

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 3rd Jan – Sun 10th Jan)

Sat 2 nd	- Frank & Annie Moran. - Lena O'Donnell.
Sun 3 rd	- Maidie Fitzgerald & her brother Willie, Keellogues.
Mon 4 th	- No Mass Intentions.
Tues 5 th	- No Mass Intentions.
Wed 6 th	- The Epiphany of the Lord. - Joe Ruddy (10 th Anniv), Derrycoosh
Thurs 7 th	- No Mass Intentions.
Fri 8 th	- No Mass Intentions.
Sat 9 th	- For All the People of the Parish/Pro Populo.
Sun 10 th	- Michael & Nora McDonnell & DFM. - Joe Ruddy (10 th Anniv), Derrycoosh.

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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. Elizabeth Ann Seton
Tuesday: Feast of St. Charles of St. Andrew, Priest.
Wednesday: The Epiphany of the Lord.
Thursday: Feast of St. Raymond of Penafort (1175 – 1275), Lawyer & Dominican.
Friday: Feast of St. Thorfinn, Bishop.
Saturday:
Sunday: Baptism of the Lord.

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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.

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Many **THANKS** to Ann Barrett for the use of her Marquee for the overflow of people from Islandeady Church during the Christmas Masses. Thanks also to those who assisted with the transportation, construction and removal of the Marquee. Many thanks to all who assisted with cleaning & decorating both churches for the Christmas celebrations. The collaboration of the ushers, ministers of the Word & Eucharist & singing by the Choir helped us to have a safe, meaningful and enjoyable celebration of the Christmas liturgy.

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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. With masses temporarily suspended again, these won't take effect until masses resume.

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 3rd Jan 2021 – 2nd Sunday after Christmas

"In the Beginning
 was the Word,
 and the Word was with God,
 and the Word was God."
 (John 1:1)



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*The word was the true light
 that enlightens all men;
 and he was coming into the world.*

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 are reminded that when peaceful silence lay over all, and night had run half of her swift course, the all powerful word leaped down from heaven from the royal throne.



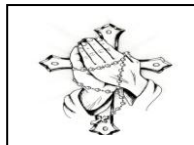
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Islandeedy Community Centre is now connected to Vodafone **Superfast WiFi**. This is available to people who live in the community who have poor internet connection. People who are now **working from home (remote working)**, **school/college students** 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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In your Prayers you are kindly asked to remember the following who died recently:

- **Mary Hegarty** (née Lally), Castlebar & formerly from Glenisland (Sister of Anne McGreevy, Glenisland).
 - **Ethel Joan Collins**, Dooleague, Islandeedy, wife of Tom Collins.
 - **Nora Heraty**, Liscarney, Westport, mother of Gena Heraty, Haiti.
- Eternal Rest Grant unto them O Lord & May they Rest in Peace, Amen.



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We **Welcome** into the **Christian Community** of Islandeedy/Glenisland: Baby **Darragh Senan Thomas Hoban**, son of Clare & Kieran. Congrats to the parents, grandparents and the godparents.

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Congratulations to the following who were **married** recently in the Parish: **Kylie Durkin & Peter Collins** recently in Islandeedy Church. Both are wished many years of health & happiness together.

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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 **Islandeedy** 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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Please **take care** and **drive safely** on our roads in the **coming days & weeks** with the bad weather, dark mornings & evenings, schools returning, road-works and trees being cut along the roads throughout Islandeedy.



Prayer for the Feast of the Epiphany – 6th January

God our Father;

The star that led the Magi to the stable, announced to the world that its saviour was born. Today we live in a world that is still covered in darkness, and still needing to make that journey to the stable door.

May our lives reflect your light day by day, as we seek to serve where you have placed us.

That we might be the means through which others can encounter Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

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Contentment

Have you been content in the year now past?

Were your achievements heroic or vast?

Was every moment put to good use?

Or, did you in some way this privilege abuse?

These hours of time you cannot retract;

History was made and has now become fact.

Did you spend time with your young ones thoughtful in prayer?

Did you teach them of Jesus, His love and His care?

Did you make time to visit the lonely?

A time of sweet sharing they feel with you only?

Can you now say as the year is near gone;

"It has been bright, as bright as the dawn?"

Or were there moments you'd like to undo?

Erase an impression and start it anew?

Recall hasty words you would never have said,

Had you been guided by His Spirit instead.

Were you contented in the place that He called you?

Faithful and willing in all that you must do?

Or were there times when you slackened your pace?

Shunning your duties, forgetting His grace?

Would you be willing, with all things accounted,

For God to keep record, your life to be mounted?

Or are there changes you feel you would make,

If God would allow you to erase each mistake?

The goal of perfection you cannot achieve,

The moments gone by us we cannot retrieve.

But cheer up, dear Christian, continue to strive,

Be of good courage, your faith is alive.

Intention of good will and peace to all men,

A new year is dawning, be joyous again.

Give praise for achievements, though humble and small,

Because of His mercy they existed at all!

The future holds brightness if His will be done,

Continue the efforts your zeal has begun.

Let God guide you onward, sufficient each day,

Constantly blessing and leading the way.

May you have a Happy & Healthy New Year in 2021... Stay Blessed & Stay Safe!

Please save **any used stamps** from Christmas Cards and kindly send them to or drop them off to Concepta Moran, Drimneen, Islandeady. For a worthy cause, please support.

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. Professional staff is available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line is **open Monday to Friday, 8am-8pm**, by calling 0818 222 024. Hours may be extended to meet the demand.

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. Everyone is welcome to tune in.

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.

This Year there will be No CHRISTMAS CONFESSIONS: A Message from POPE FRANCIS
Many people today would tell me, "Father, where can I find a priest, a confessor, because I can't leave the house? And I want to make peace with the Lord. I want him to embrace me. I want the Father's embrace." The pope said his response would be;
"Do what the Catechism of the Catholic Church says. It is very clear.
If you cannot find a priest to confess to, speak directly with God your father, and tell him the truth.
Say, 'Lord, I did this, this, this. Forgive me,' and ask for pardon with all your heart." Make an act of contrition and promise God, "I will go to confession afterward, but forgive me now." And immediately you will return to a state of grace with God."
The Catechism of the Catholic Church, N. 1453, says: "When it arises from a love by which God is loved above all else, contrition is called 'perfect' contrition of charity.
Such contrition remits venial sins; it also obtains forgiveness of mortal sins if it includes the firm resolution to include having recourse to sacramental confession as soon as possible."
"As the catechism teaches, you can draw near to God's forgiveness without having a priest at hand. Think about it. This is the moment."

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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Due to an increased interest in enrolment with **Bilberries Playgroup** it currently appears that we are full for 2020/2021 and 2021/2022 and have a waiting list for spaces. We are also taking names for 2022/2023 We are therefore considering offering an afternoon session (approx. 1.30pm - 4.30pm) should there be sufficient numbers and would request that parents contact us ASAP to express interest Tel. **087 6026947** or Email bilberriesplaygroup@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's 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.

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, Aniv & 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.

Islandeady 2020 Yearbook/Covid-19

The Community Council want to document the events of the year related to the Corona virus lockdown. It's a major event in world history so it's important to record it from a Parish/Community perspective. Were you off school, college or work? Were you working in a different way? Maybe you were confined to the house? Had you a major event planned and couldn't go ahead with it? Are you a frontline worker? Were your sporting or social outings curtailed? Did you volunteer to help others? Did you do something new or learn a new skill? Why not write out the effect it had on your life and the lifestyle changes you had to make. Stories, poems & pictures welcome from all age groups. Email items to islandeadynewsletter@gmail.com

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

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.**

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.



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.