

Kincasslagh Parish Newsletter, 19th January 2025

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St. Mary's Church, Kincasslagh

Day	Time	Masses this week
Sun 19	10	Leo Bonner, months mind
Wed 22	7	Jean & Franice Gallagher, Cruit & Glasgow & their sons James & Joseph
Fri 24	7	Mary O'Donnell, months mind
Sun 26	10	Rita Gallagher, Keadue

St. Columba's Church, Burtonport

Day	Time	Masses this week
Sat 18	6.30	Josie & Nellie O'Donnell, Meenmore
Sun 19	11.30	Frankie Pa O'Donnell
Mon 20	10	
Tues 21	10	
Thur 23	10	James Gerard Sweeney, ill in hospital
Fri 24	10	Molly McLaughlin, Dublin
Sat 25	6.30	Mary Ellen Boner, Tullywillion
Sun 26	11.30	

Anniversary

Annie Doogan, Gortnasade
Anthony Ward, (Post), Milltown
Finlay & Grace MacKenzie
Teresa (Dinny) Gallagher

Our parish bank details.

St Columba Burtonport Parish A/C
 IBAN: **IE05BOFI90487878674363** BIC: BOFIE2D.
 Kincasslagh Church A/C
 IBAN **IE33BOFI90487858877323** BIC BOFIE2D

Thank you

A word of thanks to all who contributed to the Christmas flowers in St. Columba's Church last year. They were truly beautiful.



ST COLUMBA'S COMMUNITY CENTRE

Crochet back on Wednesday 15th of January at 11am

Rang na Gaeilge

Conversational Irish Classes will recommence in St Columba's Community Centre at 7pm on Wednesday 15th of January. New members are always welcome.

Badminton is on Monday evening's 5-6pm National School and 6-7pm Secondary School

COMMITTEE SKILLS

Computer class is on Wednesday's 6-8pm for more details contact 086-174 0677

Date for Diary

Social Dancing on Sunday 2nd of February 2025 with Martin Doogan and John Cannon

Ecumenical Gathering

As part of the week of prayer for Christian Unity we will have a service in St. Mary's Church, Kincasslagh next Sunday 26th @ 3pm. The theme is Do you believe this, organised by the community of Bose, an ecumenical monastery of brothers and sisters in northern Italy. You are most welcome to come along and pray with us

As part of the Jubilee Year, Young Adults from the Diocese of Raphoe will travel to Rome to participate in the Jubilee of Youth from **30th July to 5th August 2025**. This will be one of the many Jubilees that will be celebrated. During that week, youth and young adults will journey to the Eternal City for the experience of a lifetime. There are still some vacant spaces, with the **deadline for bookings** being **31st January 2025**. If you have any questions please do not hesitate in contacting Fr. Liam Boyle on **074 91 37 456**. Alternatively, queries can be directed to raphoeyouthpilgrimage@gmail.com.

Welcome



The Community is delighted to welcome another member into its ranks this weekend. Little Aria Jeannie Ward made her wonderful debut in St. Columba's and she was a star!

The National Pro Life Trust are holding their Church Gate Collection throughout County Donegal on the weekend of Jan. 25th/26th. If anyone could help with taking up a collection at their church please ring Margaret on 089 246 9599. Thank you.

Enrolment for Acres National School is now opening. Will your child be joining Scoil Cholmcille Acres in September 2025?

Please call the school on 074 9542134 or email us at acresschool@gmail.com for an enrolment form. We will also be happy to provide info on our Afterschool Club.

Medjugorje. Easter 2025. Ex Dublin. With Spiritual Director. April 15th x 7 nights. More info from Bernie @ 087 935 3953.

Church Contribution Envelopes

In the last number of years, we have adopted a policy of asking people to take their Church envelopes with them from the chapel. These boxes are numbered, but not labelled with names. If people wish to make their contribution anonymously they can use their envelopes and we can record your contribution without knowing from whom it came. If you wish your contribution to be recorded please add your name and townland on your first couple of envelopes. These will be recorded in a separate book to the contributions.

Congratulations



A huge happy birthday to Anna Rodgers, Mullaghderg who reached her 90th birthday today Saturday. The occasion was marked with a Mass at her home surrounded by family and friends. We wish our newest nonagenarian every future blessing.

Sunday of the Word of God on 26th Jan 2025

The Sunday of the Word of God is a profoundly pastoral initiative with which Pope Francis wants to make it clear how important it is in the daily life of the Church and our communities to refer to the Word of God, a Word that is not confined to a book, but which remains ever alive and becomes a concrete and tangible sign.

The motto chosen by the Holy Father for the 2025 edition, within the Jubilee Year, is a verse from Psalm 119, "I hope in your Word". It is a cry of hope: humankind, in a moment of anguish, tribulation, and confusion, cries out to God and puts all his hope in him.

Understanding the Mass, The Liturgy of the Word The Lectionary

At the Second Vatican Council, the Lectionary was developed based on studies that had been made of the early Church. Christians in the first centuries after Christ adapted the Jewish synagogue service for the celebration of the Eucharist. Like their Jewish elders, the Church chose continuous readings from the Law and the Prophets adding to them the letters of Paul and the stories of Jesus found in the Gospels. Certain readings were assigned to particular festive celebrations or to places of pilgrimage commemorating the life of Christ. The current Lectionary provides a continuous reading of the Sacred Scriptures—a three-year cycle for Sundays and a two-year cycle for weekdays. Each year of the Sunday cycle focuses on a particular Gospel (Matthew—A; Mark—B; and Luke—C). Passages from the Gospel of John appear at different times in all three years. You may realize that the first readings and responsorial psalms were selected to highlight some aspect of the Gospel for the day. The second readings are generally a continuous reading from a particular letter of Saint Paul or another of the pastoral letters. During the Easter Season, the first reading comes from the Acts of the Apostles and the second reading sometimes from the Book of Revelation.

The Ministry of Lector

The Lector or Reader has a vital role in the Liturgy of the Word. He or she is charged with the responsibility of proclaiming the Word of God. As such, they must be excellent readers who study the Scriptural texts and prepare to proclaim them by practicing. Since the Church teaches that it is Christ who speaks to us in the Word, all in the assembly should be able to hear and understand the readings when proclaimed without having to rely on reading a written text.

What is the Ambo?

The ambo is the place from which the readings, the responsorial psalm, the Gospel and homily are proclaimed. The Ambo is the Altar of the Word. It is to be substantial in nature and similar in design to the altar and sanctuary furniture and distinguished from a lectern or podium from which announcement are made or songs are led.