

Kincasslagh Parish Newsletter, 2nd March 2025

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St. Mary's Church, Kincasslagh

Day	time	Masses this week
Sun 2	10	Danny McKinney, Grace & Willie McKinney & deceased members of the family
Ash Wed 5	11	Bridget McCole, Meenbannad
Thur 6	10	Teresa Harkins, Meenbannad
Fri 7	10	
Sun 9	10	Doalty & Rosaleen Sharkey, Mullaghderg

St. Columba's Church, Burtonport

Day	time	Masses this week
Sat 1 st	6.30	Bridget Sweeney, Arlands months mind
Sun 2 nd	11.30	Toney Owenie Manus Gallagher, Tullyisland
Tues 4 th	10	
Ash Wed 5	10	
Thur 6 th	10	
Fri 7 th	10	
Sat 8 th	6.30	Mary Kate and James Michael O'Donnell
Sun 9 th	11.30	Mary Assumpta Gallagher Arlands

Anniversaries

John Neil John Gallagher
Grace McGonagle
Annie Byrne and Mary Kelly, mother & sister of Frankie Byrne

Recent

Mick Kelleher, Drumcondra who died during the week
Phil Bán Boyle, who was buried on Letterkenny on Thursday

Our parish bank details.

St Columba Burtonport Parish A/C
 IBAN: IE05BOFI904878674363 BIC: BOFIE2D.
 Kincasslagh Church A/C
 IBAN IE33BOFI90487858877323 BIC BOFIE2D

Parish Baptisms take place in Acres Church on the 1st & 3rd Saturdays of the month & in Kincasslagh Church on the 2nd & 4th Saturdays at 2.00 p.m., or 4pm if there is a wedding.

Anam Cara, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, will hold its monthly Parent Support Evening on Thursday 13th March at 7.30pm 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 is on Wednesdays at 11am

Rang na Gaeilge

In conjunction with Donegal ETB Beginner's Irish classes are starting in the centre on a Tuesday March 4th 7-9pm. If you would like to book a place please contact the centre 074 9542774 or email burtonportcc@gmail.com. Beidh Céad Míle Fáilte Romhat

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

The annual tea party takes place in St. Columba's Community Centre on Sunday 2nd March at 3pm. Proceeds will be divided between Arranmore R.N.L.I Lifeboat & the Rosses VIP group Burtonport. We are now accepting donations of home baking or raffle prizes. Presently we also have a fundraising draw in aid of the above organisations with lines on sale €2 each or 3 for €5. The main prize is a large hamper, 2nd a small hamper, and 3rd a bottle of whiskey. Draw will take place at the tea party on the 2nd March. We also have entertainment with music on the day. Hope to see you there.



COMMUNITY TOOLBOX We now have a community toolbox in the centre. Please feel free to come and borrow anything you need for your DIY project.



6 weeks course 'Unlocking the Bible' will take place in Burtonport Community Centre from Ash Wednesday 5th March until Wednesday 16th April at 8pm. It will include a mix of media and discussions, led by Brian O'Driscoll from the Pastoral Centre in Letterkenny. Free of charge.

Check <https://youtu.be/F0tAAOiCznc?feature=shared> to view the trailer. All welcome.

New Beginnings Community Shop will officially open on Monday 24/03/25. We are accepting clothing and accessories, toys, bric-a-brac and books in good condition. (Unfortunately we cannot accept furniture, car seats, duvets pillows CDs or DVDs) Drop your items to the community centre please.

Keadue Rovers Bingo Results 21/2/2025

Winners of the €100 jackpots were **Kitty Ward, Dungloe, Mary Rodgers, Acres, Roseleen Melly, Leitir & Geraldine Boyle, Dungloe** won €130. No winner of the two Snowballs. Snowballs now stand at €8,000 and €650 (on 54 numbers) Friday 28/2/2025. The next 50/50 draw also takes place Friday 28/2/2025.

Money Matters

St. Columba's Sunday collection for 23rd February was €732. €4305 was lodged from the shrines. Thank you. St. Mary's Sunday collection for 23rd February was €675. €820 was lodged from the shrines. Thank you.

Dates for your Diary

5 th March,	Ash Wednesday
31 st March – 3 rd April	Sacred Heart Statue visitation
20 th April,	Easter Sunday
10 th May,	First Holy Communion Day
31 st May,	Parish Mission Starts
7 th – 8 th June,	New Weekend Schedule begins
9 th -10 th August,	Graveyard Blessings

Sing for Joy! - A Day of Music and Ministry

Are you involved, or keen to become involved in Church Music in your Parish, School, University etc.?

We invite you to join us for 'Sing for Joy!' - A Day of Music and Ministry. Saturday 26th April 2025 at Lough Derg, Pettigo, Co. Donegal. Boat departs at 9:30am. In the prayerful setting of Lough Derg, this day will provide space for the power of music to nourish our spirit and allow us to give praise to God through the beauty of sound, song and silence. There will be various inputs as well as time to pray, connect with others and explore this Sacred place. The day will conclude with the Celebration of the Eucharist at 5pm (open to the public). This day is open to young people aged 18-35 and is free to attend (supported by the Knights of St Columbanus). Registration is essential via <https://bit.ly/SingforJoy>. For further information please contact info@knightsofstcolumbanusomagh.co.uk / +447759496677.

Changes to weekend parish Schedule of Masses

In Keeping with the call for 'rationalisation' of Masses and preparing for structural changes in our Diocese to utilise the fewer priests of the future in the best possible way, and in deep consultation with our parish pastoral council, we have decided that from after the mission and beginning on the weekend of the 7th & 8th June, there will only be one Sunday Mass in our parish. It has become clear that with the drop in attendance at our services that two Masses each weekend will be more than sufficient for those who wish to practice their faith. So from this date, the Saturday Mass remains as is, alternating between Kincasslagh and Burtonport monthly, and the Sunday Mass will be in the other Church only. So for example, The Saturday Mass in June is in Kincasslagh, therefore the Sunday Mass will be in St. Columba's. Then in July, the Saturday vigil will revert to St. Columba's, and the Sunday Mass will be in St. Mary's.

Also the practice of reserving a Mass for one intention has become unsustainable and we are following our neighbouring parishes where multiple intentions will be accepted for each weekend Mass. In this scenario, a single Mass will be offered for each intention at a later date either by ourselves in the parish, or sent to mission priests to say when they can. So while you give an intention for an anniversary Mass or a months mind, and go to that Mass, you will hear the intention read along with various others, but it will be the duty of the priest to ensure that an individual Mass is offered afterwards for each intention received.