***Keash/Culfadda Newsletter December 17th 2023***

 ***Third Sunday of Advent***

***Gaudete Sunday Year B***

***Phone: Fr. Gabriel Murphy (086)3429686***

***Notices for Newsletter email:*** ***gmurphy@achonrydiocese.org***

***For more information visit our Website:*** [**www.keashparish.ie**](http://www.keashparish.ie) **–**

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

**St Kevin’s Church Keash.**

**Saturday 16th 6.30pm** Paddy Brennan, Cletta (1st Anniversary) and his parents John &

 May and his brother Kevin.

**Confessions for Christmas**

**Sunday 17th 6 – 7pm** **( A visiting priest will be available ).**

**Wednesday 20th 10.00am** People of the parish.

**Wednesday 20th 7.00pm** Keash N.S. Christmas Carol Service.

**Friday 22nd 10.00am.**

**Saturday 23rd 6.30pm** Owen Tansey (25th Anniversary) and his wife Bridie, gran –

 daughter Tara, Carrowcrory and the deceased members of the

 Tansey, Cawley, Clarke and Kelly families.

**Christmas Eve**

**Sunday 24th 6.30pm**  Margaret & Mark Dwyer, Carrowcrory and the deceased members of

 the Dwyer and Hopkins families. Also,

 Niall Michael Soden, Templevanny and his gran-father Michael

 McGlynn, 14 St Joseph’s Terrace, Sligo.

**Christmas Day**

**Monday 25th 11.30am** People of the parish.

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

**Sunday 17th 10.00am** John Breheny, Tonoponra and his parents Bridie and Tom, Also,

 Ann & Patrick Joyce and their son Paddy and Daniel Dolphin.

**Monday 18th 10.00am** Mass of Thanksgiving.

**Tuesday 19th 10.00am** Special intention.

**Sunday 24th  10.00am** Kate Judge, Battlefield.

**Christmas Eve**

**Sunday 24th 8.30pm** James Corcoran, Townaghmore.

**Christmas Day**

**Monday 25th 10.00am** Pat Hannon, Margaret, Frank and Mick Higgins, Battlefield.

**Readers.**

**Saturday 16th** Martin Tansey. **Sunday 17th** John Higgins.

**Saturday 23rd** Ann Brehony. **Sunday 24th** Kieran Kielty.

**Christmas Eve, Sunday 24th 6.30pm** Padraic Duffy.

**Christmas Eve, Sunday 24th 8.30pm** Sharon Hunt.

**Christmas Day, Monday 25th 10.00am** Kieran Shannon.

**Christmas Day, Monday 25th 11.30am** Margaret Cryan.

**Visitation of the Sick and Housebound.**

The sick and housebound will be visited in the Culfadda Church area on Thursday 21st December and on Friday 22nd of December in the Keash Church area. If you or a member of your family would like to receive the sacraments in your own home, please let Fr Gabriel know on 086-3429686.

**Keash Parish Mass Schedule for Christmas.**

Two Masses will be held on Christmas Eve - 6.30pm Keash and 8.30pm Culfadda.

Two Masses will be held on Christmas Day - 11.30pm Keash and 10.00am Culfadda.

**Christmas Confessions.**

**Confessions for Christmas will take place in St Kevin’s Church Keash on Sunday December 17th from 6-7pm, a visiting priest will be available.**

**Keash Parish Calendars for 2024.**

Keash Parish Calendars are available in the Sacristy in both Churches after each Mass, and at the Parochial House, also from the following: Damien Carty 087-2421765, Margaret Cryan 087-1266392, Mary Hannon 086-1254145, Linda Donaghy 086 -3538517. Calendars are €10 each.

**Abstract of Church Account for 2022.**

The Abstract of Church account for 2022 is available in the porches of both churches. Everyone is thanked most sincerely for supporting their parish. Also, I would like to thank all the collectors, counters, those who lodge the money in the bank and the Parish Finance Council for their help and assistance in preparing the Abstract of Church account. I would also like to acknowledge that I deeply appreciate the help that everyone gives on a voluntary basis, every week down through the years. Thank you.

**Offertory Envelopes for 2024 & individual Statements for the years 2021 & 2022.**

The Offertory Envelopes for 2024 and individual statements for those who contribute to the parish and the priest will be delivered to your homes during the week. Please note that individual Statements are enclosed in the Box Set for those who contribute through the envelope system.

Many also contribute Online to the Offertory and Priests collection, these donations are separately receipted for each donation via email.

Also, those who have contributed to the renovation of St Kevin’s Church are receipted separately. All donations are added together to receive the benefit of the Charitable Donation Scheme. The Charitable Donation Scheme is of great benefit to our parish, for every €250 contributed €112.32c is refunded by Revenue to the Parish. Parishioners who are willing to be part of this Scheme must complete a CHY3 Form. This Form is available in the Church porches or from Fr Gabriel. Many parishioners have completed this Form. **All completed Forms will be dealt with in strict confidence**. Our parish will greatly benefit from this Scheme.

**Keash Christmas Bazaar Committee – Thank You.**

The annual Christmas Bazaar held in the White Hall, Keash on Sunday night last was very well supported and the committee wish to express their appreciation to all who combined to make it an outstanding success. Sincere thanks to all our sponsors and those who donated prizes etc.

The raffle prize winners were:1st Prize €250 Eoghan Duffy. 2nd Prize €100 Colin Brehony (Sponsored by Culfodda Community Centre Committee), 3rd Prize €50 Donagh Mc Donagh, 4th Prize Rita Hever (A picture sponsored by Jimmy Kielty), 5th Prize Tommy Brehony (Bottle of Brandy, sponsored by Robert Lillie),6th prize Liam Kearns Bottle of Whiskey, sponsored by Robert Lillie), 7th Prize Emily Mc Dermott (Bottle of Baileys).

**Annual St. Vincent de Paul collection – Thank You.**

Thank you to everyone who donated to our recent Annual St. Vincent de Paul collection, your support is greatly appreciated. A very Happy Christmas to everyone and every blessing for the New Year.

**Keash Church Renovation Fund.**

|  |
| --- |
| **Total received to date €20,650** |

We wish to acknowledge having received donations of €250 and €216 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.

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