***Keash/Culfadda Newsletter December 31st 2023***

***Feast of the Holy Family***

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

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

John.

**New Year’s Day**

**Monday 1st 11.00am** People of the parish.

**Wednesday 3rd 10.00am**

**Feast of the Epiphany**

**Friday 5th 6.30pm.**

**Saturday 6th 6.30pm** Olive Langton, Tully (1st Anniversary).

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

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

**New Year’s Day**

**Monday 1st 10.00am.**

**Tuesday 2nd 10.00am.**

**Feast of the Ephipany**

**Saturday 6th 10.00am** James & Kathleen O’ Gara and the deceased members of the O’ Gara

family, Cloonshanbally.

**Sunday 7th 10.00am** Paddy Cryan, his parents Nora & John and his brother Vincent,

Bearlough.

**Readers.**

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

**Saturday 6th** Mary Dwyer. **Sunday 7th** Kieran Shannon.

**Recent Death.**

Your prayers are requested for Sylvester Gilligan, Larkhill and Cáelán O’ Dowd, Boyle road, Gurteen who died during the week. May their souls rest in peace. Amen.

**Culfadda Hall Company L.T.D. Committee – Welcome everyone to visit the newly renovated community facility.**

The committee of the Culfadda Community Centre are delighted to announce the Hall will be open on Sunday December 31st after the 10.00am Mass for Tea/Coffee and light refreshments. Everyone is welcome to come along and view the new building and meet and greet each other as we begin the New Year.

**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.

**Thank you to those who contributed to the Priest’s Collection.**

Thank you is extended to all those who have contributed to the Christmas collection for the support of the priest.

**Readers Rota for 2024.**

A new readers rota for 2024 is available and can be collected along with the Reader’s Missal in the Sacristy.

We are thankful to all those involved in the ministry of reader and if anyone would like to become a reader, please do let Fr Gabriel know on 086-3429686. New readers are always welcome and will be given the guidance they require, if they so wish.

**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.

**Keash Church Renovation Fund.**

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| **Total received to date €21,500** |

We wish to acknowledge having received donations of €500 and €100 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

## The Work of Christmas Begins

When the carols have been stilled,  
When the star-topped tree is taken down,  
When family and friends are gone home,  
When we are back to our schedules  
The work of Christmas begins:  
   To welcome the refugee,  
   To heal a broken planet,  
   To feed the hungry,  
   To build bridges of trust, not walls of fear,  
   To share our gifts,  
   To seek justice and peace for all people,  
   To bring Christ’s light to the world.

- by Michael Dougherty, a variation on [Howard Thurman](https://t.umblr.com/redirect?z=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.wikiwand.com%2Fen%2FHoward_Thurman&t=ZDk4ZWRjMGNkYjAyYWZjYjdmZWNkMDg4ZjQ3ZjJhY2UxZWE5NzIxZixsdnU3ZDB5Mw%3D%3D&b=t%3ASiYpCWuW_r2O3JzqO0Wo1A&p=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.philipchircop.com%2Fpost%2F136760987232%2Fthe-work-of-christmas-begins-heres-a-variation-on&m=1)’s ‘When the Song of the Angels is Stilled’