

Church of the Immaculate Heart of Mary

Bonniconlon, Ballina, Co Mayo

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Mass Intentions

Saturday	6.30pm	Martin Walsh, Drumsheen (5 th Anniversary). Peadar and Una O'Hara, Gertie O' Hara and the deceased of the families.
Sunday	11.00am	No morning mass.
Monday	10.00am	Feast of the Epiphany.
Tuesday	9.30am	Deceased of the Holmes family, Saltfield.
Wednesday	9.30am	Morning mass.
Thursday	9.30am	Morning mass.
Friday	9.30am	Morning mass.
Saturday	10.00am	Paddy and Mary Greavy, Kilgravin and deceased of the Greavy families.
	6.30pm	Mary Ruane, Carralavin and the deceased of the Ruane and Murphy families.
Sunday	11.00am	Matthew Meer, Bonniconlon (8 th Anniversary). Paddy Conlon (2 nd Anniversary) and the deceased of the Conlon and Padden families.
	1.00pm	Phillis Ginley, Carralavin (Month's Mind).

Roster for 11th & 12th January, 2024

Readers:	Saturday 6.30pm Natasha Neville	Sunday 11.00am Martina Conlon
Eucharistic Ministers:	Bernadette M Judge Mary O'Malley	Evelyn Dempsey Eamonn Hennigan Berndette Judge

Feast of The Epiphany 6th January: The twelve days of Christmas end with The Feast of Epiphany also called "The Adoration of the Magi" or "The Manifestation of God." Celebrated on January 6, it is known as the day of the Three Kings (or wise men/magi): Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar. According to an old legend based on a Bible story, these three kings saw, on the night when Christ was born, a bright star, followed it to Bethlehem and found there the Christ child and presented it with gold, frankincense and myrrh.

Offertory Envelopes: Church collection boxes for 2025 are available in all entrances to the church. If you require a new box please contact Fr. Geelan or the parish office.

Would like someone to talk to? SeniorLine is Ireland's national telephone service for older people open every day of the year 10am-10pm, Freephone 1800 80 45 91. Callers may feel isolated, alone, wish to discuss a problem in confidence, or for company during their day. SeniorLine's older volunteers are trained to listen, to support, to discuss options and to refer caller to other helpful services if necessary. So don't be alone if sharing a problem would help. Phone SeniorLine 1800 80 45 91, open every day of the year 10am-10pm.

Home Sharers Required: Would you be interested in sharing your home and supporting an individual with a disability for a few hours per day, a couple of days per month, or longer term? Western Care are looking for single people/couples/families, to provide respite breaks for children and adults across County Mayo, in your own home. If you are interested and/or would like further information about Home Sharing, please contact Ruth Kneafsey, Home Share Co-ordinator on 094 9029148 or 087 6811261.

The Epiphany of the Lord

5th January, 2025

Fr John Geelan P.P.

Promise

Remember, the time of year
when the future appears
like a blank sheet of paper
a clean calendar, a new chance.
On thick white snow
You vow fresh footprints
then watch them go
with the wind's hearty gust.
Fill your glass. Here's tae us. Promises
made to be broken, made to last.

-Jackie Kay

A New Year's Prayer

May God make your year a happy one!

Not by shielding you from all sorrows and pain,
but by strengthening you to bear it as it comes;
not by making path easy, but by making you sturdy
to travel any path;
not by taking hardships from you, but by taking
fear from your heart;
not by granting you unbroken sunshine;
but by keeping your face bright,
even in the shadows;
not by making your life always pleasant,
but by showing you when people and their causes
need you most,
and by making you anxious to be there to help.

God's love, peace, hope and joy to you for the year
ahead.

Amen.

CE Vacancy: A vacancy has arisen on the Bofield/Bonniconlon Community Employment Scheme for a General Operative. Reference 2361146. Department of Social Protection criteria applies. Contact cebonniconlon@gmail.com.

Bonniconlon Post Office: Thank you for your continued support. Transactions need to increase further to keep the Post Office open and this depends on every household using the services regularly.

Craoibhin Ballina: Craoibhin will reopen on Monday 6th January 2025 at 9 am.

Defective Concrete Blocks Facilitator: Mayo North East Partnership hold clinics in North Mayo, Castlebar and Westport by appointment to assist homeowners with the DCB Grant scheme and application. All enquiries/appointment please contact : Caroline on 087 482 8261 / email: carolinewilson@mayonortheast.com.

ACCORD, Ballaghaderreen offers marriage and relationship counselling in a secure setting, facilitating couples and individuals to explore, reflect upon and work to resolve difficulties that arise in their relationship. Please contact us on 094-9022214 or email accordcastlebar@gmail.com

Fr Peyton Centre: The Knock Centre is now closed until Saturday 25th January 2025

Bulletin Notices: Due to Christmas holidays, the Parish bulletin for 29th December 2024 & 5th January 2025 are preprinted. Normal practice resumes on Monday 6th January 2025. Notices for the Parish Bulletin can be emailed to cebonniconlon@gmail.com on or before each Wednesday.

A Spiritual Thought



*May the warm winds of Heaven blow softly upon your house.
May the Great Spirit bless all who enter there.
May your shoes make happy tracks in many snows and
May the rainbow always touch your shoulder.*