

Killinagh & Glangevlin

Dec.25th 2016

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We greatly enjoyed the celebrations in our schools; A Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens, in Curravagh was unbelievable because it was so believable and well acted ! In Killinagh we had a bigger audience than usual to see and hear a celebration in carols ,readings, and drama. What a great start to the Holy season.

❖ Loughan House Chapel (For residents and staff)

- Sat. 24th 6.15pm Mass of the Nativity-Christmas Eve
- Sat. 31st 6.15pm Vigil for World Day of Peace Mary mother of God

❖ St. Felim's Gowlan

- Sun. 25th 10am Mass for Christmas Day.
- Sat. 31st 7.30pm Vigil for World Day of Peace Mary Mother of God. Anniv. John, Ellie Mc Manus.

A new crib for Gowlan has been constructed by Francis Carson. Ceramic figures hand made and painted by Jim Fee, costumes by Brigid Mc Manus, decor by Mary Mc Manus, backdrop by Jim Fee.

❖ St. Patrick's Killinagh (Blacklion)

- Sat. 24th 10 pm Mass for Christmas Eve
- Sun. 25th 11 am Mass for Christmas Day with Nativity Play

Thurs. 29th 11am Morning Mass.St. Thomas a Beckett. Anniv. Pat, Agnes, Nellie Quinn Marian Cresc.
Fri. 30th 7.30pm Feast of the Holy Family. 2nd Anniv. Brendan Corrigan
Sun. Jan 1st 10am World Day of Peace. 1st Anniv. Ethel Flynn

❖ St. Patrick's Glangevlin

- Sat. 24th 8pm Mass for Christmas Eve with Nativity Play.
- Tues. 27th 11am Morning Mass, St. John Apostle. Anniv. Paddy Cornyn Moneenteriff / Pauric Cornyn
- Sun. Jan 1st 11.30am 4th Anniv. Pat Joe Fitzpatrick Cuppenaghmore

Ministries for Jan. - Gowlan

Readers- O'Reilly family Canabo. Collector-Tommy Mc Manus, John Nolan. Euch Min. Mary Mc Manus
Altar Soc. Mary Mc Manus Towneymakelly

Ministries for Jan. - Killinagh

Readers-Maguire family Killycarney. Collectors-Pat Fee, Michael Mc Niffe, Thomas Cullen. Euch. Min. Ita Curran Mary Perrill. Altar Soc. Ita Curran, Brigid Mc Hugh

Ministries for Jan. -Glangevlin

Reader-Tomas Mac Samhrain. Collectors-Terence Fitzpatrick, Vincent Mc Govern. Euch. Min. John Mc Manus. Altar Soc. The Mullen Family, Gertrude Mc Hugh

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THE DEEP END Christmas Day

If you were to put together a guest list for the birth of the Messiah 2000 years ago one might expect political leaders like Caesar Augustus and religious leaders such as the chief priests and the Pharisees to be included. Yet for Luke, the shepherds are some of the first to welcome Jesus into this world and are the first 'preachers' of the Good News. Many would find it completely shocking that Shepherds would be included. It was a disreputable trade and shepherds were considered 'unclean' because of their profession. At first they were terrified, but the angels reassured them: 'do not be afraid'. The response of the shepherds was immediate: 'let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing which has taken place'.

The poor, the marginalised, the outcast will be the first to experience the abundance of God's hospitality through Jesus and the shepherds come in their name. We are told that people were amazed by the shepherds and their words. Their journey didn't end in Bethlehem, for them it was perhaps only the beginning as they returned 'glorifying and praising God'. We are invited to Bethlehem today, to open up our hearts to the one who has come to bring hope and joy. And we return, like the shepherds, 'glorifying and praising God for all they have seen and heard'. We must allow that love to penetrate our hearts and celebrate with our family and friends the joy that lives amongst us. And when we have finished celebrating we remember that the real work of Christmas begins once again:

'When the song of the angels is stilled. When the star in the sky is gone.
When the kings and princes are home. When the shepherds are back with their flocks.
The work of Christmas begins; to find the lost; to heal the broken; to feed the hungry; to release the prisoner; to rebuild the nations; to bring peace among people; to make music in the heart.'
Howard Thurman

MUSINGS: Midnight Mass Luke 2: 1-14 And she gave birth to her firstborn, a son... (Lk 2:7)

In the Gospel accounts of Jesus' birth we don't hear anything of what Mary, might have gone through giving birth in a smelly, cold stable on that starry night. We have sanitised it. Why? To emphasise pain and holiness are not good bedfellows; to claim sweat and blood are unholy things? We're well aware of how women were treated by our Church after giving birth in the past. We don't sanitise the death of Jesus. We hear his last agonised cries from the cross. Pain is an essential step along the path to glory. God wants us to know that holiness comes through living life to the full which will bring joy and sorrow. In charitable love there is great satisfaction but it comes at a price. For Jesus, it was death on the cross. The pain of childbirth is a bonding moment. The death of Jesus is, also, a bonding moment for us with the God who came to save us. Through pain a fierce and tender relationship is established. Ask any mother! So, as we gaze into the crib this Christmas may we wonder at the beauty of our being and the unbreakable bond God wants with us.

Blacklion Childcare Services have vacancy for relief staff. Applicants must hold relevant Childcare Qualification. Good working conditions apply . For further information Contact-: 071-9853055

Mac Nean Ice Breakers Annual Christmas Day Swim at 12:30pm sharp down at the lake. Funds going to Ellie's Retreat this year.

Shannon Gaels News

Lotto -Next Lotto will take place in Frank Eddies Bar on Wednesday 28th Dec - Jackpot is €4450 ". **Joe Maguire Memorial Charity Match** : Our annual Joe Maguire Memorial Charity Match takes place on St. Stephen's Day the 26th December 2016 @ 2pm in Pháirc Gaeil Na Sionnáinne, Blacklion with funds raised going towards Ellie's Retreat and Shannon Gaels. **Stocking Filler** : We are pleased to announce that we will have a limited number of our Shannon Gaels GAA Calendar 2017's available over the Christmas period. The calendar contains images of all our club activities during 2016 including underage successful teams and will sellout fast. If you want to preorder your copy please contact Club Chairman Philip Feeley on 087-2932097. Calendar will cost €10. **Festive Greeting**: We would like to wish all our players and supporters a very Happy and Peaceful Christmas and New Year. Thank you for all your help and support in 2016 and we look forward to what 2017 holds in store for us.

Gw. 17th €115/£13

Kl. 18th €460/£27.94

Gl. 18th €310

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