***Keash/Culfadda Newsletter December 24th 2023***

 ***Fourth Sunday of Advent***

***Christmas Eve***

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**Masses from Keash & Culfadda Churches are Live streamed.**

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

***Please note that the Webcam will be in operation in the Sanctuary area and it’s surrounds of both Churches within our parish.***

**St Kevin’s Church Keash.**

**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.

**St Stephen’s Day**

**Tuesday 26th 11.00am** Thomas Brehony, Carrowreagh, his parents Thomas & Bridget,

 siblings Sean, Terence, Maureen, Pat, Colm and their daughter-in-

 law Mary.

**Wednesday 27th 10.00am** Special intention.

**Friday 29th 10.00am.**

**Saturday 30th 6.30pm** Christy Meehan, Daughloonagh (9th Anniversary). Also,

 Marion Corcoran, Toomour (3rd Anniversary), and her sons Kieran &

 John.

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

**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.

**St Stephen’s Day**

**Tuesday 26th 10.00am.**

**Thursday 28th 10.00am.**

**Sunday 31st 10.00am** Tommie Flatley, Battlefield.

**Readers.**

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

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

**Christmas Eve, Sunday 24th 8.30pm** Kieran Shannon.

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

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

**Saturday 30th** Mai Mitchell. **Sunday 31st** Sharon Hunt.

**Recent Death.**

Your prayers are requested for Peter Joseph Flynn, Bearlough, Rathmullen, reposing in the Perry Funeral, Ballymote on Saturday 23rd December from 6.00pm to 9.00pm, Funeral Mass on Sunday 24th December at 11.30am in the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Ballymote, with burial afterwards in St Columba’s Cemetery. May his soul rest in peace. Amen.

**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.

**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.

**Christmas Collection for the support of your priest.**

The Christmas collection for the support of your priest will be taken up over the Christmas period. The priest is paid his salary from four collections (purple envelope) that take place during the year; Christmas, Easter, Pentecost and Harvest.

A special envelope is available in the offertory box for this purpose. For those who contribute online, when you visit the parish website, [www.keashparish.ie](http://www.keashparish.ie) then go to make a donation, here you have three options, the second option says priests collection.

The priest depends on the people of the parish to support him. Thank you.

**Prayer at the Crib.**

**God, our Father, as we look upon this crib, we thank you for all who are part of the Christmas**

**story and our story, too.**

**We thank you for the gift of Jesus, your Son, who**

**was born like us, lived like us, struggled like us,**

**and who has shown us how to be fully human;**

**to our lives, he brings joy and peace, justice, mercy and love.**

**May this crib be a beacon of hope for us and for**

**the whole world as we face the coming days with**

**courage and renewed strength.**

**May the star of Bethlehem which shone brightly**

**over the first crib stand guard over our home and family,**

**filling us and all the earth with light and peace.**

**And may we know, believe and share the Christmas message of Emmanuel,**

**that God is always with us. Amen.**

**Keash Church Renovation Fund.**

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| **Total received to date €20,900** |

We wish to acknowledge having received a donation of €250 towards Keash Church Renovation Fund. We have to raise approximately €65,000 to pay for the cosmetic works. The cost of re-surfacing the area inside the wall of the Church came to €6,242 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 Month of November.**

**Online Donations** €539.78c **Keash** €2,560 **Culfadda** €1,575

***Thank you***

***Everyone is thanked most sincerely for all their help and support during this past year, especially for preparing the Church so beautifully for Christmas. A very Happy, Peaceful and Holy Christmas to everyone.***