

Weekday Mass Times: Glenisland Church at **7pm** & Islandeady Church at **8pm**.
Weekend Mass Times: Glenisland Church **SAT 7pm** & Islandeady Church **SUN 11am**.

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Remembering in our Masses this week: (Sun 17th Jan – Sun 24th Jan)

Sat 16 th	- For All the People of the Parish/Pro Populo.
Sun 17 th	- For All the People of the Parish/Pro Populo.
Mon 18 th	- No Mass Intentions.
Tues 19 th	- No Mass Intentions.
Wed 20 th	- No Mass Intentions.
Thurs 21 st	- No Mass Intentions.
Fri 22 nd	- No Mass Intentions.
Sat 23 rd	- For All the People of the Parish/Pro Populo.
Sun 24 th	- Mary Hegarty (née Lally) Months Mind & her mother Ellen Lally. - Tommy O'Malley, Cornanool, his brother in law Tony Gibbons & all DFM.

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People of God ministering / helping in CHURCH next Week: Sat / Sun

Ministry:	Glenisland:	Islandeady:
Mass Servers:	Team 1.	Team 1.
Music:	Anne & Choir.	Nora & Choir.
Readers:		
Ministers of Eucharist:		
Offertory Collectors:		

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- Monday:** Feast of St. Anthony, Abbot.
Tuesday: Feast of St. Wulfstan, Bishop.
Wednesday: Feast of St. Fabian, Pope, & Feast of St. Sebastian.
Thursday: Feast of St. Agnes, Patron of betrothed couples, gardeners & young girls.
Friday: Feast of St. Vincent, deacon of the church of Saragossa. Martyred in 304.
Saturday: Feast of St.
Sunday: Feast of St. Francis de Sales, Bishop & Doctor of the Church.

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Anyone wishing to have an **Anniversary Mass** should do so in **writing** and place it in the Parochial House, Islandeady or send an **email**. Please provide your name and phone number. In the event that the parochial house is outside of your 5km allowable travel, you can contact Fr. Chris on (087) 1962 674 or email him at parishig2017@gmail.com

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COVID-19 Support Line for Older People - **ALONE** has a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to the COVID-19 (Corona virus) pandemic. The support line is **open Monday to Friday, 8am-8pm**, by calling 0818 222 024. Hours may be extended to meet the demand.

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The Church Rotas for the different Ministries in Islandeady is being finalised for **2021** and will be **posted** out to the different Ministers in the coming weeks.

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St Patrick's Church Islandeady will be **open** each day from **10am to 7pm**. Over the coming months the wooden doors will remain locked, please use the glass doors.

The **Deadline** for items for inclusion in the Parish Newsletter is **12 noon** each Friday.

- **Phone** or send a **text message** or leave a **voicemail** to Liam on (087) 1361 895.
- You can **email** Liam at islandeadyadm@gmail.com

Islandeady-Glenisland Parish Newsletter

St Patrick's Church, Islandeady and the Holy Rosary Church, Glenisland.
Websites: islandeady.ie / glenislandnewsflash.ie / mayo.ie / tuamarchdiocese.org

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Sunday 17th Jan 2021 – **Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**



St. Patrick's Church, Islandeady



Holy Rosary Church, Glenisland

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*“Go and lie down,
and if someone calls say;
‘Speak, Lord, your servant is listening.’
So Samuel went and lay down in his place.”*

Priest: Fr Chris Brennan **Mob** (087) 1962 674 **Email:** parishig2017@gmail.com
Newsletter: Liam Keaveney **Mob** (087) 1361 895 **Email:** islandeadyadm@gmail.com

In today's Gospel, we have been called by Christ to become children of God. How we respond is illustrated in today's Readings. There is a seeking which develops into a search that leads to seeing & believing.



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Islandeady Community Centre is now connected to Vodafone **Superfast WiFi**. This is available to people who live in the community who have poor internet connection. People who are now **working from home (remote working)**, **school/college students** who need to download or email tests etc this is suitable for them. A **small nominal fee** will be charged for **light/heat**. For further info, contact Liam on (087) 1361 895.

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Pastoral visits to the sick and housebound are an important part of Parish life. Anyone who was receiving a pastoral visit by Fr. Chris before the outbreak of the virus & would like to receive the **Sacraments** again needs to contact the Priest & make the necessary arrangements. It is very important that we all take care of each other & that every effort is made to protect public health.

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Many thanks to those who have continued to contribute to the **Church collection** and to **Priest revenue** over the past year. It has been very impressive to see the commitment & dedication that people have shown towards the Parish. If anyone still has envelopes from 2020 they may drop them into the **letter box** of the **Parochial House in Islandeady or Glenisland**. The weekly envelopes goes towards the **weekly upkeep & care** of both churches in the Parish.

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To mark **Mayo Farmers Month**, Croí invites you to attend a **free virtual webinar on Thursday January 21st at 7pm** to learn more about heart health, stress management and overall health and wellbeing with a panel of local nursing and allied health professional experts. Check out the Croí website at www.croi.ie/farmers for lots of free resources and to register for the free webinar. Or call Croí on 091-544310 to reserve your space.

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In your Prayers you are asked to pray for the following that died recently:

Eileen Rowland (née Graven), grandmother of Karen Kelly, Cloggernagh.

Teresa Carton (née Hand), Towneena, Rehins, Glenisland.

James (Jimmy) Leahy, Westmeath, father of Cathy Carney, Cloggernagh.

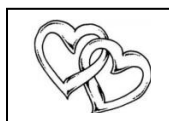
Fr. Denis McHugh, who ministered in Knock Shrine for many years.

Paddy Callaghan, England, brother of the late Mike Callaghan, Sheeane.

Maura McKenna (née Hoban), Co. Monaghan & formerly Corha, Islandeady.

Eternal Rest Grant unto her O Lord and may she Rest in Peace, Amen.

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We congratulate the following who recently got married:

Maresa O'Sullivan and Gearod Molloy in Islandeady Church recently.

They are wished many years of happiness together and congratulations to their parents, family and friends.

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Masses are available on TV RTE News now daily at 10:30am (Saorview 21) & RTE 1 on Sundays at 11am. ETWN 6pm, Sky Channel 588 & Radio Maria daily at 10am, Saorview Radio channel 210. Mass on Midwest Radio every Sun, Wed & Fri mornings at 10am.

Please **Remember with a Prayer** all those in hospital at this time of year, those waiting for test results & those waiting for operations & procedures. Remember all those in Nursing Homes or living alone in their own homes. Lord Jesus, friend of the sick, console those who are unwell, restore them to health and bless all who are with them and care for them, Amen.

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Western Care Association is going to travel around the world virtually to raise funds to enhance services throughout the county. We need your help to complete this challenge. We are looking for around **150 volunteers** to walk, run or jog around the globe in aid of Western Care, starting from **Jan 12th until 2nd April 2021**. **Registration** for the event is **€10pp** and you can contact mflanagan@westerncare.com for more details.

Just a thought

A member of the church, who previously had been attending services regularly, stopped going. After a few weeks, the Priest decided to visit him. It was a cold evening. The Priest found the man at home alone, sitting before a blazing fire. Guessing the reason for his Priests visit, the man welcomed him, led him to a comfortable chair near the fireplace and waited. The Parish Priest made himself at home and said nothing. In the grave silence, he contemplated the dance of the flames around the burning logs. After some minutes, the Priest took the fire tongs, carefully picked up a brightly burning ember and placed it to one side of the hearth all alone, and then he sat back in his chair, still silent. The host watched all this in quiet contemplation. As the one lone ember's flame flickered and diminished, there was a momentary glow and then its fire was no more. Soon it was cold and dead. Not a word had been spoken since the initial greeting. The Priest glanced at his watch and realised it was time to leave. He slowly stood up, picked up the cold, dead ember and placed it back in the middle of the fire. Immediately it began to glow, once more with the light and warmth of the burning coals around it. As the Priest reached the door to leave, his host said, with a tear running down his cheek, 'Thank you so much for your visit and especially for the fiery sermon. I will be back at church next Sunday'.
Moral of the story: We live in a world today, which tries to say too much with too little. Consequently, few listen. Sometimes the best sermons are the ones left unspoken.

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- The Lord is my Shepherd.....That's a **Relationship!**
- He makes me lie down in green pastures.....That's **Rest!**
- He leads me the still waters by.....That's **Refreshment!**
- My soul He doth restore again.....That's **Healing!**
- He leads me in the path of Righteousness.....That's **Guidance!**
- For His name sake.....That's **Purpose!**
- Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of Death.....That's **Testing!**
- I will fear no evil.....That's **Protection!**
- For you are with me.....That's **Faithfulness!**
- Thy rod and Thy Staff comfort me.....That's **Discipline!**
- You have prepared a table before me in the presence of mine enemies.....That's **Hope!**
- You have anointed my head with oil.....That's **Consecration!**
- My cup runs over.....That's **Abundance!**
- Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life.....That's **Blessing!**
- And I will dwell in the house of the Lord.....That's **Security!**
- Forever.....That's **Eternity!**

What is **most valuable** is not **WHAT** we have in our lives, but **WHO** we have in our lives..!!

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A Prayer for Healthcare Workers during this time of Covid 19

Loving God, we place into your care all our doctors, nurses and healthcare workers. Give them courage of heart & strength of mind and body. Keep them safe from harm. May they know our deep gratitude for all they are doing to heal & help those affected by the Coronavirus. God of all consolation may they know your protection & peace. Bless them in these challenging days and bless their families. This we ask, through Christ our Lord, **Amen**.

While we are all aware of the limitations of the current situation and the risk and danger that C19 continues to present to each and every one of us. None the less life can and must continue even if with limitations. This Christmas will be celebrated in a different way but the essence remains the same, the great gift of God's love for each one of us. Saint Paul tells us, *"that nothing can ever separate us from the love of God"*. Masses will be celebrated in both churches of the parish on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. We will not have the packed churches as in the past, but a limited number of people will be able to enter the churches, the outside speakers will be on and people will be able to follow mass either standing around the church or sitting in their cars. Holy Communion will be distributed to those who will be gathered outside the Churches. Social distancing will be required and all are asked to remain two meters from others. Masks are to be worn. The use of hand sanitizer is required for all entering and leaving the church. The Christmas Crib will be in place but in a simpler form and in a more open space. People are asked not to gather around the crib in groups.

WANTED: Musician(s) to join Padraig Heneghan as an accompanist in the **Islandeady Church Choir**. Padraig has kindly agreed to lead the Choir for the next few months. A keyboard/guitar player would be welcome to join once Masses resume again. If you can **give 30 minutes** of your time **each Sunday**, kindly call Padraig on (087) 2258 012.

The Parish Collection Envelopes are now available. Parishioners are asked to collect their envelopes in the usual way. In an administrative change many numbers have changed so please look for your name and not the number. By making these changes it is hoped that the numbers will remain the same over the coming years. If anyone is new to the Parish and would like to receive a box of envelopes or if anyone has been missed out please make contact with the Priest on 087 1962 674 or email parishig2017@gmail.com

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Are you Thoughtful? Some elderly & housebound parishioners in **Islandeady & Glenisland** have remarked how very much they appreciate it when a neighbour or family member are thoughtful enough to bring them a copy of the weekly **Sunday Bulletin** ... & how much it helps to keep them in touch with life in the parish especially now with the Covid 19 restrictions still ongoing for some in isolation etc. **So... are YOU Thoughtful?**

Church Envelopes are now available for the coming 12 months. They will be available in the Church Porches from this weekend. Please take your box of envelopes & if you see a neighbour one please kindly take it & deliver it to them. If you would like to take a box of envelopes to contribute to the weekly upkeep of our two churches, please let Fr. Chris or James O'Malley know & they will organise.

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Thank you for keeping **catering in St Aidans & the Presbytery simple!** Again please remember these rooms are in a Church setting & for the sake also of minding expensive carpet & chairs ... please NO egg sandwiches, salad sandwiches, cream or jam buns etc. Confine food to biscuits, buns, brack, simple sandwiches or cake that doesn't fall apart! Just use common sense. Remember most people have a mug in one hand and food in the other.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament – (Adoration Times in our Parish)
Glenisland: Monday & Wednesday Nights **7-8pm**.
Islandeady: Sunday & Monday **7-8pm** / Tuesday **7-8pm**, Thursday Night **8-9pm**.

The Pastoral Council wish to remind all local groups & charitable organisations that for 2020 all **Church Gate Collections** held in Glenisland & Islandeady Churches must be held **OUTSIDE** the Church Gates as per conditions of the permit & **NOT** inside at the Church Doors. There will be no exception to this.

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For **catering** in the Presbytery & St Aidans – on occasions of Weddings, Funerals, Anniv & Months Mind – nice customs emerged whereby **neighbours** offer to help out OR **a family** can make their own arrangement for catering ... OR members of the **Pastoral Council** kindly step in to organise ... OR ... just thoughtful **kind parishioners** from any **village** offer to help out. **Thank you** for keeping this nice custom alive in our Parish, it is nicely remarked on by people *'within'* & visitors *'outside'* our Parish.

New Singers & Musicians of ALL ages are always **WELCOME** to join either Glenisland or Islandeady church choir each weekend to uplift our Spirits – please let Nora or Ann know that you would like to join to use & share your **TALENTS...!!** & **THANKS** Nora & Ann for organising the choir every weekend

5 Special Requests from the Priest....

- 1) **Readers:** 5 mins before Mass please pop into Sacristy & let priest know YOU are reading today.
- 2) **Ministers of Eucharist:** Please sit in **front** seat with your family or the other Minister so that priest sees/knows there's help for Communion.
- 3) **For Offertory Collection** please take baskets from outside of seat & move baskets towards the back & hand it to Collector (or mass server).
- 4) In the event there aren't enough mass servers, please take a newsletter which will be already placed in the holders at each of the 3 doors in Islandeady Church.
- 5) Prayer Cards are available in church seats; please use them to assist you saying the prayers during mass.

All **Islandeady/Glenisland news items** are available in the weekly newspapers the 'Mayo News' & 'Connaught Telegraph', the Church Newsletter, everything will be on the Facebook page *Whats on in Islandeady* & on the Community website www.islandeady.ie

A Parish Prayer

Lord, bless our parish community at this difficult time.

Give me patience with myself and others so that I will not make these times any more difficult than they already are.

Grant me the ability to acknowledge my fears so that I will not hide from acting in a responsible manner.

Give me courage to overcome any selfishness that hinders any concern for others.

Grant me the grace to reach out to others by safe means and in a helpful way.

Give me courage when I am feeling lonely and the knowledge that isolation is a good thing for now and that I am never fully alone.

Grant me the gifts of kindness, patience and love.

Give me your blessing: in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, Amen.



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Footprints in the Sand

One night I dreamed I was walking along the beach with the Lord.

Many scenes from my life flashed across the sky.

In each scene I noticed footprints in the sand.

Sometimes there were two sets of footprints,

Other times there was one only.

This bothered me because I noticed that during the low periods of my life,

When I was suffering from anguish, sorrow or defeat,

I could see only one set of footprints,

So I said to the Lord:

“You promised me Lord, that if I followed you,

You would walk with me always.

But I have noticed that during the most trying periods of my life

There has only been one set of footprints in the sand.

Why, when I needed you most, have you not been there for me?”

The Lord replied:

The times when you have seen only one set of footprints,

My child, is when I carried **YOU**”.

Local Link Mayo currently provide a grocery & essential supplies collect & deliver to the elderly, vulnerable & cocooning as well as providing essential travel for shopping and work. Local Link have repurposed during Covid-19 & as we move from one phase to the next of the Government roadmap for reopening society & business we aim to provide as much support to individuals and community organisations through current services. To avail of the service contact (094) 90 05150, email mayo@locallink.ie or text 086 029 3278.

Remember Me

Speak of me as you have always done,

Remember all the good times, the laughter & fun.

Share the happy memories we've made,

Do not let them wither or fade.

I'll be with you in the summer's sun,

and when the winter's chill has come.

I'll be the voice that whispers in the breeze,

I'm peaceful now, put your mind at ease.

I've rested my eyes and gone to sleep,

but memories we've shared are yours to keep.

Sometimes our final days may be a test,

but remember me when I was at my best.

Although things may not be the same,

don't be afraid to use my name.

Let your sorrow last for just a while,

Comfort each other and try to smile.

I've lived a life filled with Joy and Fun,

Live on now & make me proud of what you'll become.