

**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 20<sup>th</sup> Dec – Sun 27<sup>th</sup> Dec)

Sat 19 <sup>th</sup>	- For All the People of the Parish/Pro Populo.
Sun 20 <sup>th</sup>	- Bernie Ludden (11 <sup>th</sup> Anniv) Sheeaune, & DM of Ludden & Geraghty Family. - Paddy and Delia Lawless & their daughter Rosie, Courmagushlan. - Jerry, Mary, Mike & Ann Brosnihan, Deergrove. - Paddy Teahen, Edward and Sabina Staunton & DFM, Knockanedin. - Tom, Michael, and John Kilcoyne & DFM.
Mon 21 <sup>st</sup>	- No Mass Intentions.
Tues 22 <sup>nd</sup>	- No Mass Intentions.
Wed 23 <sup>rd</sup>	- <b>6pm Islandeady:</b> Christmas Mass for Families with Children. - <b>7pm Islandeady:</b> James Conway & DFM. John & Kate O'Malley & DM of O'Malley & McTigue Family.
Thurs 24 <sup>th</sup>	- <b>4pm Glenisland:</b> Christmas Eve Mass ( <i>All Households East side of Church</i> ). - <b>6pm Glenisland:</b> Christmas Eve Mass ( <i>All Households West side of Church</i> ). - <b>7pm Islandeady:</b> Christmas Eve Mass ( <i>All Households Top side of Church</i> ). <b>Also Remembering</b> - Patrick & May McGuire, Dooleague, sons Joe & Sean & Gabriel Barrett. - Gretta & Tom Devanney, Derek Hunt & DM of the Shannon & Devanney Family. - <b>9pm Islandeady:</b> Christmas Eve Mass ( <i>All Households Bottom side of Church</i> ).
Fri 25 <sup>th</sup>	- <b>9:30am Glenisland:</b> Christmas Morning Mass. - <b>10:30am Islandeady:</b> Christmas Morning Mass ( <i>All Households Top side of Church</i> ) - <b>12 Noon Islandeady:</b> Christmas Day Mass ( <i>All Households Bottom side of Church</i> )
Sat 26 <sup>th</sup>	- Maureen, Agnes Ashlene & James McLoughlin, Beltra.
Sun 27 <sup>th</sup>	- Ann & Frank Reid, Derrycoosh.

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**People of God ministering / helping in CHURCH next Week: Sat 26<sup>th</sup> / Sun 27<sup>th</sup> Dec**

Ministry:	Glenisland:	Islandeady:
Mass Servers:	Team 1.	Team 1.
Music:	Anne & Choir.	Nora & Choir.
Readers:	Michael Dooley	Noreen Coyne – The Holy Family (Pg. 113)
Ministers of Eucharist:		
Offertory Collectors:		

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- Monday:** Feast of St. Peter Canisius (1521 – 1597) Priest & doctor of the Church.  
**Tuesday:**  
**Wednesday:** Feast of St. John Kanty (1390 – 1473) Priest & theologian.  
**Thursday:** The Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ  
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**Saturday:** Feast of St. Stephen, 1<sup>st</sup> Christian Martyr.  
**Sunday:** The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph.

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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 drop it into the box to collect the weekly offerings. Please provide your name and phone number.

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](mailto:islandeadyadm@gmail.com)

## Islandeady-Glenisland Parish Newsletter

St Patrick's Church, Islandeady and the Holy Rosary Church, Glenisland.  
**Websites:** [islandeady.ie](http://islandeady.ie) / [glenislandnewsflash.ie](http://glenislandnewsflash.ie) / [mayo.ie](http://mayo.ie) / [tuamarchdiocese.org](http://tuamarchdiocese.org)

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 Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> Dec 2020 – **4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent**



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*Today a saviour has been born to us;  
 He is Christ the Lord.*

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

In today's Gospel reading, the role of Mary in the Incarnation is celebrated. She is of that house of David which God promised would be built according to his plan. The Plan is revealed in Jesus Christ and is now made known to all peoples.



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Rota of Ministers for Christmas Masses in Glenisland/Islandeedy this week:  
Wed 23<sup>rd</sup> 6pm Islandeedy: **Reader:** Noreen Coyne /**Min of Euch:** James O'Malley.

**Christmas Eve**

4pm Glenisland: **Reader & Min of Euch** – Co-ordinated locally by Michelle Lavelle.  
6pm Glenisland: **Reader & Min of Euch** – Co-ordinated locally by Michelle Lavelle.  
7pm Islandeedy: **Reader:** Liam Keaveney (Pg 119) **Min Of Euch:** A. Roache/E. Cawley.  
9pm Islandeedy: **Reader:** Phil Browne (Pg 119) **Min of Euch:** J. O'Malley/C. Price.

**Christmas Day**

09:30am Glenisland: **Reader & Min of Euch** – Co-ordinated locally by Michelle Lavelle.  
10:30am Islandeedy: **Reader:**Caroline Price(Pg 126) **Min of Euch:**J. O'Malley/L.Keaveney.  
12 Noon Islandeedy: **Reader:**Breege Carney (Pg 126) **Min of Euch:** A.Roache/E.Cawley.

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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. 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.

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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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The **Christmas Collection** for the **Priest** takes place at **Christmas Eve & Christmas Day** masses. Envelopes can be dropped into the basket on arrival at mass. Fr. Chris appreciates your continued support and only asks if you can give **whatever** you can afford.

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Many thanks to those who have continued to contribute to the Church collection and to Priest revenue over the past months. Over the last months many parishes have seen a dramatic decline of church income.



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

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A **special visitor** will be at Mass **this Wednesday Night** in **Islandeedy** at **6pm**. He will be mindful of the 2m Social Distancing Rule...!

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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. Everyone is welcome to tune in.

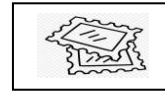
**Islandeedy Community Centre** is now connected to Vodafone **Superfast WiFi**. This is available to people who live in the community who have poor internet connection. People who are now **working from home, school/college students** who need to download or email tests etc this is suitable for them.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



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This year there is a fundraiser for Christmas called **'Gift A Light'**. In this year of Covid-19, it gives people the opportunity to remind family and friends that they are not alone; they are remembered, cherished and in our prayers. Lights can be dedicated to a person or family at home or abroad, or in memory of a loved one who has died. For further details please look up and click on [www.giftalight.com](http://www.giftalight.com) to get started.

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

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**Congratulations & Best Wishes** to Bryan O'Flaherty, Carrowbeg, Islandeedy who lines out in the Number 1 position on the **Mayo Minor Team** this Sunday against Sligo. The game will be streamed live by Connaught GAA. Best of Luck to the **Minor Team & the Senior Team** as they represent the County again in its aim to regain **SAM** after a **69 year 'Absence'**

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

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**Fr. Chris & The Pastoral Council** want to wish **All Parishioners** a Healthy & Peaceful Christmas Season spent with our families & loved ones. Everyone is encouraged to **keep safe** & be mindful of Covid Restrictions this Christmas. The Church will be open for anyone who wishes to light a candle and pray quietly for their intention. **Nollaig Shona Duit..!!**

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**The Greatest Gift**

I don't care about presents laying under the tree,  
Silver & Gold mean nothing to me.  
It's not about Money or what Joy it can bring,  
It's about being wanted and loved, not the Material things.  
Possessions can't hold you or give you a kiss,  
Christmas with loved ones is the things that I really miss.  
Christmas presents are temporary; the Joy is short lived,  
Only Love lasts forever; it's the Greatest of Gifts.

**Happy Christmas 2020.....**

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](mailto: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](mailto:bilberriesplaygroup@gmail.com)

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The Islandeady/Glenisland Pastoral Council for 2018-2022.

They are: Michelle Lavelle (**Chairperson**), Sephine Morris (**Vice Chair**), Breege Carney (**Secretary**), Lesley McNicholas (**Vice Sec**), Siobhan Barrett, Phil Browne, Noreen Coyne, Michael Dooley, Liam Keaveney, Michael McCormack, Cathriona McNally, Seamus O'Donnell, James O'Malley, Caroline Price, Anne Roache, Noreen Sadler, Teresa Walsh & Fr. Chris Brennan.

**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?**

The **Islandeady Men's Shed** is officially up and running and has a wonderful group of Men from Islandeady/Glenisland involved. Officers of the committee include: Owen O'Malley (Chairperson), TF Gibbons (Vice Chair), Liam Keaveney (Secretary), Ciaran Moran (Asst Sec), Thomas O'Brien (Treasurer), Seamus Cleary (Asst Treasurer), Michael Chambers (PRO), Johnny Burke (Asst PRO). The aim of the Men's Shed is to provide a social outlet for Men aged 18-100 years where they can participate in a wide range of activities & give back to the community. Men from Islandeady – Glenisland are welcome to join.

**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](mailto: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](http://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.**

#### 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.*

#### 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

#### 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](mailto:mayo@locallink.ie) or text 086 029 3278.