts of those we meet this weekend. I love the story of the little girl who told her Mum she wanted to write a letter to Santa. "Of course, dear", said her Mum. "You want to tell him what you would like for Christmas then?" Her daughter shook her head. "I just want to tell him I love him", she replied simply. Often our relationship with Jesus can be one where we are always asking for something. The Advent Season is about telling Jesus how much we love Him and that we will continue trying to be directed by His commandment - loving God and loving neighbour. Our preparation (spiritually) is a day-by-day, hour-by-hour, minute-by-minute business. It is not something we can do once, like making our will and then forget about it because Jesus may come for us at any moment. The characters of the Christmas story divide neatly into two, those who were ready and those who were not. Mary was ready, so was Joseph and so were the Shepherds, the Magi, Simeon and Anna. But there was no room in the Inn; they were not ready. Herod wasn't ready and now it is us; are we ready? The urgency of Advent calls us to do more than Christmas shopping. Joyful Sunday is a great day to let Jesus love you. Advent is about Jesus not us!

NOT RELIGION - LIFE

John and Mary friends of mine from West Clare went to London last Saturday to do some Christmas shopping. I asked them how they got on. "Ok, Fr. Kevin, except for one thing. We passed one big store and we were totally amazed to see a huge Nativity scene had been created. It's disgusting. We came away from the window saying how awful that a store will drag religion into anything these days". Religion was a word Jesus NEVER used. His word was LIFE. He came so that you and I could have life and have it to the full. He did not come to make us more religious. He came to make us more alive. The coming of Jesus changed everything. The old pagan gods, which peopled the heavens were banished forever. God was no longer to be found by looking upwards. He was no longer a distant figure who had to be placated. The coming of Jesus means that God is now with us. Our aim then should be to acknowledge and celebrate that presence more fully as we head toward Christmas Day.

THAT SILLY OLD MOTH DELATED TOO LONG

On Thursday evening, before the curtains were drawn, I heard a faint tapping at the window. Outside in the darkness, a moth attracted by the light was fluttering around, banging against the window in its frantic efforts to get in. It reminded me of the story when all the creatures and living things of the earth were on their way to the manger. The drab grey little moth stopped to preen itself in an attempt to make itself more beautiful and presentable to the new born Baby Jesus. When at last it arrived at the stable the door was closed. The radiance from the halo shone through and the moth tried frantically to enter but without any success. Ever since, so the story goes, the moth has fluttered around the light forever seeking the Christ-child. Let's hope when it comes to Christmas on Tuesday week that you and I will not be caught out like the little moth. He delayed getting himself ready and it proved very costly indeed. Let his mistake be a lesson to each of us. Don't be distracted in the run into Christmas Day.

NOTICES

MURHUR N.S: Annual Christmas Concert is on at the Marian Hall on Wednesday 19th December 7:00pm - 9:00pm. Entry Ticket is €5, which includes entry in door prize draw. Come along and be entertained!

FUNDRAISER: In aid of the Stack Family Fund will take place in Mairead's Bar on Saturday 22nd December at 9.30pm. Music by Gabriel Fitzmaurice & The Bog Hole Boys. Monster Raffle. Spot prizes welcome.

HEALTH & NUTRITION COURSE: run by the HSE starting Tuesday 8th January for 6 weeks at the Marian Hall 7 - 9pm. This course is free. Please contact Eileen Roche on 087/6679943 to book a place on the course.

CONCERN COLLECTION: The staff & students of Tarbert Comprehensive School will hold a Church Gate Collection this weekend in aid of Concern, Your generous support is deeply appreciated.

DINGLE NEW-MUSIC CHOIR AND ORCHESTRA PERFORM: Wednesday December 19th - St. Johns Church of Ireland, Ashe Street, Tralee at 8.30pm and Friday December 21st -St. Marys Church, Green Street, Daingean Uí Chúis at 8.30 pm. All are welcome!

SVP: A big thank you for your great generosity to last weekend's collection and your continual support to the food appeal. Your generosity ensures that so many families will have an enjoyable Christmas. Thank you.