***Keash/Culfadda Newsletter February 18th 2024***

 ***First Sunday of Lent***

***Year B***

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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 17th 6.30pm** Pakie & Maureen Shannon, Townaghmore and their daughters

 Caroline Wallat and Colette Cummins.

**Wednesday 21st 10.00am** People of the parish.

**Saturday 24th 6.30pm** Pat Clarke, Broher (3rd Anniversary). Also,

 Paddy & Bridie Snee, Carrowcrory.

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

**Sunday 18th 10.00am** Delia O’ Connor, Knockbrack.

**Tuesday 20th 10.00am.**

**Wednesday 21st 8.00pm** Wedding Rehearsal.

**Friday 23rd 12.30pm** Wedding Mass.

**Sunday 25th  10.00am** John & Batty Hannon and the deceased members of the Hannon

 family, Battlefield.

**Readers.**

**Saturday 17th** Mai Mitchell. **Sunday 18th** James Duffy.

**Saturday 24th** William Henry. **Sunday 25th** Kieran Shannon.

**Recent Death.**

Your prayers are requested for Edward (Ned) Ryan, Norbiton Hill, Raheen, Limerick and formerly of Meelick, Co. Clare (brother of Peggy Kielty, Lisconvey), who died during the week. May his soul rest in peace. Amen.

**Diocesan Celebration for Engaged couples and Married couples marking a special wedding anniversary.**

Bishop Paul will lead a special Ceremony for Engaged Couples preparing for their Wedding, and also for those Married Couples who have marked a special milestone Anniversary last year or this year – 10 years, 20 years, 25 years, 30 years, 40 years, 50 years, 55 years, 60 years. This takes place in the Cathedral in Ballaghaderreen on Sunday 18th February 2024 at 4pm. Refreshments to follow afterwards in the College. All welcome!

**Lenten Trocaire Boxes.**

Trocaire Boxes are available for collection in the porches of both Churches.

**Confirmation.**

The Sacrament of Confirmation will take place on Sunday March 10th at 11.30am in St Kevin’s Church, Keash. Bishop Paul Dempsey will confirm 36 young people, we ask God’s blessing on them, that the Holy Spirit will guide, direct and protect them on their journey through life.

**Eucharistic Adoration.**

Fr Gabriel was contacted by members of the Diocesan Adoration Committee who would like to give a presentation at both Keash and Culfadda Masses to establish interest in creating an adoration group in Keash and Culfadda Churches going forward. It was proposed that it would be beneficial to offer a 24hour adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in St Kevin’s Church Keash before these presentations would take place. The date of April 26th (into April 27th ) was proposed, for parishioners to offer Thanksgiving for the completion of our beautiful church in Keash which is now fully renovated and paid for.

**Training for all Parish Pastoral Council Members.**

Training for all Parish Pastoral Council Members takes place in the Gateway Hotel, Swinford, Co. Mayo on Monday 26th February 2024 at 7.30pm.

**Chrism Mass – invitation.**

Bishop Paul Dempsey invites everyone to the Chrism Mass which takes places in St Nathy’s Cathedral, Ballaghaderreen on Monday 25th of March at 7.30 pm. Bishop Paul would like all parishioners to attend, especially Parish Pastoral Councils, Parish Finance Councils, Boards of Management of Schools, Sacristans, Ministers of the Eucharist, Readers, Choirs etc. Everyone involved in parish life is welcome.

**Cleaning Rota for Culfadda Church.** Cleaning Rota needs to be put in place for Culfadda Church as a matter of urgency. It was suggested that at least six parishioners should be contacted who would then bring other persons could come onboard in order to have a similar cleaning rota to the one in Keash Church. Please God in the very near future this will be attended too. Many people were involved in the cleaning before and during Covid so it is hoped that they will return, also men are needed for this rota, as it is very heavy work. Please contact Marian Kielty on 086-3414125 to let us know if you are willing to help out.

**The Synodal Journey- Update from Bishop Paul Dempsey.** The Synodal Journey was launched in October 2021.  Many parishioners attended gatherings in our Diocese (and throughout the country) to share their ideas about the Church.  These were very helpful meetings and I appreciate the efforts people made to come along and join in the conversations.  In order to feedback to parishioners on what has happened since, a very helpful video has been produced.  It is entitled: "The Synodal Pathway, the Journey So Far..."  This can be found on our Diocesan Website, www.achonrydiocese.org.  I hope this will be helpful in outlining the process so far and charting the next steps on the journey.

Beannachtaí, +Paul Dempsey, Bishop of Achonry.

**Workshop for Choirs.**

A workshop will be held in the Tubbercurry Parish Church for all parish Choirs and all those involved in the musis ministry in Achonry Diocese on Wednesday, February 21st at 8.00 pm. All Choir Director and / or organist and members of Choirs and those who provide music in Church are most welcome to attend.

**Father Peyton Centre, Attymass, seeks applications for Manager.**

Key responsibilities: Co-ordinate community services, develop & maintain centre, management of staff.

Minimum 3 years’ experience and in-depth knowledge of community services and funding

For application forms email: frpeytoncentreboard@gmail.com, closing date before 17:00, Friday February 23rd 2024. Further details on www,frpeytoncentre.ie

**Keash Church Renovation Fund.**

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| **Total received to date €73,121.30c** |

We wish to acknowledge having received a donation of €51,121.30c from the Charitable Donations Scheme, (received for a three-year period) towards Keash Church Renovation Fund. So, the good news is the works that have been carried out on the church are now paid for.

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.