***Keash/Culfadda Newsletter July 9th 2023***

***14th Week in Ordinary time***

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**Masses from Culfadda Church are Live streamed, please visit** [**www.keashparish.ie**](http://www.keashparish.ie)

**St Kevin’s Church Keash.**

**Saturday 8th 8.00pm** Tom & Mary Kate Underwood, Knockbrack and their son Gerry,

 Birmingham.

**Wednesday 12th 10.00am** Special intention.

**Thursday 13th 10.00am** People of the parish.

**Saturday 15th 8.00pm** Frank & Mary Higgins Derrygola.

**Our Lady of the Rosary Church Culfadda.**

**Sunday 9th 10.00am** As Culfadda Hall is undergoing a major renovation, the present

 committee would like to remember all those who served on

 committees for the Hall for the past sixty years or more. This

 Sunday we remember them and we thank God for their generosity

 as we offer this Mass for the repose of their souls.

**Monday 10th  10.00am.**

**Tuesday 11th 10.00am.**

**Sunday 16th 10.00am** Kathleen O’ Connor, Carrowreagh and her daughter Eileen Dolan,

 Longford.

**Readers.**

S**aturday 8th**  Padraic Duffy. **Sunday 9th** Geraldine Hannon.

**Saturday 15th** Nathan Dwyer. **Sunday 16th** Damien Carty.

**Keash Garland Sunday Committee.**

Keash Garland Sunday committee will hold a raffle on the field on Sunday 30th July with a first prize of a trailer of turf; a €50 voucher and various other prizes. Tickets cost €2 each or 3 for €5. Donations of bags of turf can be made in advance by contacting Pat Ward of John Cryan. The next Garland Sunday committee meeting will be held in the White Hall, Keash at 9.00pm on Monday 17th July. New members are always welcome to join us.

**Annual Cemetery Masses in Knockbrack & Templevanny.**

The Annual Mass in Knockbrack Cemetery will take place on Wednesday July 26th at 7.00pm. The Annual Mass in Templevanny Cemetery will take place on Thursdaay July 27th at 7.00pm.

A collection for the upkeep of the cemetery will take place. Thanking everyone who has contributed in the past.

**Commissioning of Ministers of the Eucharist.**

Bishop Paul Dempsey will commission new Ministers of the Eucharist at the Vigil Mass on Saturday 22nd of July at 8.00pm in St Kevin’s Church Keash. We are grateful to Deacon Martin for preparing our new Ministers and indeed those who are going to give of their time to this Ministry.

**‘Culfadda Hall Company L.T.D.’ request Mass for all those who served on committees for the Hall in the past.**

As Culfadda Hall is undergoing a major renovation, the present committee would like to remember all those who served on committees for the Hall for the past sixty years or more. On this Sunday July 9th at 10.00am we will remember them and we thank God for their generosity as we offer Mass for the repose of their souls.

**Fundraising Social in aid of Culfadda Hall.**

The committee will be holding a fundraising social night with live music in the Dapper Duck in Gurteen on Saturday night 8th July.  There will be a raffle on the night and tickets are now on sale from Committee members, this is a chance to donate towards our new Community Centre and also be in with a chance of winning some great cash prizes on the night.. 1st prize - €500, 2nd prize €250 + more cash prizes, as well as other donated prizes on the night. The Before/After-School will be open to pupils by the end of August and this will be a very important facility for Culfadda National school and hopefully it will be of benefit to Keash National school also and the parish in general, so we would like to urge people to save the date for a great social night for the area and to buy a ticket(s) to support this venture that the whole parish can benefit from. For enquiries on tickets call, text, WhatsApp 087 9223924, like our page on Facebook also for updates. If you would like to donate a prize for our raffle on the night please contact us also as this would be very much appreciated. Thank you.

**Pastoral Council Meeting - Update**

The Parish Pastoral Council met on Monday 26th June. A number of items were discussed, and we are asking parishioners to consider the following:

Volunteers for cleaning in Culfadda Church - we are asking for volunteers to assist in the cleaning of Culfadda church on a monthly basis. Volunteers would be working in pairs on a monthly rota. We are aiming to have a minimum of 12 volunteers on the rota; this would mean assisting with the cleaning for two months on a weekly basis to ensure no one person or persons are overburdened. If you are willing to assist, please contact 0863398320 or 0868524796. We know that many were involved during Covid and we just need to get organised again.

Bishops visit to Keash Church 22nd July - it has been decided that a small gift will be presented to the Bishop at the end of Mass on the 22nd July. We are asking for 1 child from Culfadda NS and 1 child from Keash NS to present the gift to the Bishop. If your child would like to take part in this, please contact 0863398320 or 0868524796. In the event of more than 1 child from each school being interested, the name(s) will be drawn from a hat in the interest of fairness.

We express our thanks to the fifteen volunteers who have committed to cleaning St Kevin’s church and to the thirteen Ministers of the Eucharist who are going to be commissioned on Saturday July 22nd at 8.00pm by Bishop Paul Dempsey.

**Keash Community Games – Thankyou.**

The Keash Community Games organisers would like to thank parishioners who helped out this year with all the events. Your generosity is appreciated. Also, we congratulate all the children who participated, everyone is a winner when you participate. If anyone would like to join the committee for next year’s events. please contact Helen Clarke on (089) 4494305.

**Keash Church Renovation Fund.**

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| **Total received to date €19,724** |

We wish to acknowledge having received a donation of €100 towards Keash Church Renovation Fund. We have to raise approximately €65,000 to pay for the cosmetic works. Thank you to everyone for their ongoing generosity and support. ‘For all things come from you, and of your own have we given you’ 1 Chronicles 29:14b.

**Offertory Collection for the Months of April, May & June.**

**April – Online Donations** €425.67c **Keash** €2,575 **Culfadda** €1,615

**May – Online Donations** €455.28c **Keash** €805 **Culfadda** €810

**June – Online Donations** €377.59c **Keash** €1,854 **Culfadda** €1,045

**Vocations** €398 **Trocaire** €1,186

**Keash Parish Online Donations**

[**www.keashparish.ie**](http://www.keashparish.ie) **Please Donate Online, Thank you for your support.**

**Culfadda Community Afterschool.**

**Positions Available:**

1x Afterschool Manager/Co-Ordinator

1 x afterschool educator

**Hours of employment:**

30 hours per week Monday -Friday (7.30-9.30am, 2.00-6.00pm)

**Primary Purpose:**

He/she will have overall responsibility for the daily operation of the service and the children attending the service.

**Duties and Responsibilities:**

* To have overall responsibility for the daily operation of the service and the children attending the service.
* Daily management of the service/staff team, including staff direction and organisation and provision of a safe workplace.
* To accompany the children to and from school.
* To liaise with all parents and carers who are the primary carers of the children and ensure they are always welcome in the service.
* To liaise with any outside agencies who may be involved with the service in any form.
* To have overall responsibilities for drafting and implementing all childcare policies and procedures for the service, and to ensure they are adhered to on a daily basis.
* To update PIP portal and associated paperwork.

**Skills, Knowledge and Abilities**

* Fetac level 5/6 in Childcare desirable but not essential
* Ability to work as part of a team.
* Kindness, warmth and responsiveness to the needs of children
* Good communication and relating skills with children, parents and staff.
* Complete Garda Vetting
* Relevant experience in a similar role preferrable.
* 2 Written References.

Applicants should forward their CV with cover letter by email to: culfaddaafterschool@gmail.com

**Achonry Reek Challenge – For Our Young People.** The Achonry Diocese Youth Commission are hosting the Achonry Reek Challenge *‘ARC’* (Croagh Patrick Pilgrimage) on Sunday 9th of July at 3pm – to assemble at Murrisk car park for 2:30pm. All young people 18+ are welcome to attend. Essential items to bring: Water, light snacks, sunscreen, warm clothes, hat, stick and good sturdy walking shoes or boots. Please do not attempt to climb if you are suffering from an injury. Free event and refreshments served afterwards. To register contact Sarah at achonryreekchallenge@gmail.com before 1st July.