

MASS INTENTIONS
(Saturday 2nd December to Sunday 10th December 2023)

MYNA CHURCH

SUN 11.30am. Pat and Bridget O'Malley (A) Castleaffey and daughter Mary Fergus and deceased family members.

Peter Geraghty (A) and mother, Maureen, Myna and deceased family members.

WED 9.30am Mass.

FRI 11.30am. Feast of the Immaculate Conception.

SUN 11.30am. Con Hayes (A), Carrowholly and Peter and Minnie Garavan.

Tom Moran (A) Kilbride and deceased members of Moran and McCaffrey families.

Con Hayes (A), Carrowholly

FAHY CHURCH

SAT 7.00pm. Paddy and Kathleen Lawless, Gurteen and grandson John and deceased family members.

Padraig Mulchrone (A), Aughagowla.

TUE 8.00pm. Patrick and Catherine Moore, Drimgar and deceased family members.

THU 7.00pm Feast of the Immaculate Conception - Katie and Brendan Mulchrone, Knockgloss and May Moran and deceased family members.

SAT 7.00pm. Mass.

MINISTERS OF THE WORD:

Myna Church: -

Sun 3rd December – Charlie McLoughlin Sun 10th December Sophie Clough.

Fahy Church: -

Sat 2nd December – Cora Hughes. Sat 9th December – Catherine Lawless.

DECEMBER CHURCH OFFERTORY COLLECTORS:

Myna - Michael O'Grady and Sean Kenning.

Fahy - Alan Lawless.

CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT KNOCK SHRINE- Sunday 17th December at 8.00pm. Join with the Schola Cantorum Basilicae and the choirs of Knock in celebrating the joy of Christmas with a collection of carols, hymns and festive favourites at Knock Basilica. Admission free and all are welcome.

KILMEENA - FAHY PARISH

NEWSLETTER

Sunday 3rd December 2023

First Sunday of Advent



ST. BRENDAN'S CHURCH, MYNA.



CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAMILY, FAHY.

Jesus said: "Stay awake, because you do not know when the master of the house is coming – evening, midnight, cockcrow, dawn: if he comes unexpectedly, he must not find you asleep, and what I say to you I say to all: Stay Awake!"

Fr. Jim Walsh, P.P.

(098-41270)

PARISH NEWS:

ADVENT:

The First Sunday of Advent is the first day of the Church's new liturgical year. During the coming year the whole of Christ's life will be put before us in the various seasons celebrated by the Church. The Good News of Christ's teaching will be read for us at Mass each Sunday. During Advent we prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ who is the fulfilment of all our hopes and dreams. Advent looks forward also to Christ's second coming (as it does today) when God's plan of salvation will reach its complete fulfilment. We are told in today's Gospel to 'stay awake' and 'stand ready' for the final judgement that can come at any moment.

ADVENT WREATH:

The Advent Wreath is one of the strongest symbols of Advent. It holds four candles, a purple one for each of three Sundays of Advent and a pink one for the third Sunday of Advent. The circular wreath of evergreen leaves is a sign of God's loving care which is unending. The evergreen branches suggest the faithfulness of God which is always alive and fresh. Tommie Duggan on behalf of Fahy Development Committee will light the first candle on the Advent Wreath at 8.00pm Mass in Fahy. Una O'Malley on behalf of the Parish Pastoral Council will light the first candle on the Advent Wreath at the 11.30am Mass in Myna.

FEASTS OF THE WEEK:

- Monday:** **Saint John of Damascus;** also known as John Damascene was a Syrian monk and priest. Born and raised in Damascus, he died on December 4, 749 AD.
- Wednesday:** **St. Nicholas, bishop.** He was bishop of Myra in the fourth century in Turkey. A legend says he gave dowries to a poor man's three daughters. Santa Claus derives from this story. He is patron saint of Russia and Galway.
- Thursday:** **St. Ambrose, bishop (339-397).** He was Roman governor of the province of Milan when the people elected him as their bishop although he was not yet baptised. He became a brilliant preacher and powerful defender of Church teaching in his writings
- Friday:** **Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.** It is a holiday of obligation.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING:

A meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council will be held in the Parochial House next Thursday, 7th December at 8.30pm.

DIPLOMA IN CATECHETICS 2024 NEWSLETTER.

This is a basic pastoral leadership programme presented on zoom from the Archdiocese of Edinburgh. It offers a Diploma in catechetics. Presentations are offered for one hour each week over the year with breaks at Easter and Summer. Weekly e-mails with outline of session are offered. A meeting with a tutor takes place after each module every six weeks. A group meeting takes place after each module. There is no formal examination. It is a challenging worthwhile experience in adult faith formation. The vacancies are limited. If interested apply by November 20th. Contact e-mail: frtonyking@gmail.com 0872360272.

FAITH RENEWAL EVENTS AT KNOCK SHRINE:

A LIGHT TO ENLIGHTEN THE WORLD:

All-Night Vigil, 7th December in Knock Shrine - confessions from 10.00pm until midnight on the night of Thursday, 7th December. The Vigil will continue in the Basilica from Midnight with Rosary, Holy Hour, Reflections and Prayer, concluding with Mass at 4am.

ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE- Tuesday 19th December from 8.00pm – 9.00pm in the Chapel of Reconciliation with music provided by Schola Cantorum Basilicae. View the full programme of events at www.knockshrine.ie

CHRISTMAS TREE OF LIGHT, KNOCK: You can sponsor a light on the Christmas Tree of Light at Knock for a friend, family member or a deceased loved one. Cards are available at local pharmacies. Proceeds are in aid of Mayo/Roscommon Hospice. Details from 094-9388666.

NIGHTFEVER:

Westport Deanery invites you to join with us at St. Marys Parish Church Westport on Sa 16th December for an evening of special encounter with Jesus the living God. This event, known as "Night fever", is essentially an invitation to all, to come and experience the truth, love, goodness and beauty of God in an atmosphere of prayerful reverence, Christian music and beautiful candlelight. The evening will begin with Vigil Mass at 6.30 pm and will continue until approximately 10.30 pm. There will be ample opportunity for adoration, prayer, confessions etc

RECENT DEATH:

Please remember in your prayers: -
Tom Lowther, Cross.

MAY HE REST IN PEACE

