

Church of the Immaculate Heart of Mary

Bonniconlon, Ballina, Co. Mayo

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Mass Intentions

Saturday	8.00pm	Christmas Eve. Billy & Kathleen Judge, Carracrum.
Sunday	10.30am	Christmas Day. Brigid & James Durcan & their son Martin, Carnaglough.
Monday	10.00am	No Morning Mass.
Tuesday	10.00am	Paddy & Mary Greavy, Kilgarvin.
Wednesday	10.00am	Padraig Loftus, 3rd Anniversary and his father John, Carralavin.
Thursday	10.00am	Leo Foy, Bonniconlon and deceased members of the Foy family.
Friday	10.00am	In Thanksgiving.
Saturday	10.00am	Michael & Martina Kelly, & their grandson Simon Duffy.
	8.00pm	Anthony & Elizabeth Foy, and their son Vincent, Ellaghmore.
Sunday	10.30am	New Year's Day. Elizabeth & Thomas Moran, Carralavin and deceased of the families.

Covid Guidelines: 1: Face masks are required as well as hand sanitizing. 2: Parish Newsletters will be available at all Church doors. 3: Holy Communion will now be distributed during mass. 4: From Sundays to Thursdays the Church will be closed at 4pm. 5: For the duration of the Covid-19 pandemic, please do not leave books or prayer leaflets in the church as they will be removed.

Bonniconlon G.A.A: Bonniconlon GAA are holding a charity walk and 7 a side football match on St. Stephens day at 12pm. All funds raised will be in aid of Irish Motor Neurons Disease Association.

CE Vacancies: Vacancies has arisen on the Bofield/Bonniconlon Community Employment Scheme for a **Parish Secretary (Attymass area)** Ref: 2253374 and a **General Operative (Bonniconlon area)** Ref: 2253376. DSP criteria applies. To check eligibility contact Intreo Office, Ballina.

A Spiritual Thought
During this Christmas season, may you be blessed
with the spirit of the season which is peace;
The gladness of the season which is hope;
And the heart of the season which is love.



THE BIRTH OF OUR LORD

25th December, 2022

Fr. John Geelan PP.

Fifth Week of Advent

5th Candle - White –

“Christ Candle”



Jesus is the spotless lamb of God, sent to wash away our sins! His birth was for his death; his death was for our birth!

Offertory Envelopes: Church collection boxes for 2023 will be available in the church porch. If you require a new box please contact Fr. Geelan or the parish office.



Bonniconlon Lotto Results

18th December 2022

Numbers Drawn

3 21 24 28

No Jackpot Winner

New Jackpot €10,150

5 x €40 prize winners were as follows:

1. *Kieran H Neary, Tubbercurry.*
2. *Mary Feeney.*
3. *Éilish Glacken, Carracrum. (Annual)*
4. *Paschal Tuohy, Bonniconlon. (On line)*
5. *Shane Carolan, Ballina. (On line).*

Next draw 23rd December includes

Christmas Draw: 5 Extra €40.00 prizes.

Play on line: Visit www.bonniconlongaa.com

The Meaning of the Christmas Crib.



In the year 1220 St. Francis of Assisi visited Bethlehem. He liked the way Christmas was celebrated there so much, that he asked the Pope for permission to recreate it in his own Italian village. He built a manger in a cave. In it he placed a stone image of the Baby Jesus. He surrounded the manger with real animals, then he said Mass. The people found it so moving, they said it felt like you were there at the actual birth of Jesus. Before long wooden nativity scenes were displayed in Churches and homes across Europe. Today they continue to be popular as a way of reminding us what Christmas is really about - the birth of *Jesus*.

Coolegrane Christmas Lights: The Coolegrane Christmas Lights renowned for being one of the largest displays of Christmas lights the County return again this year. This annual event, famous for their spectacular design and colour is located in Askillaun, Foxford, Co Mayo. F26 Y519. The Hughes brothers have kindly chosen Western Care Association as their charity for this year. This is an amazing opportunity for children and their families to experience some of the magic of Christmas while supporting a very worthy cause. The lights were officially turned-on December 8th and will shine brightly until January 6th.