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# Kilronan Parish Newsletter

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"If I cannot do great things, I  
can do small things in a great  
way."

## Sunday 1st December - First Sunday of Advent

### Mass Times

**Saturday 30th** Ballyfarnon 7p.m.  
**Sunday 1st** Arigna 10.00a.m.  
**Sunday 1st** Keadue 11.30a.m.  
**Monday 2nd** \*\*No Mass\*\*  
**Tuesday 3rd** \*\*No Mass\*\*  
**Wednesday 4th** Keadue 7p.m.  
**Thursday 5th** Ballyfarnon 10.00a.m.  
**Friday 6th** Arigna 10.00a.m.

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**Keadue Church Choir Practice** for Christmas on Tuesday, 3rd December from 8-9p.m. New members welcome.

**Keadue Church** new Readers & Eucharistic Ministers if you would like to take up this role in parish, contact Fr. Tom Cox 086 8319500

**Ballyfarnon Tidy Towns** will hold a Cake Sale at the Christmas Market in The Community Centre Ballyfarnon on Saturday 7th December Starts at 6pm 2024. Your support is appreciated.

**Fun Run/Walk in aid of SHOUT and St Ronans GAA & LGFA** on Sunday 1st December, registration in Killorans from 12noon with event starting at 1pm. €10 entry or €15 per family. Refreshments in Killorans bar afterwards.

The **AGM of the O'Carolan Festival & Summer School Committee** will take place in St Ronan's Hall, Keadue on Monday, 18th November, 2024 @ 8.30pm. New members welcome.

**MOBILE LIBRARY** On Thursday 12 December the mobile library will visit: Croghan Community Café 10.30-12.30; Main Street, Keadue 1-1.30pm, and Opposite Church, Ballyfarnon 2-3pm. We have a great selection of books, e-books and audiobooks for all ages and library membership is free.

**St Ronan's Hall Keadue** On Sunday 8th December at 3.30 Carol Singing and Crib Blessing will take place at O'Carolan Heritage Park followed by Santa's arrival and Cake Sale in St Ronan's Hall. Anyone who wishes to leave in Cakes or Goodies to support this fundraiser will be greatly appreciated. Hall will be open at 2 o'clock on the 8th to drop off cakes

**Collections:** Thank you for your very generous support of the various Church Collections. Offertory Collections for last week Arigna €647.00, Ballyfarnon €150.00, Keadue €485.00, Propagation of the Faith €548.00, Dues €746.00

**Deadline for Newsletter Items Thursday afternoon 4p.m.**

## Anniversary Masses

**Sat. 30th, Ballyfarnon** Stephen Sheeran  
**Sun. 1st, Arigna** Michael & Mary Guihen (Knockadryan)  
**Sun. 1st, Keadue** Patsy Guihen  
John & Bridget Flynn & children Ann & Padraig & DM Flynn Family  
**Fri. 6th, Arigna** Martin McPadden  
**Sun. 8th, Arigna** Bridie & John Glynn

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**Mo Chairde** would like to thank all the local communities who supported our 25 Card Drive Fundraising event. Thanks to everyone's generosity from sponsorship, raffle prize donations, raffle ticket sales and cash donations, this event raised €1,700. These fund will go towards our day to day running costs and we are very grateful for all your support.

**St. Ronan's GAA** There was no winner of the lotto jackpot when the draw was held on Sunday. The numbers drawn were 2, 9, 23, 27. Consolation prizes were won by the following €70 Sarah Shivnan, Ballyfarnon €30 David O'Connor, Boyle, €20 Noel McTiernan, Cootehall, €20 Sorcha Bruen, Knockvicar €20 Cian Nolan, c/o Roddy's The jackpot next week will be €10,100 and the draw will be held on Sunday evening.

**Anam Cara**, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, will hold its monthly Parent Support Evening on Wednesday 11th December at 7.30pm in the Mullingar Park Hotel. This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or how recent their death was. You do not need to register in advance. We also offer an online support group meeting. To find out more call 01 4045378 or email [info@anamcara.ie](mailto:info@anamcara.ie)

**Ballyfarnon Community Group** Christmas Tree Ceremony and Christmas Market Saturday December 7th at 6pm. The tree will be switched on by a special guest and there will be a chance to have a chat and a family photo with Santa in the hall. There will be market stalls, mulled wine, hot chocolate etc. This year we are supporting St Ronan's GAA Club and donating all the money raised to their clubhouse fund.

**Advent** is a time of waiting and preparation. The church evokes the coming of Christ in all its aspects; He has been on earth before and we believe that He will be here again. This season of Advent deepens our awareness of Christ's presence in the church today and heightens our hope and longing for his return

**Family Prayer for Advent** Come, Lord Jesus and make your home in this family that you have created with love. Be the joy in every heart. Be the strength for those who are poor. Be the light for those in darkness. Be the peace for those who live in fear. Come, Lord Jesus and teach us how to love one another. Come, Lord Jesus, bless our family and all its members and friends. Bind us together with your love. Give us kindness and patience to support each other. Let the gift of your peace come into our hearts and remain with us. May we rejoice in all the blessings that you have given to us. Come, Lord Jesus. Amen.