

MOYVANE PARISH NEWSLETTER

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Parish Office times: Open Mon 31st 10am - 12noon. Closed Tues 1st and Wed 2nd. Open Thurs 3rd
10am - 12noon & Fri 4th 10am - 1pm. Book Masses, Baptisms and Weddings during office hours.
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Vigil and Sunday Masses - Saturday 29th and Sunday 30th December

MOYVANE:	Sat	29 th	7.30pm	Patrick Curtin, Aughrim (Anni)
KNOCKANURE:	Sun	30 th	10.00am	Richard & Ellen Horgan, Trien (Anni) & deceased of the Horgan family
MOYVANE:			11.00am	John Dore, Woodgrove (Anni)

Church of the Assumption Moyvane: Tuesday 1st to Sunday 6th January 2019

Tues	1 st	12noon	New Years Day - Feast of Mary Mother of God Ben Mulvihill (Anni)
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Sat	5 th	7.30pm	Feast of the Epiphany - Vigil Seán O'Connor, Inchamore (Months Mind)
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Sun	6 th	11.00am	Bridie McCarthy, Gurtromosillihy (Months Mind)
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Church of Corpus Christi Knockanure: Friday 4th to Sunday 6th January 2019

Fri	4 th	7.30pm	David Stack, Keylod (Months Mind)
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Sun	6 th	10.00am	Feast of the Epiphany Theresa & Michael Bambury, Gurtagleanna (Anni)
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PRIEST ON DUTY THIS SUNDAY: Yours truly ☎ 089/4044816. Emergencies only.

EUCCHARISTIC 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 (Sun 23rd) €2,142.41; Christmas Eve & Christmas Day €2,840; Christmas Dues €5,635; Very many thanks for your tremendous generosity.

PRAYERS & SYMPATHY: To John O'Connor & family, Tarmons, Tarbert on the death of his wife Helen whose funeral took place in Tarbert on Friday. Helen was also a sister to Den Hanrahan, Lower Aughrim. Our prayerful support to them and to all the extended family. To Eileen Collins, Murhur on the death of her grandnephew Kieran Hayes, Tramore, whose funeral took place recently and to his cousins Carmel O'Connor and Amanda Coulson & families. To Anne & Joe O'Keefe, Trien on the death of Anne's brother Michael Foley, Templeglantine, whose funeral took place recently. May Helen, Kieran and Michael Rest In Peace.

CRIBS: We have two visitor books at both Cribs. Write prayer requests and comments etc. Very many thanks to all in the PPC and Liturgy Groups for your generous help during Advent and for Christmas and indeed throughout the whole of 2018. Our finance committee have been great and so supportive to ensure recent works were done so quickly. Thank you. Churches open from 9am to 7pm to accommodate visits to the Cribs.

DIOCESE OF KERRY PUBLIC TALK: in The Gleneagle, Muckross Road on Wed Jan 9th at 8pm. Bishop Brendan Leahy of Limerick Diocese will speak on "A Church of the Future". Entry is free and all are welcome.

NOTICES

KNOCKANURE COMMUNITY CENTRE: Rambling House on Thursday 3rd January at 8pm. Everyone welcome. Please come along and enjoy a great night of music, song and dance. Adm free. Refreshments served. Contact Ann Flavin on 086/3090948. Active Retirement Day on Monday 14th January. Music by Stevie Donegan. €10. All welcome. If attending please ring the office on 49799. New members welcome.

REMINDER: 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.

CREAMERY FIELD: I was totally unaware that a prominent local organisation had a similar request for the Creamery field. As there is no point in two from the Parish looking for the possibility of putting sheltered homes on it, I have withdrawn my request and I fully support the local request for the field. Good luck with this project. Warm congratulations to all involved in bringing out an absolutely fabulous Creamery calendar with such history making photos. It's a collector's item. Very well done.

A PARENTS PRAYER

Help me give my children the best.....not trappings of toys, but of myself, cherishing them on good days and bad theirs and mine.

Teach me to accept them for who they are, not for what they do, to listen to what they say, if only so they will listen to me; To encourage their goals, not mine; and please let me laugh with them and be silly.

Let me give them a home, where respect is the cornerstone, integrity the foundation, and there is enough happiness to raise the roof.

May I give them the courage to be true to themselves, the independence to take care of themselves and the faith to believe in a loving God who will always be with them through good and bad times. I ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen.



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MAGIC CHRISTMAS IN OUR PARISH

I have never had the privilege or joy of celebrating a Vigil or Sunday Mass or High Feast Day Masses in the Church of my Baptism, Holy Communion or Confirmation. I celebrated my first Mass there and the other two Masses were funeral celebrations for Mum and Dad. I am delighted to have Fr. Brendan and Fr. Tom two native sons celebrate public Masses in Knockanure, continued good health to both. Fr. Brendan is Chaplain to Lystoll Lodge while Fr. Tom helps in Duagh and in the Pastoral Area. My Christmas is still in joyful mode. Great numbers attending both Churches. I smiled, and filled with joyful tears to see so many wonderful and special people from within the Parish and from outside the Parish make their way to our three Christmas Masses in Moyvane. I left Fr. Brendan in charge in Knockanure, which had large crowds, and Scoil Chorp Chríost provided beautiful carols with lovely adult contributions. Well done to all. For the 6pm in Moyvane we had so, so many children. Our children's choir with Tara & Co made our opening Mass of Christmas 2018 so delightfully special. We had Mary & Co for the 9pm with a large congregation. This Mass was dotted with parents and their teenage and adult children, many of the aforementioned back from other counties and countries to be with their families. On Christmas Day we had a mixture from the adult and children's choir. We are most fortunate to have such committed choirs. Thanks to all in both Churches for making such a huge and generous effort in making Christmas so special. We all were richly blessed to have had so many of our excellent young folk who are either studying or working away from home with us and their families this past week. God's blessing and protection on all of you for 2019. Thank you so very much for your fantastic generosity (see amounts under collections) and those of you who gave gifts, but above all those of you who had the encouraging word. Christmas isn't over yet. Still time to experience the love and compassion of Jesus. Wishing all of you a grace-filled and safe 2019. You are in my prayers and Masses. Joyful and safe New Year celebrations to all.

WINDOW SHOPPING REJECTION

It was Christmas Eve. A jostling crowd of shoppers busy grabbing last-minute bargains. A small girl in tattered clothes made her way through the crowd. Her name was Eileen. You will find such a girl in Moyvane and Knockanure if you will look around. Eileen was also shopping - window-shopping. She had no money and she was very hungry. The twinkling lights, the colourful Christmas candles and dazzling decorations fascinated Eileen. The window displays just touched her heart and as she passed the bakery with loads of buns, Christmas cakes and pastries, she felt hungrier. She paused.....then moved a step closer to press her little snub nose against the window as she gazed at all the Christmas 'goodies'. It lasted only a few seconds. The manager saw the face at the window - the pale face pinched with hunger - so Eileen was told gruffly "You there, be off!" Eileen did not need a second bidding. She was frightened and sad. She ran through the crowd until she reached her simple home where she lived with her aged grandmother. Her granny was asleep. For both of them, sleep was the only thing they did not have to buy. Sleep was the blessing that helped them forget misfortune - being hungry, no gifts, no presents, no new clothes, no decorations. Little Eileen also found refuge in sleep. From the distance wafted the strains of the well-loved carol 'Hark the Herald Angel Sing'. Is there such an Eileen in our Parish with whom you can share the joys and blessings of Christmas? All you have to do is look around. Have an honest look at your townland - your street. Blessings and good health to you all for 2019.