



# ABBAYFEALE PARISH

Jesus is the reason for the  
season of Christmas.  
Keep Christ in Christmas



23rd Dec 2018

Fourth Sunday of Advent

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## Mass intention for this weekend

- 6.30pm** Edward & Kate Reilly and deceased family members  
Philly Cusack Cratloe Anniv.  
John Walsh Anniv.  
Mary Enright Caherlane  
John Ruane 26 Cryle View Close Ballina Co Mayo
- 9.15am** Quinn & Codyre Family  
Geraldine Woulfe, Cratloe Anniv.  
John D Murphy, Ballaugh & Grogeen Anniv.
- 12noon** Mick Scanlon, Athea Anniv.  
Jim Lane, New Street 2nd Anniv.  
John Riordan Upper Purt Anniv.  
Kate O'Brien 20th Anniv.

## Christmas Vigil Mass is at 9pm

### Mass from the 26th on will be at 11am

**Thurs 11am** Denis ( Larry) Collins , Convent Street

**Sat 6.30pm** Dan Meehan, Kilmorna Anniv.  
Bob Holland, Brosna 3rd Anniv.  
Betty & Willie Flynn, The Hill Anniv  
Timmy & Eileen Collins, Dromtransa Collins  
John (Sean ) Sheehan Barnagh/Knocknasna

**9.15am** John & Hannah Mai Lane and their daughter  
Catherine Rawcliffe

**12noon** Nora Healy, Knocknasna 1st Anniv.  
James Lane Meenkilly Month Mind

## Christmas Dues can be handed in at all Masses during Christmas.

### Birthday wishes

Congratulations to Mrs Rita Hernon whose will be celebrating her 101th birthday on St Stephen's day  
We wish her a very Happy Birthday.

## Mass times over Christmas

**Vigil Mass of Christmas 9.00 p.m.**  
Carol singing 8.30 p.m. Senior Choir

**Tuesday 25th. December: Christmas Day**  
Mass Times 9.15 a.m. & 12 noon:  
Holy Communion to the Housebound 10.15 a.m. to 11.a.m.

**St Stephen's Day 26th. - Mass at 11a.m.**  
Morning Mass 11.00 a.m. for the rest of the week.  
**New Year's Day - Tuesday January 1st 2019**

World Day of Prayer for Peace Mass 11a.m.

### Adoration

The adoration finished on Friday December 21st @8p.m. It will resume again on January 8th @8a.m.

There will be an hour of adoration on Christmas Day from 5p.m. to 6p.m. to honour the infant Jesus.

**Parish Clerks Collection** will be taken up on the weekend of 5th & 6th Jan 2019.

Thank you for your support throughout the year.  
Happy Christmas and best wishes for 2019

### Christmas Greetings and Plan giving:

We thank all people who organized and distributed the calendars, Christmas greeting and plan giving envelopes to your homes. We ask each household to use the envelopes for the offertory collection, if you did not receive a box and wish to do so please contact the sacristy. 068/51915 during Mass times. We thank you for your support to the church throughout the year. The expected CHY3 returns this year will be €22,952.41 We appreciate your consideration in returning the CHY3 forms and making this cheque possible. I also wish to thank our collectors who are here every Sunday to help with the collections. And those involved in counting it each week.

Wishing you every Blessing for 2019

## The Joy and Hope of Christmas

We are all familiar with the phrase “ Are we there yet?”. Well, we are just one day away from Christmas Eve. Much of the preparations are done and this weekend many parishioners are making their way home to be with family and friends.

Christmas is a time for people to get together. It is a time to take a break from the routine of our lives. Above all it's the one time in the year when we take time to ponder on the awesome reality that God sent his son to the world. The coming of Christ, over two thousand years ago, changed the course of human history. The word 'Christmas' itself means the Feast of Christ. Let us try to keep Christ at the centre of our Christmas and let us try to imitate, as best we can, the generosity of the God who took on human flesh for us.

We are conscious too, that while many will joyfully celebrate Christmas, that some parishioners are feeling the absence of loved ones. We support these families as best we can and pray for them during our Masses over Christmas.

We hope you will join us for Mass on Christmas Eve and on Christmas Day. There is a warm welcome and a place for everyone, not only at Christmas, but always. The Parish choir will sing at the Christmas Eve Mass and also at the 12noon Mass on Christmas Day. The Parish Youth Choir will sing at the 9.15am Mass. Thanks to all our church volunteers who ensure that everything is ready for our celebration. I wish you and your loved ones, a Christmas of love, peace and joy. May your New Year be filled with the light and peace of Christ.  
Tony Mullins P.P.

### A Christmas candle gift

There is a Jubilee candle for each family on the Altar this weekend. Just come up and collect one. We remember loved ones away from home this Christmas.

### Christmas Greeting and Plan giving

There are some calendars and Christmas Magazine available at the doors of the church.  
You are welcome to take one.



### CONNIE HARNETT MEMORIAL SWIM:

The Fifth annual Connie Harnett Memorial Swim will take place in Ballybunion on New Year's Day at 1pm. . Donation buckets will be in place on the day and there will be a raffle with loads of prizes to be won. Monies collected will be divided between local charities. See posters. Sponsors cards available  
Enquires to [086 3151447](tel:0863151447)

**Bord na nÓg 2019** calendar is on sale as part of a fundraising initiative. Priced at €10 it is the ideal Christmas stocking filler; featuring the fantastic young players in our parish. Calendars are available in SuperValu. Thank you for your support.

### Christmas Ribbon Ceremony

Prayers and a remembrance service will be held at Reilig Ide Naofa graveyard @ 1pm on Sunday 23rd Dec.  
Ribbons and Candles will be available.

### CHRISTMAS CD's

There are 16 NEW titles available at the back of the church. These are great Christmas gifts as they help us to strengthen, understand and live out our faith e.g. Advent: rethinking the season, The true meaning of Christmas, Calming emotional storms.

<https://www.campveritas.org/aboutus>

This is a very worthwhile camp and would be of such benefit to young teens...

**Scoil Mháthair Dé** would like to thank all who contributed so generously to our Fundraiser for the Simon Community over €2,000.00 was raised. A big thank you to Mary Barrett's Pre-School children who joined us for Carol Singing in Tesco.

### Walk/Run in memory of Dee:

A walk/run in memory of Dee will be held on St. Stephen's Day from the Railway Yard at 11am. Refreshments at the Railway Bar afterwards. Proceeds to Mid-West Cancer Foundation.

**Abbeyfeale for Africa** Our heartfelt thanks to all who supported different fundraising events this year.  
We wish you a very Happy and Peaceful Christmas.

### Parish Office public meeting

Mon 8pm Narcotics anonymous  
Tues Al-Anon 6-9pm  
Wed 3pm AA  
Friday 8pm AA  
Sunday Mornings AA

**May the Spirit of Christmas bring you peace.**

**The gladness of Christmas give you hope and the warmth of Christmas grant you love.**