

Church of the Immaculate Heart of Mary

Bonniconlon, Ballina, Co Mayo

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Mass Intentions

Saturday	6.30pm	Garrett Howley, Carracrum (12 th Anniversary).
Sunday	11.00am	Morning mass.
	7.00pm	Carol Service and non-perishable food collection.
Monday	10.00am	No morning mass.
Tuesday	6.00pm	Christmas Eve: Ita Judge & the deceased of the Judge and Battle families.
Wednesday	11.00am	Christmas Day: Special intentions.
Thursday	9.30am	No morning mass.
Friday	9.30am	No morning mass.
Saturday	10.00am	No morning mass.
	6.30pm	Michael and Martina Kelly and their grandson Simon Duffy. Padraig Loftus, Carralavin (5 th Anniversary). Billy, Kathleen and Charile Judge, Carracrum. William and Bridget Fox, Bofield. Anthony, Elizabeth and Vincent Foy, Ellaghmore
Sunday	11.00am	No morning mass.

Roster for 24th & 25th December, 2024

Christmas Eve 6.00pm

Readers:	Donal Tuohy (1 st) Kay Devine (2 nd)
Eucharistic Ministers:	Tom Doherty Bernadette M Judge Mary O'Malley

Christmas Day 11.00am

Colin Highfield (1st)
Sandra Weir (2nd)

Eamonn Hennigan
Jimmy Foody
Margaret Devine

Roster for 28th & 29th December, 2024

Readers:	Saturday 6.00pm Margaret Devine
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Sunday 11.00am
N/A

Eucharistic Ministers:	Mary Gorhan Vincent Neary	N/A N/A
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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*.



We welcome into God's family **Sarah Frankie Devers** who was baptised in Bonniconlon Church recently. May Angels guide your tiny feet and bring you smiles to wear, and may our Heavenly Father always keep you in his care.

Fourth Sunday of Advent

22nd December, 2024

Fr John Geelan P.P.

Inaugurating the Jubilee Year: Pope Francis has announced that the coming year will be a Jubilee Year, with Pilgrims of Hope as its theme. Bishop Doran, Apostolic Administrator of Achonry, will inaugurate the Jubilee Year at the 6.00 p.m. Vigil Mass in the Cathedral on December 28th. Representative from parishes across the Diocese are invited to attend. People are invited to assemble for this at the Phoenix Centre, adjacent to the main entrance to St Nathy's College. There will be a procession from there to the Cathedral for the Mass.

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.

Deaths: Your prayers are requested for the happy repose of the soul of **Sarah Gallagher**, Bonniconlon who died during the week. Sarah's funeral mass will take place on Sunday 22nd December at 2.00pm with burial afterwards in Bonniconlon cemetery. May she rest in peace....

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. Announcements may be handed to Fr. Geelan.

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. Christmas Specials include Gift Cards, Gift boxes, Post Bags, Prize Bonds and Phone Top Ups.

Fun walk/run: A fun walk/run will take place on St Stephen's Day at 12 noon from the GAA club house. This will be a family event and all are welcome. This is a free event and any donations on the day will go to the charity Croi. Light refreshments will be provided. Players will also have some on field activities during and after the walk.

Fr Peyton Centre Christmas holiday arrangements: Closed at 2pm Friday 20th December 2025. Re-opening on Thursday 2nd January 2025 at 9.30am. The Knock Centre is now closed until Saturday 25th January 2025. The management and staff would like to wish you a very Happy and Peaceful Christmas and best wishes for the New Year. Thank you for your continued support throughout the year.



BONNICONLON G.A.A. Lotto
Draw Result 14/12/2024

New Jackpot: €16,250

NUMBERS DRAWN 10, 12, 15, 26.
No Jackpot winner.
Jackpot €16,100

5 x €40 winners were as follows:

- 1: Annette Radford, Dee Park Road, Heswall, Wirral
- 2: P Mullholland
- 3: Noel Gillard
- 4: T. Mullholland
- 5: Tom Doherty, Knockroe

Next draw the 21st December 2024
[Cut off sale time is 6.00pm on the Saturday]

Play Online: Visit www.bonniconlongaa.com

Fourth Week of Advent

4th 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!