

# Kincasslagh Parish Newsletter, 25<sup>th</sup> August, 2024

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## St. Mary's Church, Kincasslagh

Day	time	Masses this week
Sat 24	6.30	Hughie & Nora McGarvey and their granddaughter Noreen
Sun 25	10	Ernan Coughlan, Meenbannad
Sat 31	6.30	John Mulholland, Kincasslagh
Sun 1 <sup>st</sup>	10	Hugh Boyle, & Kathleen Richards

## St. Columba's Church, Burtonport

Day	time	Masses this week
Sun 25	11.30	Bridie Kelly & son Raymond
Tues 27	10	
Fri 30	10	
Sun 1 <sup>st</sup>	11.30	

## 'Sing 550'

To celebrate Donegal Towns 550 anniversary - 550 singers are invited to a Big Sing event in St Agatha's Church Clar Donegal Town on Sunday September 22<sup>nd</sup>. Register interest on Event Brite - sing 550! Registration fee €5.50, Over 18s only No experience necessary- just a love of singing!

## A word from the people at MCN web camera

Many of you are aware we updated our website address at the start of the year to MCN.LIVE. We have noticed a lot of viewers are still going to the old address which is due to be retired. We would appreciate if you could advertise our new website address to save any confusion & ensure no disruption to anyone's service. Web Address: [www.mcn.live](http://www.mcn.live)

## Annual Leave

The parish council will co-ordinate with any families in the event of a funeral and our neighbouring clergy will be contacted to conduct the funeral in such cases. The parochial house Landline above will be call forwarded onto a member of the Parish Council to help you in this instance.



**Exercise to Music for over 50's**

Donegal Sports Partnership will host a 6 week Move to Music programme for Over 50's in YOUR area!

- Easy to Learn, FUN Movements
- No Dance experience needed
- Everyone welcome
- Light Exercise

This programme is fully inclusive and open to all abilities

**6 week programme**

Starting on **Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September**

**10.30am - 11.30am**

**Burtonport Community Centre**

Cost subsidised €20pp

To book your place, send your name & mobile number to [burtonportcc@gmail.com](mailto:burtonportcc@gmail.com) or text Margaret 087 6317683

## Ministers of the word and Eucharist for next weekend

St. Marys	Word	Eucharist
<b>Saturday</b>	Kathleen Bonner	Noreen Boyle
<b>Sunday</b>	Breda Langan	Margaret Boyle
St. Columba's	Word	Eucharist
<b>Sunday</b>	Ann Hindle	Tony Gallagher

## Gospel

John 6:60-69

### Who shall we go to? You are the Holy One of God

After hearing his doctrine many of the followers of Jesus said, 'This is intolerable language. How could anyone accept it?' Jesus was aware that his followers were complaining about it

and said, 'Does this upset you? What if you should see the Son of Man ascend to where he was before? 'It is the spirit that gives life, the flesh has nothing to offer. The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life.

'But there are some of you who do not believe.' For Jesus knew from the outset those who did not believe, and who it was that would betray him. He went on, 'This is why I told you that no one could come to me unless the Father allows him.' After this, many of his disciples left him and stopped going with him. Then Jesus said to the Twelve, 'What about you, do you want to go away too?' Simon Peter answered, 'Lord, who shall we go to? You have the message of eternal life, and we believe; we know that you are the Holy One of God.'

Commentary

Throughout the Gospel of John a great division is taking place between those who accept Jesus as the Messiah, the Wisdom of God, the Light of the world, the Good Shepherd, the King of the Jews, the Lamb of God, and those who do not accept. The marriage-feast at Cana, where the disciples believe and see the glory of Jesus, is immediately followed by the rejection by the custodians of the Temple. Then Nicodemus comes by night and tentatively approaches the light, while the Samaritan joyfully accepts him and announces him to her fellow-townfolk. Later in the Gospel we will see the stark division growing ever stronger between the sick man at the Pool of Bethzatha and the Man born Blind on the one hand and the Pharisees on the other. Finally the gentile Pilate declares Jesus to be king, while the Jewish authorities reject any king but Caesar. Now, as the conclusion of the revelation of Jesus as the Wisdom of the Father and the Bread of Life, comes the sad moment of the division between the disciples, when some find the message too fierce and walk away, while Peter in the name of the faithful disciples makes his moving and loving act of faith, 'you have the words of eternal life'. It is the same profession of faith as Peter in the synoptic gospels makes at Caesarea Philippi, but

directly in terms of the Johannine gift, eternal life. In all this, the choice is being put before us too: how deep is our faith, how firm our commitment? It is the ultimate choice in life; there is no sitting on the fence. And the choice must be renewed from day to day.

**Simon Peter answered him,  
"Lord, to whom shall we go?  
You have the words of eternal life;  
and we have believed and have come to know,  
that you are the Holy One of God... John 6:68-69**



He does not say "where shall we go?", but "to whom shall we go?". The underlying problem is not about leaving and abandoning the work undertaken, but to whom to go. From Peter's question we understand, that fidelity to God is a question of fidelity to a person, to whom we bind ourselves, to walk together, on the same road. And this person is Jesus. All that we have in the world does not satisfy our infinite hunger. We need Jesus, to be with Him, to be nourished at His table, on His words of eternal life! Pope Francis