

Kincasslagh Parish Newsletter, 3rd November, 2024

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St. Mary's Church, Kincasslagh

Day	Time	Masses this week
3. Sun 3	10	Siobhan Brennan, Carrick on Shannon
4. Mon 4	10	
5. Tue 5	10	
6. Wed 6	10	
7. Thu 7	10	
8. Fri 8	10	
9. Sun 10	10	Donal Doherty, Mullaghduff

St. Columba's Church, Burtonport

Day	Time	Masses this week
3. Sat 2	6.30	Patrick & Elsie Ward, Arlands
3. Sun 3	11.30	Sheila and Danny Riojas, Lackenagh
4. Mon 4	10	
5. Tue 5	10	
6. Wed 6	10	
7. Thu 7	10	
8. Fri 8	10	
9. Sat 9	6.30	Bridget McGinley months mind & birthday remembrance for Charles McDevitt
9. Sun 10	11.30	Susan Ward Arlands, & her husband John & son Hugh

Anniversary

Rita Boner, Perth and Cloughglass
Noreen Coyle, Pole Road
Oliver Bonner, Lower Keadue

Bereavement

Margaret Harvey, nee McGonagle, late of Sheskinarone who died in Letterkenny. Sister of the late Michael McGonagle.
Thomas Doherty, Meenbannad and Greystones, Wicklow who was buried on Saturday.

Blessing at the grave of John Johnny Mhor

Some of our Community have requested a memorial blessing at the grave of John Johnny Mhór in Cruit Graveyard this Sunday at 1 pm.

John (JJ) Gallagher, Irish Shot Put Champion 1949

After Strabane Athletic Club formed in 1945, it soon began to attract athletes from parts of Donegal, there being at that time no organised athletic club in the county. One of the Donegal recruits was John (J.J.) Gallagher, from Cruit Island in the Rosses who was to go on and excel as a thrower.

John's potential was first noticed when he won the Ulster NACA Junior Championship titles in the Shot and Discus held at Strabane's Recreation Park on Sunday 29th May 1948. His Shot Put measured at 40 feet was a new Championship record and his winning throw in the Discus of 110 feet was over 20 feet further than runner up. (Ulster Herald, 5th June 1948).

Later that month John travelled over to Scotland for seasonal work as a Farm Labourer in Cupar, Fifeshire. The area was renowned for Highland Games gatherings. John won the Shot at the Bruntsfield Gathering held on Monday 19th July in front of an estimated crowd of 17,000. His winning throw of 42 feet 6 inches was over four feet further than the second placed thrower. (Fifeshire Advertiser, 24 July 1948). John would go on to beat George Clark, one of Scotland's Highland Games legends, at Fifeshire's Thornton Games. Clark who started throwing at Highland events in 1924, as a seventeen year old, competed for over 30 years breaking innumerable records across a range of heavy throwing events. In beating Clark, John caused a bit of a stir and this was reported at length in the 'Fife Free Press' by their correspondent 'Fifer' who was covering the games. The headline read, 'A Shock for George Clark, Unknown Irishman's feat of Strength' Fifer reported: **I got one shock in the heavy events and that right at the start, when an unknown Irish farm worker, who has only arrived in Scotland, took the smile of George Clark's face with an initial throw of the 16lb ball of 42 ft 11 inches. George's best was a throw of 40 ft 6 inches. The Irishman, J. Gallagher hailing from Donegal, and now working in Cupar, was not satisfied with his first effort, and his second throw raised the target to 44 ft. And believe me if he had not tripped over the mark, his final throw would have been even better still, for he got at least another foot in his distance.**

John's 1949 season got even better. He lifted his first Ulster NACA Senior titles at Kilfennan, Derry on 3rd July, winning the Shot with a throw of 42 feet 8 inches and the Discus measured at 119 feet 10 inches. Completing an excellent days athletics, he also finishing 3rd in the Triple Jump. (Irish Examiner, 4th July 1949)

A few weeks after his Ulster successes, John returned to Cupar and repeated the feat achieved the year before at the Thornton Games. On this occasion he pitched the Shot 44 feet 10 inches, ahead of J. Hunter, Dunecht, in second and Clark finishing third. (The Scotsman, 23rd July 1949)

Returning to Ireland a week later, John along with fellow Strabane athletes, Jim Hampson, Danny Walsh and John Joe McGlade, travelled to Dundalk for the Irish Senior NACA Championships held on Sunday 31st July and Monday 1st August. Competing on the first day, he crowned a wonderful season winning the Shot. Although his best throw of 39 feet 4 inches was down on what he had achieved in the Ulster Championships and Thornton Games, it was still good enough to take the gold medal by a foot, ahead of P. Cashell from Doheny A.C. (Irish Press, 1st August 1949) It was a fantastic weekend for the Strabane Club for as well as John taking the Shot title, Jim Hampson lifted Gold in the High Jump while Danny Walsh and John Joe McGlade picked up Silvers in the Mile and Long Jump. **Joe McColgan, Strabane Athletics History**

Anam Cara, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, will hold its monthly Parent Support Evening

on Thursday 14th November at 7:15pm in the Radisson Blu Hotel, Letterkenny Co. Donegal. This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or how recent their death was. You do not need to register in advance. We also offer an online support group meeting. To find out more call 01 4045378 or email info@anamcara.ie

St. Columba's Community Centre

Crochet Wednesday from 11am-1pm

Badminton 5pm - 6pm National school 6pm - 7pm Secondary School. To book contact Centre Facebook page or text 087 6317683.

ANNUAL BAZAAR

Sunday 1st December commencing at 3pm.

Social dancing returns to St. Columba's Community Centre Burtonport on Sunday 3rd November from 3-5pm. Music by Eddie Gallagher and Ann McGrory. Please come along and enjoy a nice relaxing Sunday evening's entertainment

BURTONPORT FESTIVAL

The annual Burtonport festival night at the races takes place in The Lobster pot on Monday 30th December at 10pm. Horses will be on sale shortly at €10 each. See you there

Halloween Spooktacular Walk

This year's walk on the 25th of October was a huge success, weather conditions were ideal and over 300 participated. Proceeds from the event was more than €1900 that goes to our much used railway Walk. Many thanks to those who helped in any way and to the community centre staff for the refreshments afterwards and finally many thanks to Sean and Frances Boner for sponsoring the hamper once more which was won by Packie Gallagher Belcruit

BURTONPORT CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

The Burtonport Christmas lights committee are organising a fundraising table quiz in O'Donnell's Bar, Burtonport on Friday 8th November commencing at 10pm. Refreshments will be served during the interval. Please support this very worthy cause and appreciate the great work this committee has done in brightening up our village over the Christmas period.

Keadue Rovers Bingo Results 25/10/2024

Winners of the €100 house jackpots were **Noreen**

McDevitt, Annagry & Maeve Gillespie, Mullaghduff. No winner of the two Snowballs. Snowballs now stand at €8,000 and €1,350 (on 52 numbers) Friday 1/11/2024.

50/50 draw Friday 25/10/2024 - Niall Mullholland, Loughanure won €540. Next draw takes place Friday 8/11/2024.



Recent Match Results:

Seniors: Ulster Cup 27/10/24

Kilmacrennan Celtic 1-0 Keadue Rovers

Christmas Shoebox Appeal 2024

Contact Pius Gallagher (086 0579096) for leaflets and information. Boxes to be returned by November 10th.

Visitation

The remaining sick and Housebound will be visited with Holy Communion this Thursday 7th November.

Novena

Our Parish Novena for the deceased will take place in our Churches on Friday, 1st November, and run concurrently for 9 days.

St. Mary's

1. Friday 1st @ 10 am All Saints
2. Saturday 2nd @ 10 am All Souls
3. Sunday 3rd @ 10 am
4. Monday 4th @ 10 am
5. Tuesday 5th @ 10 am
6. Wednesday 6th @ 10 am All Saints of Ireland
7. Thursday 7th @ 10 am
8. Friday 8th @ 10 am
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