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Kilronan Parish Newsletter

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21st December 2025



"Love is to will the good of the other"

Sunday 21st December 2025 Mass Times

Saturday 20th Dec Ballyfarnon 7p.m.
Sunday 21st Dec Arigna 10.00a.m.
Sunday 21st Dec Keadue 11.30a.m.
Monday 22nd Dec Keadue 10.00a.m.
Tuesday 23rd Dec Arigna 10.00a.m.
Wednesday 24th Dec *Christmas Eve Ballyfarnon 7pm & Keadue 9pm
Thursday 25th Dec *Christmas Day Arigna 10am & Keadue 11.30am
Friday 26th Dec St. Stephen's Day. No Mass

Confessions:

St. Mary's Church Carrick On Shannon Christmas Eve 12 noon—1:30pm.

Ballyfarnon Church Christmas Eve 6pm -6:30pm

Communion Calls for Christmas: Tuesday 23rd December after Mass

PARISH OFFERTORY Collections: Thank you for your very generous support of the various Church Collections last weekend. Arigna €419.50, Ballyfarnon €308, Keadue €475, Priest's Dues €330.

St. Ronan's No winner of the lotto jackpot. Numbers drawn were 17,18, 20 and 25. Consolation prizes were won by: €70 David & Sinead Frazer Kilmastranny, €30 John F. Mc Loughlin Carrick-on-Shannon, €20 Ray Harte Highwood, €20 Barry Mc Nama Arigna, €20 David Flanagan Ballyfarnon. Jackpot next week will be €15,600 & the draw will be held on Sunday. If The jackpot is not won next week then the 5 consolation prizes will be €100 each. Enter the lotto online at stronansgaa.com.
Thanks to everybody for your support during the year and we wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

Annual Keadue 5K Run/Walk New's Year's Day January 1st @ 12.30

Keadue Branch of Comhaltas are hosting a session of music, song & dance in Roddy's Harp & Shamrock, Keadue on Thursday 1st January 2026, junior session @ 8pm followed by senior session @ 9pm. All welcome.

EPILEPSY IRELAND Collection Thank you to everyone who contributed to the recent Churchgate Collection which was €237.75 (Arigna) €155.00 (Keadue)

Ballyfarnon Afterschool is looking for an afterschool manager and assistant. job description/application criteria please see www.roscommonchildcare.ie/jobs-board.

AREA Arigna: Everyone is welcome to the enterprise centre after mass on Sunday for tea/coffee & a chat. Fundraiser tickets available. The world famous "COMMITTEEMENTS" of facebook fame will be premiering their Christmas No 1

Anniversary Masses

Sunday 21st Dec Arigna Rose Ann Mulhern,
Philomena & John Wynne & Wynne &
O'Rourke DFM
Sunday 21st Keadue Brendan Kelly
Saturday 27th Ballyfarnon Ursula Lehany
Sunday 28th Keadue Michael Gaffney, Michael Hennessy,
Joseph & Florrie Spellman.

Rest in Peace

Martin Flynn Kilnacroy, Ballyfarnon
Jim Nolan, Carrowbeg, Keadue & Enniskillen
Breda Barry (Boyle) wife of Gerard.

Bishop Paul writes.... Christmas Message 2025

This Christmas I am more aware than ever of the startling and profound reality that I am a Christian not because of anything I have done but because a teenage girl living in occupied Palestine at one of the most dangerous moments in history said **yes—yes to God**, yes to a wholehearted call she could not possibly understand, yes despite the judgement of society, yes to the considerable risk of pregnancy and childbirth, yes to a vision for herself and her little boy of a mission that in the words of her wonderful prayer, the Magnificat, would bring down rulers and lift up the humble, that would turn away the rich and fill the hungry with good things, that would scatter the proud hearted and raise up the lowly, yes to a life that came with no guarantee of her safety or her son's. God simply asked her to trust Him and she did. To understand Mary's humanity and her central role in the story of Jesus is to remind ourselves that the true miracle of Christmas, the true miracle of the Incarnation is the core Christian conviction that God is with us, plain old ordinary us. God is with us in our fears and in our pain, in all our joys and sorrows, in the everyday events of our daily lives. In all these things, God is with us—and God is for us. God is our one, true dependable friend who will never abandon us. This Christmas, as we conclude the Jubilee Year of hope, we reflect on the legacy of faith, hope and practice gifted to us by our parents who in turn received it from their parents. It was something they cherished above everything else, the sense of the presence of God in their daily lives. Last week Pope Leo reminded us that the core message of the Jubilee Year, the one important thing is no one should be lost, all should be saved. This is what God wants, this is His Kingdom, this is the goal of His actions in our world. God does not want us or our children to be among the lost. This Christmas as we reflect on the miracle of the Christ Child amongst us, let us recommit ourselves to honouring the presence of God in our lives, to honouring the hope that He brings through the example of faith, belief and practice gifted to us by our parents, and which we too in our turn witness to our children. Lord we pray that in our celebration of Christmas we may see with the eyes of children, the wonder of your birth, the song of the angels, the gladness of the shepherds and the worship of the Wise Men. Come Lord Jesus, remain with us always.