

## KILLINAGH & GLANGEVLIN

Dec.17<sup>th</sup> 2017

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Parish Confessions with visiting priest Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> in Killinagh Church at 7.30pm

Choirs for Christmas. Killinagh Wed. 8pm Glangevlin Monday 8pm

Killinagh Church clean-up and decoration Monday 6.30pm

Scoil Naomh Padraig Carol Service Wed. 20<sup>th</sup> 7pm collection- Congo Famine Victims

Curragh National School presents Charlie and the Chocolate Factory Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup>

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> 6pm Lighting the Christmas Tree at the Market House

### ❖ Loughan House Chapel (For residents and staff)

Sat. 16<sup>th</sup> 6.15pm 3<sup>rd</sup> Advent Vigil Mass

Sat. 23<sup>rd</sup> 6.15pm 4<sup>th</sup> Advent Vigil Mass

**Sun. 24<sup>th</sup> Christmas Eve 6.15pm Mass by candlelight**

### ❖ ST. FELIM’S GOWLAN eircode F91N932

Sat. 16<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm 3<sup>rd</sup> Vigil Advent. Anniv. John James Nolan Cornaha

Fri. 22<sup>nd</sup> **11am** Anniv. Pat, Roseanne Maguire and deceased family

Sat. 23<sup>rd</sup> 7.30pm Anniv. John, Ellie Mc Manus Edenmore

**Christmas Day Mass 9am Monday 25<sup>th</sup>**

### ❖ ST. PATRICK’S KILLINAGH (Blacklion) eircode F91YT29

Sun. 17<sup>th</sup> 10am 3<sup>rd</sup> Advent. Anniv. Michael Rudden Stradone/Mc Nean Court

✚ Tues. 19<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm Parish Confessions for Christmas

Wed. 20<sup>th</sup> 6.30am Morning Prayer

7am Morning Mass for Advent

7pm Annual Carol Service from Scoil Naomh Padraig with collection for the Congo Famine Victims

Sun. 24<sup>th</sup> 10am 4<sup>th</sup> Advent. Morning Mass

**Christmas Eve Mass by candlelight 10pm Sunday 24<sup>th</sup>**

**Christmas Day Mon. 25<sup>th</sup> 10.30am Children’s Mass**

Servers Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> morning Sadhbh Maguire, Ciara Nolan, Megan Guihan

Christmas Eve 10pm all boys

### ❖ ST. PATRICK’S GLANGEVLIN eircode N41Y409

Sun. 17<sup>th</sup> 11.30am Anniv. Kate, Frank, Val, Johnny Mc Govern

Mon. 18<sup>th</sup> 6.30pm Confession for Christmas (traditional format)

Mon. 18<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm Mem. Mass, Elaine Moran-Keogh Carrick on Shannon

8pm Choir for Christmas

Sun. 24<sup>th</sup> 11.30am 4<sup>th</sup> Advent Anniv. Bridie Mc Cauley/Adrian Mc Cauley

Christmas Eve Mass by candlelight 8pm Sunday 24<sup>th</sup>

**Winter Solstice Walk** in Cavan Burren Park with Séamus Ó hUltacháin on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> December at 1.45pm – meet at Visitor Centre – Free

**The Oireachtais Committee Twelve week decision**

Speaking on behalf of the Pro Life Campaign, Cora Sherlock said: “The decision to opt for a time limit of 12 weeks on request was plucked from thin air. It reveals a frightening disregard for the right to life of the most innocent and defenceless members of society, namely unborn babies. Also, the vote in favour of abortion on physical and mental health grounds is even more radical than abortion laws in other countries like England, where 1 in 5 pregnancies now ends in abortion.

Commenting on the extreme nature of today’s vote, Ms Sherlock said:

“When any group is handed the power to decide who’s in and who’s out, it follows that they feel they have permission to conclude that no unborn babies are deserving of any protections under the law. And that’s effectively what the committee decided today.

She continued: “But thankfully they won’t have the final say on the Eighth Amendment. The electorate will have that responsibility and I am confident they will vote to keep it.

The clamour for repeal of the Eighth Amendment is clearly political and media driven. It is most definitely not coming from the grassroots up. As pro-life campaigners, we have a single focus in the coming months – to defend and safeguard the Eighth Amendment. We will stay united – truly united - and get the job done.”

**Shannon Gaels GAA:** Club Lotto result:. Jackpot €5,700. Numbers drawn were 2, 13, 15 & 21 Next draw is this Sunday evening in the Glan Bar, Glangelvin.

AGM: Our postponed AGM will take place in the Market House on Saturday 6th January 2018 at 8:30pm. All members, players, parents and new members are encouraged to come along.

Charity Match: Our annual Joe Maguire Memorial Charity Match takes place on St. Stephen’s Day the 26th December 2017 @ 2pm in Pháirc Gaeil Na Sionnáinne where Shannon Gaels play our neighbours Belcoo. Funds raised going towards the Michael A. McGovern Fund and Shannon Gaels.

**Christmas 2013 from Loughan Prison to Blacklion Church**

(excerpt from “Joys of Joy” Finding myself in an Irish Prison, by Gary Cunningham Liffey Press 2017)

*I must describe a truly moving and quite incredible experience that happened to me and Fitzer all down to “The Offenders” (a band formed by inmates)*

*There was a musical priest who would come every Saturday morning to Loughan House. His parish church was actually facing the main entrance to Loughan House which is the Blacklion parish church in County Cavan. He had been informed of “The Offenders” and although some of our songs may not go down too well with his congregation on a Sunday morning, he did see a guitarist and a bloody good singer that he could maybe put to use.*

*So the priest asked myself and Fitzer if we’d be interested in partaking of the Mass to be held in Blacklion parish church on Christmas Eve night. I was to play the guitar but the main man Fitzer, was to be the star of the show and by Christ he was!*

*We were brought over under escort on a couple of evenings leading up to the Mass to rehearse with the women’s choir in this wonderful old church. Fitzer took to the choir without a hitch, and I accompanied them all on my guitar. This was going to be good. On Christmas Eve myself and Fitzer were escorted over to the church for the 10pm Mass. The whole church was filled to capacity and lit by what seemed to be thousands of flickering candles placed all around. We felt a bit nervous as we were welcomed by the priest, who informed the congregation where we had come from – a prison! But we got a lovely warm Christmas welcome which put us at ease, and we were extremely grateful for this act of kindness.*

*The highlight of the night was when Fitzer and this amazing four- part harmony women’s choir did an incredible version of O Holy Night. Fitzer sang the second verse and chorus while standing on the candle-lit altar, accompanied by the choir. It was the most moving experience of my life. There was not a dry eye in the church that Christmas Eve as Fitzer commanded the attention of all. After Mass every parishioner took the time to*

*thank us both, but mainly Fitzer. Even celebrity chef Neven Maguire who lives in Blacklion, requested a selfie with us. The choir then gave us little parting gifts of aftershave and chocolates. We were moved as they were.*