

# Kincasslagh Parish Newsletter, 10<sup>th</sup> August 2025

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## St. Mary's Church, Kincasslagh

Day	time	Masses this week
Sat 9	6.30	Josie Ward, Keadue, months mind
Sun 10	10	Charlie Gallagher, Ballydevitt, Donegal Town & formerly Belcruit
Wed 13	7	Jim & Maureen Brennan 50th wedding anniversary remembrance
Fri 15	10	Intention
Sat 16	6.30	Sheila McFarlane, Belcruit

## St. Columba's Church, Burtonport

Day	time	Masses this week
Sun 10	11	Elizabeth Rooney
Mon 11	7	Mass for Martin the Butcher & his family
Tues 12	10	Madeline & Joe Boyle, Acres
Thur 14	10	Intention
Fri 15	10	
Sun 17	10	Tony John E & Eithne Gallagher, Burtonport

## Recent

**Dan O'Donnell**, Edinburgh and formerly Cruit who died on Friday. Brother of James Paddy O'Donnell, Cruit.

## Graveyard Blessings

The Graveyard at St. Mary's Church will be blessed after 6.30 evening Mass in St. Mary's on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> August The Graveyard in Cruit will be blessed after 11 am Mass in St. Columba's Church on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> August. The Graveyard Blessing in Belcruit will be at 5pm on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> August.

**For this weekend, there will also be a Sunday Mass in St. Mary's @ 10 am on the 10<sup>th</sup> August.**

## Our parish bank details.

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

**Parish Baptisms** Acres Church on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays of the month & in Kincasslagh Church on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays at 2 pm, or 4pm if there is a wedding. No Baptisms August 30<sup>th</sup> or September 6<sup>th</sup>.

## Money Matters

St. Mary's Sunday collection for 27<sup>th</sup> July was €1135. And for 3<sup>rd</sup> August it was €650.  
St. Columba's Collection for 27<sup>th</sup> July was €735 and for 3<sup>rd</sup> August was €1105. Thank you.

## Dates for your Diary

15<sup>th</sup> August, Turas in Cruit Graveyard

## 20<sup>th</sup> September, Lough Derg, 1 Day Retreat

## ST COLUMBA'S COMMUNITY CENTRE

New Beginnings Community shop is opened as usual from Mondays to Thursdays from 9.30am to 1.30pm. Bargains Galore. **Beidh Cead Mile Failte Romhat. Fondly Remembering Nora and John**  
A reminder on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> August at 4pm two memorable plaques will be unveiled in the community centre garden at the rear of St Columba's Community Centre in Memory of the late Nora Houston Lackenagh and John Mc Gee Roshine Lodge and Loughanure. The plaques will be blessed by Rev Fr Pat Ward PP and refreshments will be served in the centre afterwards. Both John and Nora will be fondly remembered at the centre for their great work and community projects. Nora sadly passed away on the 8<sup>th</sup> April this year. John passed away just ten days later on the 18<sup>th</sup> of April. Both the Houston and Mc Gee families will be present. There is an open invitation to anyone else who wishes to join us on this very important occasion.

## BURTONPORT RAILWAY WALK

The Railway walk committee are pleased to confirm that all the improvement work is now completed on our much used Railway walk. The hedge cutter did a very good job on the stretch last weekend from Charlie Sweeneys to the pier. And as previously stated, widened and strengthened on the upper end of the walk has also been completed to a very high standard. To continue to keep our walk in its present condition it is important that people consider becoming **FRIENDS OF THE WALK** at the very reasonable rate of €12 per year. If you wish to become a member you can contact Rosaleen at 087 6861251 or David 086 6086231 or leave your donation in the donation box with details at Charlie Sweeneys gate house or also pay on line at [idonate.ie](http://idonate.ie).

## ACN Pilgrimage to Knock

Papal charity Aid to the Church in Need Ireland invites people to join their national pilgrimage to Knock Shrine on Saturday August 30 to highlight the plight of Christians who suffer persecution for their faith in many parts of the world. Mass is in the basilica at 3pm – all welcome. For more info, see [www.acnireland.org](http://www.acnireland.org)

## Keadue Rovers Big Bingo Results – 1/8/2025

Winners of the €100 House Jackpots:  
Anne Harley, Arlands  
Rosemary Conaghan, Crickamore  
Packie "The Baker" Gallagher, Dungloe  
Lisa O'Donnell, Keadue  
Agnes Carlin, Burtonport  
Hughie Gillespie, Gweedore  
Anne T Boyle, Mullaghduff / Sheila Cook, Croveigh (Shared)

No winner of our two Snowballs! Current Snowball prizes: €8,000; €250 (on 46 numbers)

Next chance: Friday, 8/8/2025

50/50 Winner (€675): Aggie Bonner, Acres

Next 50/50 draw: Friday, 15/8/2025

Keadue Rovers 100+ Club – July 2025 Draw:

1st (€1,000): Tara Gallagher, Belcruit

2nd (€500): Mark Neely, Kerrytown

3rd (€400): Joe Bonner, Upper Keadue

4th (€300): Bridie O'Donnell, Keadue

5th (€200): Brian McCormick, Letterkenney

6th (€100): Ciara McDevitt, Dungloe

7th (€100): Brid O'Donnell, Kerrytown

8th (€100): Karen Boyle, Keadue

9th (€100): Matthew Comiskey, Keadue

10th (€100): Paddy Mc Laughlin, Dungloe

11th (€100): Chris Greene, Dungloe

**Recent Underage Girls Results: Tuesday 29/07**

**U-12 Girls Premier Division.** Keadue Rovers 2 Illistrin O.

Fia Ham & Katie Sharkey.

**Wednesday 30/07 U-16 Girls 1st Division.**

Keadue Rovers 3 Donegal Town 1 (Rebecca Reetsang x 2 & Maria McGee)

**Friday 01/08 U-14 Girls Premier Division.**

Keadue Rovers 7 St. Catherine's 1 (Maria McGee x 3, Jessica

Keys x 2, Ella Bonner & Ayva Boyle)

Gaeilge	Bearla
An bean tú atá i do chónaí sa Ghaeltacht agus tá tú ag iarraidh gnó a thosú nó a fhás?	Are you a female living in the Gaeltacht looking to start or grow your own business?
An bhfuil gnó seanbhunaithe agat? Réidh le méadú agus leathnú?	Are you an established business? Ready to scale & expand?
Má tá suim agat i gnó bia, feirmeoireachta, ceardaíochta nó seirbhíse, táimid ag iarraidh closteáil uait.	Whether it's food, farming, crafts or a service business, we want to hear from you.
Clár EMPOWER Cumasú - tá iarratais ar oscailt anois.	EMPOWER Cumasú Programme - applications are now open.
Déan iarratas anois: <a href="https://empowerpogramme.ie/how-to-apply/">https://empowerpogramme.ie/how-to-apply/</a>	Apply now: <a href="https://empowerpogramme.ie/how-to-apply/">https://empowerpogramme.ie/how-to-apply/</a>
Spriodcháta: Dé hAoine, 5 Meán Fómhair 2025	Deadline: Friday, 5th September 2025
Tuilleadh Eolais: 091 742851 / <a href="mailto:michelle.lee@atu.ie">michelle.lee@atu.ie</a>	Further information: 091 742851 / <a href="mailto:michelle.lee@atu.ie">michelle.lee@atu.ie</a>

**The Annual Cruit Island Graveyard Turas** takes place next Friday evening at 7pm at Cruit Graveyard, weather permitting.

A Turas or Religious Trip or Penitential Pilgrimage is an organised religious event in which a set of prayers are said that follow a certain route, pattern or behaviour. The Turas was performed twice annually, beginning at the Feast of the Assumption, and again on the 15<sup>th</sup> August and carried on for a period of nine days. It was carried out barefoot, and it was not unusual to commence the pilgrimage by sleeping at the graves overnight. The Turas is offered for the living and the deceased, for those in the graveyard and all the dead one may bring to mind, regardless of where they are buried. But like any prayer, it is also for the person praying. In fact the Turas includes an intention at the end on a stone called 'Leac Na hAthchuinge', the wishing flag. It is believed that if the pilgrim kneels on it during the course of the Turas, and faces east, any request made will be granted.

The following is the order of the various steps of the pilgrimage. The graveyard is entered by the side gate to along the side road along the side of the graveyard wall.

1. At the first well the pilgrim recites 7 Our Father's, 7 Hail Mary's and the Creed, while walking around the well. Before leaving the well the pilgrim kneels and catches a handful of sand, an offering, throwing it into the air, 'in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, Amen'.

2. At the following well (Tobar Brighde), the pilgrim recites 5 Our Father's, Five Hail Mary's and the Creed, again whilst circling the well, then kneels again making the same offering of sand, 'in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, Amen'.

3. At the following well, (Tobar Mhuire), again the pilgrim recites 5 Our Father's, 5 Hail Mary's and the Creed, circling the well and making the offering After the third well, the pilgrim completes 3 circuits of the central mound in the graveyard, whilst reciting 7 Decades of the Rosary. If the pilgrim finishes the three circuits before finishing the 7 Decades, they may stop at the fourth well (Leachta Mor) to finish the prayers

4. At the fourth well, the pilgrim kneels and then circles the well and the small mound of sand beside it repeating 5 Our Father's, 5 Hail Mary's and the Creed. Then they kneel again and make the offering of sand.

5. The same applies at the fifth well (Leachta Beag) as the fourth. The prayers here at Leachta Beag are offered in this instance for the dead