***Keash/Culfadda Newsletter January 7th 2024***

 ***The Baptism of The Lord***

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

**Saturday 13th 6.30pm** Bernard & Noreen Dwyer, Templevanny. Also,

 Mike & Vera Dwyer, Carrowcrory and the deceased members of

 the Dwyer and Waldron families.

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

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

 Bearlough.

**Sunday 14th 10.00am** Catherine Donaghy, Cloonshanbally (2nd Anniversary) and her

 husband Sam (22nd Anniversary). Also,

 Paddy & Mary Higgins, Battlefield, son Gerry and daughter Ann

 Mangan.

**Readers.**

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

**Saturday 13th** Padraic Duffy. **Sunday 14th** Mary Hannon.

**Recent Death.**

Your prayers are requested for Marion Brehony nee O Brien, Cambs, Ballymote and late of the ‘Picnic Basket’ Restaurant, also, Sylvester Gilligan, Larkhill and Cáelán O’ Dowd, Boyle road, Gurteen who died during recently. May their souls rest in peace. Amen.

**Recent Baptism.**

We welcome into the Christian Community Fiadh Gertrude McManemy, Carrowreagh, who was Baptised recently in St Kevin’s Church, Keash.

We congratulate her parents Enda & Barbara, her sisters Esmé, Éabha, Ellen ­­and all her family.

’For God allows parents to choose the name by which He Himself will call their child for all eternity.’ *Pope Francis*

**Priests of the parish Cluster Areas.**

The Priests available in the Parish Cluster Areas are Fr Michael Reilly 071-9183232, Fr James McDonagh 071-9191790, Fr Joseph Caulfield 071-9182551.

**Culfadda Housing Association L.T.D. – House for Rent.**

House for Rent in Cloonshanbally, Culfadda. Applications are invited from eligible people in the Culfadda, Keash and surrounding areas for tenancy of a house in Cloonshanbally Culfadda. Application forms are available from Committee members or email culfaddahseassocltd@outlook.com Alternatively apply in writing to Culfadda Housing Association Ltd, Culfadda, Ballymote, Co. Sligo requesting application form.                                         Completed forms must be returned to arrive not later than 31st January 2024.

**Thank you to Culfadda Hall Company L.T.D.**

Thank you is extended to The committee of the Culfadda Community Centre for all the wonderful work that has gone into the renovation of the Hall and the Afterschool and for the delightful refreshments provided last Sunday.

**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.

**Remembrance Mass in St Patrick’s Church, Gurteen for deceased Bingo Players and their families.**

Gurteen Bingo Committee are organising a remembrance Mass for all deceased and bereaved patrons and their families on Friday January 12th at 7.00pm in St Patrick’s Church, Gurteen. Refreshments will be served in the Hall afterwards, everyone welcome.

**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 December.**

**Online Donations** €625.07c **Keash** €3,435 **Culfadda** €2,270

## 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 schedulesThe 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’