

**Killinagh & Glangevlin**

Dec.31<sup>st</sup> 2017

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- The yearly envelopes for parish, clergy, trocaire, missions are in the Church. Thank you for your support and generosity throughout 2017

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

Sat. 30<sup>th</sup> 6.15pm Vigil Mass The Holy Family

Sat. Jan. 6<sup>th</sup> 6.15pm Vigil Mass

❖ **St. Felim’s Gowlan** eircode F91N932

Sat. 30<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm The Holy Family

- **Fri Jan. 5<sup>th</sup> 8pm Vigil, Feast of the Epiphany – Holyday**

Sat. 6<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm Vigil Mass. Anniv. Tommy, Mae Murray Legeelan

❖ **St. Patrick’s Killinagh (Blacklion)** eircode F91YT29

Sun. 31<sup>st</sup> 10am The Holy Family Anniv. Eugene, Kathleen Mc Morrow Termon/Dolan family Monragh

Sun 31<sup>st</sup> 1pm Wedding Mass of Louise Stewart and Bernard Rogers

Mon. Jan.1<sup>st</sup> 10am World Day of Peace Mary Mother of God.

- **Sat. 6<sup>th</sup> 11am Feast of the Epiphany/ Holyday**

Sun. 7<sup>th</sup> 10am The Baptism of the Lord Anniv. Kate, Charles Maguire Killycarney

Servers Sat. 6<sup>th</sup> Donnacha Maguire, Patrick Nolan, Johnny Doherty

Servers 7<sup>th</sup> Emma, Cara Doherty, Blaithin Feeley

❖ **St. Patrick’s Glangevlin** eircode N41Y409

Sun. 31<sup>st</sup> 11.30am The Holy Family. Anniv. Thomas, Margaret Maguire Derrynanta

Mon. Jan.1<sup>st</sup> 11.30am World Day of Peace, Mary Mother of God. Anniv. Pat Joe Fitzpatrick, C’more

- **Fri. 5<sup>th</sup> 7pm Vigil for Epiphany / Holyday**

Sun. 7<sup>th</sup> 11.30am The Baptism of the Lord. Anniv. John Fitzgibbon Queens N.Y./Cork

Ministries for Jan. - Gowlan

Readers- Dylan, Cian, Oisín. 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. Paddy Mc Manus,

Mary Perrill. Altar Soc. Ita Curran, Kathleen Mc Cabe

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

**Annual Eucharistic Healing Retreat** led by Mr. Eddie Stones & Fr Bill Keogh in the Abbey Hotel, Donegal Town - Friday 12th January 2018 (starting at 4pm), Saturday 13th & Sunday 14th (finishing at 2pm).

Registration €25. Contact: Mary 087 7847304/ Catherine 087 9432846/ Philip 087 2508043

## **OLD AGE IS NOT A LIABILITY, IT IS A NATURAL CONCLUSION**

A poem in the Bible, written some 3,000 years ago, promised us “three score years and ten of life”. Not everyone remembers the following line: “and, if you are strong, eighty” (Psalm 90.10).

Like any statistic this is subject to variation. Genetic inheritance, infection, poverty, violence may cut this short. Others may last to 90 or 100. But the average is clear. Cryogenics won't help. As Shakespeare said, bits will fall off. To wish for more would be literally inhuman.

Current diseases like cancer and dementia are not intrinsic to ageing. Gradually medicine is getting to grips with these. Already some reach old age unaffected by them. Those who reach 70 in good health are pioneers. Their success should be celebrated and taken to parts of the world still affected by famine and war. Old age is not a liability. It is a natural conclusion.

The question then arises: what is the 'extra' decade from 70 to 80 for? Just as there are adolescent units for those who find growing up difficult there should be senescent units to help with growing down. We came into the world with nothing - we should be ready to leave it in the same way. When we were growing up we had to face the challenges of standing on our own two feet, managing debt, starting a family. As we grow down we have to get used to depending on others, having no responsibilities, being alone.

Pensions may make it possible to resist such change. The desire to remain independent, keeping busy, taking holidays abroad may delay the inevitable. But the time will come when, as with Peter, the boisterous leader of the first Christians, “someone else will dress you and lead you where you would rather not go.” (John 21.18).

In India a Hindu ideal is to be able to get to the Ganges to die there. We all have within us a monastic archetype. Money, power, possessions will pass. Patience, perseverance, courage become more valuable as we age. Not to put too fine a point upon it we will all end up living as monks and nuns. Healthy ageing is a monastic experience.

**Shannon Gaels GAA:** Club Lotto: Next draw January 7th in the Melrose Inn, Dowra Jackpot €5,800. Joe Maguire Memorial Charity Match took place on St. Stephen's Day where Shannon Gaels played our neighbours Belcoo, Shannon Gaels winning by two points. Thanks to both teams for playing the match and Chris McCaffrey for refereeing. Thank you to all who came out on the day to support this event with funds raised going towards the Michael A. McGovern Fund and Shannon Gaels. AGM: Our 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.

Shannon Gaels GAA would like to wish all our club members, supporters and sponsors a happy & prosperous New Year.

### **Collections**

Dec. 20<sup>th</sup> Carol Service Killinagh €440 to Trocaire

Gw. 23<sup>rd</sup> €160/£2

Kl. 24<sup>th</sup> €500/£34.74

Gl. 24<sup>th</sup> €365/£85.90

Chr. Eve Kl. 24<sup>th</sup> 800/£49.86

Chr. Eve Gl. 24<sup>th</sup> €1,060/£44.95

Gw. 25<sup>th</sup> €575/£15.30

Kl. 25<sup>th</sup> €430/£43.21

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