

Davitts Lotto - numbers drawn were 9, 24, 25, 30. No Jackpot winner. Martin Daly, Elaine McGann Ryan, Darren McHugh and Lianne Daly, each won €50. Jackpot of €12,500 in this week's draw held in Killeen's Bar on Sunday night. Davitts GAA Club's 50th Anniversary book is on sale (€30) in Spar, Centra and Healthcare West Pharmacy in Ballindine and Hillside Service Station, Supervalu and Daly's Newsagents in Claremorris. The annual St. Stephen's Day match between Ballindine and Irishtown, for the Michael Mooney Memorial Cup, will be held in Davitt Park, with a 1pm throw-in.

RSS Positions Available - on the Rural Social Scheme for the Ballindine Meals on Wheels Service, along with other positions. To be eligible, you must be in receipt of a social welfare payment and have access to a herd number through a close family member. For more information, call Laura Commins RSS Supervisor 087 1306945.

RHS Home Care - are recruiting for care staff to provide Home Care in clients houses, email jobs@rhshomecare.ie or phone our Head office on 090 6625988

Taugheen National School - open evening is being held for interested parents / guardians of future school going children in Taugheen NS (F12H2V5) & Taugheen playschool on Tuesday December 10th next from 5.30pm - 7.30pm. Refreshments will be provided. Facilitator for breakfast club and after school services available on the evening. All are welcome. For enquiries, please contact Taugheen NS at 0949362420.

Christmas Santa Party - in Ballindine Community Centre Sunday Dec 15th; 3 -5.30pm. Adm €5 per child. Meet Santa and enjoy a Disco and refreshments. All welcome.

Active Retirement Association - last meeting of 2024 takes place on Tuesday, Dec 10th at **10.30am** in Davitts GAA clubhouse, Ballindine – please note change of time.

Christmas market and 'live crib - in the Courtyard at the National Museum of Ireland, Turlough Park, Castlebar, from 1pm to 5pm on Sunday December 15. The market will feature local and regional makers and artists. Live crib display with Kiltimagh Pet Farm and festive storytelling with Fiona Dowling. Admission is free. See www.museum.ie

Christmas Cookery Demo - will be held in Cúram on Monday Dec 9th at 7p.m. Cookery demo will include tasty starter ideas, quick bites, mince pies and more. Cost is €15 which includes food tasting, glass of wine and raffle. Booking Essential on 094 9362096

Women's Christmas Social Gathering - will be held in Cúram on Wednesday Dec 11th at 7p.m. This will be a fun social evening for all women with some lite bites, wines, and Christmas crackers. All are welcome.

Claremorris & District Lions Club - are having their annual Food appeal in support of Claremorris St Vincent de Paul Society at SuperValu, Claremorris on Friday/Saturday 13th/14th December from 10am to 6pm.

ADVENT –

The four-week period that leads up to Christmas - is a series of events designed not to delay the celebration of Christmas, but to enhance it. It's a kind of delayed gratification that culminates in a satisfaction that is all the richer for the waiting.

Joan Chittister, Listen with the Heart

Ballindine - Parish of Kilvine - Irishtown

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Parish Office Hours: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 9am to 1pm
(emergencies anytime)

7th December - 15th December 2024

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The Pope's Intention for December - *For Pilgrims of Hope:*

Let us pray that this jubilee Year strengthen our faith,
helping us to recognise the Risen Christ in our daily lives,
and that it may transform us into pilgrims of Christian Hope.

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Monday December 9th is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

- Mass in Ballindine at 10am on Monday morning

Cluster priests:

Fr Peter Gannon -

086 2656563

Fr Frank Conlisk -

089 4298365

Neighbourhood Watch - Any suspicious activity or vehicles should be reported to the Community Alert Text No`s: 087-2452565; 087-1322411; 086-8436958; 087-6528213 or Claremorris Garda Station 094-9372080

Second Sunday of Advent - Year C

Mass Intentions 7th December -15thDecember, 2024

Irishtown Sat 7th 8.00pm Deceased members of Daly, Osborne and Reilly families,
Esther, Dick and Larry O’Dea.

Ballindine Sun 8th 9.30am Susan & Bernard McGivney, Theresa Moore and deceased of family,
Eugene Higgins (23rd anniv),
Rita & Raymond Prendergast,
Martin, Valerie, Patrick, Winifred and deceased of the Waldron family,
Peter (PJ) Cummins.

Ballindine, Monday 9th Dec 10am Mass of the Immaculate Conception

Tuesday 10th – Wednesday 11th Mass in Crossboyne and Taugheen

Ballindine, Thursday Dec 12th 7pm People of the Parish, living and dead.

Irishtown, Friday Dec 13th 10am People of the Parish, living and dead.

Irishtown, Sat 14th 8.00pm Annie & James Cummins, John Healy and deceased of Raftery family,
William & Ellen Morrin and deceased of family,
Tom Mitchell & parents Tom & Delia and brother John,
Padraic & Bridie O’Malley & deceased of family,
Fred Hutchins & grandson Paul, Bridget & Edward Cooney,
Valentine Gilmore.

Ballindine, Sun 15th 9.30am Tommy & Celia Huane,
Mick & May Hynes, Ann & Bert Hickey, Tom & Frank Dowd,
Dick Prendergast, parents Paddy & Ellen and deceased of family,
Jarlath Fallon & mother Mai.

Please pray for
Philomena Murray, Clogher, Claremorris, sister of Margaret Kenny, Woodstock, Ballindine.
Martin Kearney, Salthill and formerly Ballindine
David Burke - Perth, Australia and formerly of The Heath, Scardaun.
Attracta Farragher, Milltown, sister of the late Christy Rhatigan, Ballindine.

<u>Eucharistic Ministers</u> Irishtown Sat 14th 8pm <i>J. Rattigan, T. Boyle.</i>	<u>Reader</u> <i>Leonore O’Hora</i>	<u>Servers</u> Gp 1	<u>Collectors</u> J. Clarke, J. Ryan.
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Ballindine Sun 15th 9.30am <i>P.Hennigan. J.Hennigan.</i>	<i>Orla Duggan</i>	Gp 8	S.Higgins, M. Kearns
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Marian House Sun 15th Dec: Ann Marie Kelly

Prayer of Faithful
Irishtown Sat 14th: Anna & Michael
Ballindine Sun 15th: Tadhg & Róise

Christmas and New Year Masses - 2024/25
Christmas Eve: Ballindine 7pm, *Irishtown* 8pm
Christmas Day: Ballindine 9.30am, *Irishtown* 11.30am
St. Stephen’s Day: Ballindine 10am
New Year’s Day: *Irishtown* 10am
Epiphany - January 6th 2025: *Irishtown* 7.30pm
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Mass Time Change - weekend of 4th/5th Jan 2025
Saturday evening Mass: Ballindine - 8pm
Sunday morning Mass: *Irishtown* - 10am

Church Cleaners for December:
Irishtown: Pauline Roche, Evelyn Mitchell
Ballindine: Ann Marie Callaghan, Helen Morley, Ger Conroy
Church Flowers
Ballindine: Mary Mangan

Bambinelli Sunday - the beautiful Advent Tradition, was instituted by St John Paul II during his papacy. We will celebrate “Bambinelli Sunday” at all Masses on December 14th/15th, Gaudete Sunday - Third Sunday of Advent. You are invited to bring the Baby Jesus figure from your home to Mass that weekend to be blessed.

Wedding – Congratulations to **Deirdre Rushe**, Ballindine and **Conor Dooley**, Menlough, Galway who were married recently.

Blessing for Expectant Mothers - There will be a blessing ceremony for all expectant parents in the Basilica at Knock Shrine on Saturday 14th December at 11am. It will include a short prayer for protection and safe delivery with an individual blessing for all mothers-to-be who are present. All welcome.

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Anniversaries:
Anyone wishing to have their deceased loved ones remembered in the Parish Newsletter please forward your list with names and dates and they will be included annually in the newsletter. Sarah Cullina, Austin Fagan, Edward Kelly, Raymond Prendergast, Winnie Concannon, Jackie Burke. Tommy Huane, Jarlath Fallon, Mary Mooney, Suibhán McDonagh, Joseph Cosgrove, Thomas Huane, Rachel Ryan, Rebecca Ryan, Michael Griffen, Mick Fitzgerald, Davie Cullina and Tommie Clarke