



# Kincasslagh Parish Newsletter, 1<sup>st</sup> February 2026

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## St. Mary's Church, Kincasslagh

Day	time	Masses this week
Sun 1	11	<b>Mary &amp; Patrick Sweeney</b> , Bunawillian <b>John Rosie Gallagher</b> , Chapel Gate
Wed 4	7	
Fri 6	10	
Sat 7	6.30	<b>Kathleen Doogan</b> , Kincasslagh Aidan McHugh & Evan McFadden

## St. Columba's Church, Burtonport

Day	time	Masses this week
Sat 31	6.30	<b>Bridget Sweeney</b> , Arlands <b>Ellen McCole</b> , Burtonport <b>Toney Owenie Manus Gallagher</b> , Tullyisland
Mon 2	10	
Tues 3	10	
Thur 5	10	
Fri 6	10	
Sun 8	11	<b>Margaret McCafferty</b> , Dungloe & Arranmore <b>Manus Cecily Gallagher</b> , Lower Keadue, Month's Mind

## Anniversaries

**Mary Ferry**, Crickamore

**Charlie & Eugene Ward**, Kertytown

## Recent

**Margaret Boyle, (Owen)**, Mullaghduff, who was buried on Wednesday

**Rosary & Divine Mercy Chaplet** after Mass in St. Columba's after weekday Masses except **Eucharistic Adoration** in St. Columba's on Monday after 10 am Mass for an hour, & in St. Mary's on Wednesday 11-12 noon.

**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.

## Money Matters

St. Mary's Sunday collection was €970 & Heating oil bill was €669.52.

St Columba's Collections were €802. Thank You.

Will your child be joining **Scoil Cholmcille Acres** in September 2026? Please call us on 074 9542134 or email us at [acresschool@gmail.com](mailto:acresschool@gmail.com) to request an enrolment form. We will also be happy to provide information on our Breakfast Club and Afterschool Club.

## Keadue Rovers Bingo Results – 23/01/2026

Winners of the €100 house jackpots:

**Game 6:** Mary Greene, Loughanure

**Game 12:** Geraldine Boyle, Meenmore, Dungloe

No winner of the two Snowballs!

Current Snowball prizes: €8,000

€300 (on 47 numbers).

Next chance: Friday 30/01/2026

Well done also to **Grace Boyle**, Dungloe, winner of €150!

The next 50/50 draw will also take place on Friday 30/01/2026

### Recent Match Results: Saturday 24/01

Development Team Old Orchard Inn D2.

**Keadue Rovers 2 Glena Utd FC 1**

Aidan McHugh & Evan McFadden

## BURTONPORT COMMUNITY CENTRE

**CROCHET** is on Wednesday mornings 11am-1pm.

**BADMINTON** is on Monday 5-6pm national school, 6-7pm secondary school and 7pm for adults

**NEW BEGINNINGS COMMUNITY SHOP** We are having a €1 sale commencing on Tuesday 3rd February - Thursday 5th February. The shop is open Monday - Thursday 9am - 1.30pm.

**Social Dancing** on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> Feb from 3pm to 5.30pm with the very popular duo of Conor O'Donnell and Sean McMonagle. Beidh Ceád Mile Fáilte Romhat

**ETB Classes** In conjunction with Donegal ETB we are now taking names for the following classes Sewing/ Alterations, Art with Tina, Chair Aerobics, Polytunnel Growing, Donegal Copper Craft and a Decoupage/ Craft class. To book a place on any of the following classes please message the centre Facebook page or email [burtonportcc@gmail.com](mailto:burtonportcc@gmail.com).

### LINE DANCING

The beginner's line dancing class that was due to start on Friday 6th February will now commence on Friday 20th February.

## Scoil an Aingil Choimhéaláí/Keadue National School

Scoil ghaeltachta, oideachas fríd mheán na Gaeilge

Now accepting enrolments for the school year 2026/2027. To request an enrolment form

Email: [saac.ceideadh@gmail.com](mailto:saac.ceideadh@gmail.com)

Telephone: 074 954 2268

**Anam Cara Donegal**, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, will hold its monthly Face to Face Parent Support Evening for bereaved parents

on **Thursday 12th February 2026 at 7.30pm in the Raddison Blu Hotel, Letterkenny F92 FK15**.

This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age of their child, the circumstances of their death, or how recent their death was. There is no need for registration, this is a walk in meeting.

We also offer online support group meetings. To find out more call

01 4045378 or email [info@anamcara.ie](mailto:info@anamcara.ie)

We're grateful for your help in raising awareness of this free support for bereaved parents in your parish community. If you ever need further information from

us, or have suggestions about how we can better support your church community, please don't hesitate to reach out.

For more information visit [www.anamcara.ie](http://www.anamcara.ie).

**"Donegal Pro Life** monthly Vigil/Gathering takes place on Friday 6th Feb (being the first Friday of the month) at Hospital Roundabout, Letterkenny from 1 00pm-2 00pm. All support welcome."

**The Raphoe Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes** will hold a Church Gate Collection next weekend, Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> of February 2026. The Pilgrimage will take place this year on 25<sup>th</sup> May and will be the 48<sup>th</sup> Raphoe Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes. Your support would be greatly appreciated. A Garda permit has been granted."

### Easter pilgrimage to Medjugorje. 2026

31st March x 7 nights. Ex Dublin. €899. With Spiritual Director. More info from Bernie McBride 087 935 3953.



St Brigid of Kildare is one of Ireland's three national saints, alongside St Patrick and St Columba — and she's one of the most fascinating figures in Irish history.

Born in the 5th century, Brigid is strongly associated with fire, light and renewal. Her monastery in Kildare was said to have an eternal flame, tended by women for centuries — a powerful symbol of learning, hospitality and care for the poor.

Many traditions linked to St Brigid appear to echo an earlier Celtic goddess of the same name, also associated with spring, fertility and new beginnings. This blending of pagan and Christian traditions makes St Brigid unique — a bridge between old Ireland and new. She was known for her generosity, with legends telling of her giving away food, livestock and even her father's sword to those in need — only for them to miraculously reappear later.

St Brigid's Day, 1<sup>st</sup> February, marks Imbolc, the ancient festival celebrating the return of light and the first signs of spring. The tradition of weaving St Brigid's crosses continues across Ireland today, symbolising protection for the home for the year ahead. A saint of compassion, strength and independence — St Brigid remains a powerful figure in Irish culture more than 1,500 years later.



## Tax Relief Scheme

Last call to fill in an Enduring certificates for the tax relief scheme. If you are a taxpayer in Ireland and give at least €250 pa (€5 per week) in contributions to the parish, we can claim the tax you paid from the Govt back on your contribution. Please consider taking one & return it to the chapel. Thank you.

## Visitation

The Sick and housebound will be visited with Holy Communion this Thursday and Friday.

## Confirmation 18<sup>th</sup> April 2026

St. Marys Church, Kincasslagh

12 noon by Bishop Niall Coll, DD

We are delighted to receive Bishop Coll to our parish in April for the confirmation of our 26 young people who will enrol on the 'You Shall Be My Witnesses' programme.

There will be a meeting with parents of these candidates in St. Marys Church, Kincasslagh on Tuesday, 11<sup>th</sup> February at 7.00 p.m. to explain the programme and find leaders for the three groups that will meet in the Community Centre for four weeks leading up to their Confirmation.