

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 07th Jan – Sun 14th Jan)

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| Sat 06 th | - Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord. Also remembering: Anne Ayrton & Lena O'Donnell & DFM. |
| Sun 07 th | - Mary, Michael & Kathleen Philbin, Tom & Kevin Basquill & Jason O'Shea. - Bridie & Alfred Sammon, John & Bridie Sammon, son Jackie & DFM. - Maidie Fitzgerald & her brother Willie, Keelogues. |
| Mon 08 th | - No Mass Intentions. |
| Tues 09 th | - No Mass Intentions. |
| Wed 10 th | - No Mass Intentions. |
| Thur 11 th | - No Mass Intentions. |
| Fri 12 th | - No Mass Intentions. |
| Sat 13 th | - For All the People of the Parish/Pro Populo. |
| Sun 14 th | - Tommy Walsh (4 th Anniv) & his wife Christina (24 th Anniv), Derrycoosh. - Michael & Nora McDonnell, Graffybeg & DFM. - John & Margaret Prendergast, Annagh. - Paddy & Ann Irwin, Cashel, son Peter, daughters Mary & Julia, daughter in law Angela, grandson Enda & DM of Irwin & Joyce Families. - Bea & Austin Gibbons, Cloggernaugh, daughter Mary Smith, son Michael & DM of the Gibbons & O'Grady Family. |

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People of God ministering / helping in CHURCH next Week: Sat/Sun 13th /14th Jan

| Ministry: | Glenisland: | Islandeady: |
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| Music: | Anne & Choir. | Noreen & Choir. |
| Readers: | Caroline McLoughlin | Kevin Corcoran (P.155) 2 nd Sun Ord. T |
| Ministers of Eucharist: | Sean McLoughlin | A Roache, M. Reidy, B. Staunton. |

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- Monday: Feast of St. Patheus, Martyr.
- Tuesday: Feast of St. Adrian of Canterbury, Monk.
- Wednesday: Feast of St. Agatho, Pope (678 – 681).
- Thursday: Feast of St. Boadin, Irish Monk.
- Friday: Feast of St. Benedict Biscop, Patron of Construction.
- Saturday: Feast of St. Hilary, Bishop.
- Sunday: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time.

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To book a **Mass** in Islandeady or Glenisland, please **text** Fr Chris at (087) 1962 674 **OR** you can **email** him at the following email address parishig2017@gmail.com

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THANKS to the many households who have signed up for the **€5 per week** which will help pave the way to building a modern Community Centre in Islandeady. If you wish to sign up or your form was not collected, please call Robert on (087) 614 5439.

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Adoration Times: Sunday 7-8pm / Monday 7-8pm / Thursday 8-9pm. All Welcome.

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

Sunday 07th Jan 2024 – **The Baptism of the Lord**



*“You are my Son, the beloved,
my favour rests on you.”*

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

In the readings this weekend Jesus is anointed with the Spirit and his power. He is proclaimed Messiah. He now goes about doing good, working the signs that make him known as the Servant of God. He is the one who brings good news to the poor and tells of salvation. Through our baptism each one of us is brought to the life of Christ.

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Pastoral visits to the **sick** and **housebound** are an important part of parish life. Anyone who would like to receive a pastoral visit by Fr. Chris to receive the **Sacraments** again needs to contact the Priest by **phone** or **email** & make the necessary arrangements.

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Islandeedy **Village Enhancement Group** is looking at getting a **group of volunteers** together, Men, Women, Young & Elderly, Men's Shed & other groups who would be free for 1-2 hours on a Saturday morning to **help** with **Enhancement Projects** around the Islandeedy Village area such as planting shrubs & trees, maintenance work etc. It is hoped to get this group going in early January & we would **appreciate** your **involvement**. You can contact **Breege Joyce** on (087) 288 9264 if you wish to join/find out more.

The **Christmas Collection** for the **Priest** took place at Masses on **Christmas Eve & Christmas Day**. If you **overlooked** your envelop you can drop it into the **Offertory Basket anytime** & Fr. Chris is **grateful** for your **continued support & generosity**.



Please **remember** in **prayer** all from the **Parish** who are in hospital at this time of year, those waiting for test results, those waiting for operations & procedures. Remember those in Nursing Homes or living alone in their own homes and all those who selflessly care for them.

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- **Card Games** every Mon Night in the Community Centre at 8:30pm.
- **Move it or Lose it** exercise classes every Tues at 10am in Comm. Centre.
- **Rambling House** every Tues Night at 7:30pm in the Community Centre.
- **Ladies Club** every Tues Night at 8pm in the Community Centre.
- **Wed Get-together** every Wed in Comm. Centre from 11:30am – All welcome.
- **Pilates** with Lisa every Thurs at 7:45pm in the Comm. Centre – All welcome.
- **Foróige** every Wed & Fri Night from 8pm – 9:30pm in the Community Centre.

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There was **No Winner** of the last Islandeedy GAA Lotto draw. The next draw takes place **this Sun 07th Jan** in the **Halfway**. The Jackpot will be **€9,550**.
The Lucky Dip Prize winners: Aidan Hanley & Ken Irwin.



Islandeedy Community Council meeting for **January** takes place this **Tuesday 09th January** at **8pm** in **St. Aidan's Room**. All members are kindly asked to attend.

Please join us & gather for a **New Year Cuppa & Chat** after Mass **this Sun** in St. Aidan's. The Yellow Team (**Áine's Team**) on **Hospitality Duty** this Sunday!

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Being a **single parent** is twice the **Work**, twice the **Stress** and twice the **Tears** but also twice the **Hugs**, twice the **Pride** & twice the **Love**. If you are a single parent & you feel you are due a tax refund you can email info@mytaxrefunds.ie to see if you are eligible for a Tax Refund. Visit www.mytaxrefunds.ie for more details.



Having hosted the **THREE WISE MEN** for just a very brief period of time, the **Christmas Crib** moves from sight **after this weekend**. Did you **VISIT THE CRIB** and did you remember to **PRAY** for your **FAMILY** this year & to **PRAY** for **PEACE** in the world.

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For people who wear **Hearing Aids** please note that there is a '**Loop System**' in our Church Amplification. When you enter the Church just **switch** the button in your Hearing Aid & the system will **transmit perfectly** to your ear. **Good news** for people who wear Hearing Aids.

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In your **Prayers** you are kindly asked to **Remember** the following who died:
- **Catherine Conway**, Westport, sister of the late Joe Conway, Cashel.
- **Pauline O'Kelly**, Kilmeeena, sister of Irene Moylette, Derrycourane.
- **Monica Cadden**, Clontarf & Glenisland, funeral last Sat in Glenisland.
Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, may they Rest in Peace, Amen.

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RISKING IT in 2024

Two seeds lay side by side in the fertile soil.

The **first** seed said 'I want to grow! I want to send roots deep into the soil beneath me, and thrust my sprouts through the earth's crust above me...I want to unfurl my tender buds like banners to announce the arrival of spring...I want to feel the warmth of the sun on my face and the blessing of the morning dew on my petals!'

And so she grew.

The **second** seed said, 'I am afraid. If I send my roots into the ground below, I don't know what I will encounter in the dark. If I push my way through the hard soil above me, I may damage my delicate sprouts...what if I let my buds open and a snail tries to eat them? And if I open my blossoms, a small child may pull me from the ground....No, it is much better for me to wait until it is safe.'

And so she waited.

A HEN scratching around in the early Spring ground for food found the waiting seed and promptly ate it.

The moral of the story:

Those of us who refuse to take a risk & grow will get swallowed up by life - Patty Hansen.

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THE ISLANDEADY/GLENISLAND CRIB COMMUNITY

*Amidst all the tinsel and glitter
and fuss and bother and din,
to our house every Christmas
a whole community moves in.*

*Several men, one woman, one baby,
where on earth will they all fit?
Sheep, lambs, a cow and a donkey,
with a manger and straw - and that's it.*

*Amidst all the hustle and hassle
there's something so graceful about them,
although they don't say or do anything,
it wouldn't have been Christmas without them.*

Happy New Year 2024