

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 22nd Dec – Sun 29th Dec)

Sat 21 st	- Mary Hegarty (4 th Anniv).
Sun 22 nd	- Liam Lennon, Deergrove (Months Mind). - Nicola Kingcombe, Annagh & C'bar (5 th Anniv).
Mon 23 rd	- 6pm Islandeady: Christmas Family Mass for Children & Parents
Tues 24 th	7pm Glenisland: Christmas Eve Vigil Mass for All the People of the Parish . 9pm Islandeady: Christmas Eve Vigil Mass for All the People of the Parish .
Wed 25 th	10am Glenisland: Christmas Morn Mass & rem. loved ones no longer with us . 11am Islandeady: Christmas Morn Mass & rem. loved ones no longer with us .
Thurs 26 th	- No Mass Intentions.
Fri 27 th	- No Mass Intentions.
Sat 28 th	- Maureen, Agnes & Ashleen McLoughlin & DFM, Beltra. - Lena O'Donnell & DM of O'Donnell & Collins Families. - Anne Ayrton & DM of Ayrton & Bailey Families. - Annie & Frank Moran & DFM.
Sun 29 th	- Mike Ward, Leitir (1 st Anniv). - Bridie & Paul Joyce, Keelogues. - Alfred & Bridie Sammon, John & Bridie Sammon & son Jackie & DFM. - Patrick & May McGuire, sons Joe & Sean, daughter Mary & DFM, Dooleague.

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People of God ministering / helping in CHURCH next Week: Sat/Sun 28th / 29th Dec

Ministry:	Glenisland:	Islandeady:
Music:	Anne & Choir.	Noreen & Choir.
Readers:	Jackie Deffely.	Pamela Brosnihan.
Ministers of Eucharist:	John Ruane.	L. Keaveney, A. McAlpine, E. McDonagh.

- Monday: Feast of St. John of Kanty, Priest.
- Tuesday: Feast of the Nativity (Christmas Eve).
- Wednesday: Feast of the Birth of Jesus Christ (Christmas Day).
- Thursday: Feast of St. Stephen, Martyr.
- Friday: Feast of St. John, Apostle.
- Saturday: Feast of the Holy Innocents.
- Sunday: Feast of the Holy Family.

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To book a **Mass** in Islandeady or Glenisland please **text** Fr Chris at (087) 1962 674 **OR** you can **email** him at the following email address **parishig2017@gmail.com**

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Representatives of Islandeady Community Council will be **calling to houses again** soon to those who signed up **to 1 year** instead of the full 3 years of the €5 per week DD towards the new Community Centre. **THANKS** for your ongoing support of this project.

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Adoration Times: Sunday 7-8pm / Monday 7-8pm / Thursday 7-8pm. All Welcome.

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 **islandeadvadm@gmail.com**

Islandeady-Glenisland Parish Newsletter

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

Sunday 22nd Dec 2024 – **4th Sunday of Advent/Christmas**



O come let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

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

In the readings this weekend we prepare for Christmas with the attitudes of Elizabeth & Mary. Like Elizabeth we are open to receive the Christ with wonder & joy. Like Mary we are ready to do the will of God as it is made clear to us.



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If anyone would like a **pastoral visit** by Fr. Chris to receive the **Sacraments** you can contact him by Phone or email & make the necessary arrangements.

Carols by Candlelight at Knock Basilica this Sunday 22nd Dec at 8pm. Join us for an evening of Christmas Carols & Festive favourites. **All Welcome.**



Please **remember in prayer** all from the **Parish** who are in hospital at this time of year, those waiting for test results, those waiting for operations & procedures. Remember those in Nursing Homes or living alone in their own homes and all those who selflessly care for them.

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You can still support the **€5 per week DD** for the new Comm Centre, call Robert on (087) 614 5439/email secretary.islandeadycc@gmail.com or Caroline (087) 932 4646.

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There was **No Winner** of the last Islandeady GAA Lotto draw. The next draw takes place **next Sun 05th Jan** in the Key West. The Jackpot will be **€10,800.** **Lucky Dip Prize winners:**



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Some more **New Volunteers** are needed to become **OFFERTORY COLLECTORS** - male & **FEMALE!** Phone James O'Malley on (087) 6777751 or contact the Priest.

The Parish **Mass Diary** for **2025** is now open for **Mass Intentions** for next year!

A '**Special**' visitor has texted Fr. Chris (& even emailed him in case he didn't see his texts!) that he will be **attending** the **Children's Mass** this **Monday Night** & is asking for your **PRAYERS** before he does his **Annual Trip** delivering **Gifts** to everyone!

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- **Weekly Card Game** every **Mon Night** at **8:30pm** in the Community Centre.
- **Ladies Club** returns on Tuesday Nights at **8pm** in the Community Centre.
- **Rambling House** returns on Tuesday Nights at **7:30pm** in the Community Centre.
- **Wed Get-Together** every Wednesday at **11:30am** in the Community Centre.
- **Yoga** every Wednesday evening at 7pm in the Community Centre.
- **Fitness Classes with Lisa** every Thursday evening at 6:15pm in the Community Ctr.
- **Foróige** meet every Friday in the Community Centre at 8:30pm.

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The Islandeady Church **Rota** for Readers & Ministers of the Eucharist for **2025** is completed and will be **posted out** to you in the coming days. The Rota takes effect from Sunday 5th Jan 2025. **THANKS** to everyone who helps out in our Parish Churches.

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We mightn't push ourselves during the year or do something out of the extraordinary.. but the **CHOIR** is asking **all parishioners** attending masses over the **Christmas** to **join in** with the singing..no matter how bad you think you might sound..the ask is that we all join in and **lift our SPIRITS** with **singing in Church** over this **Christmas Season!**

On **Sat Dec 28th 2024** Islandeady Cycling Club **charity Christmas Jumper Cycle** will take place. This is a nice easy route to suit all abilities. All funds raised on the day will be presented to two local and very worthy charities namely **Rock Rose House, Castlebar & Westport Community First Responders.** Spot prizes on the day for the best Jumper (male & female) and best Christmas bike. Registration **€20** on the morning from 8.30am – 9.45am. Cycle begins @ **10am sharp.**

The **Christmas Collection** for the **Priest** takes place at masses on **Christmas Eve & Christmas Day.** It's the Purple envelope in your box. Please be as generous as you can afford & Fr. Chris is **thankful** for your continued **support & generosity.**

Islandeady Tractor Run will take place on **Saturday 4th January 2025** starting at Sandy Geraghty's yard. Registration from **11am – 12:30pm** & starting at **1pm.** Raffle, Spot Prizes & refreshments. Fee is **€20 per vehicle.** All money raised is for the Cancer Fund for Children and Little Blue Heros.

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The **Advent Wreath** is a reminder that we are preparing to celebrate the coming of Jesus, the light of the world in darkest winter. The **Fourth Sunday Candle** is lit to represent **PEACE** – it reminds us that Jesus comes to bring Peace to the world & to people's hearts. The **Final Candle** lit on Christmas Eve is the **Christ Candle** (white) – which symbolizes the arrival of Christ.

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Are you looking for an ideal Christmas Gift for a family member at home or abroad? Packed with photos, memories & stories, **Islandeady Foróige** (Macra na Tuaithe) **50th Celebration book** is the perfect keepsake to give as a gift to those with local connections. Available in all good bookshops/newsagents or order online from FOROIGEISLANDEADY@GMAIL.COM

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Used Christmas postage stamps are being collected for the **Capuchin Centre** – please leave **1cm of paper** around the stamps when you cut or tear them from an envelope & please post them to Ms. Concepta Moran, Drimneen, Islandeady, Castlebar, Co. Mayo.

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Thought for the Week The Greatest Gift

I don't care about presents that's 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 about 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.



Fr. Chris & the Pastoral Council wish **All Parishioners** a **Healthy & Peaceful Christmas Season** spent with your families & loved ones. The Church will be open for anyone who wishes to light a candle and pray quietly for someone! **Nollaig Shona Duit 2024!**

