

ST. MARY'S, WESTPORT & DRUMMIN, ST. PATRICK'S LECANVEY

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PRIEST ON DUTY THIS WEEK **FR. JOHN KENNY 098 28871**

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS, READERS

Assisting in the Liturgy on 23rd & 24th December 2023 Team C
Christmas Day Monday 25th Team D

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| 6.30 p.m. Saturday | Anna Kelly | Breege Joyce |
| 11.00 am Sunday | Mary Carr | Julia Thompson |
| Christmas Day | Angela Gavin | Maeve Berry |
| 25th Dec Team D | Colette Lavelle | Martina Ryan |

READER DRUMMIN:

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| Sun.17th Dec. | Gretta Carr | 9.30 a.m. |
| Sun.24th Dec. | Stella Garrivan | 9.30 a.m. |
| Christmas Day | Joanne Gibbons | 9.30a.m. |

Weekday Reader 10.00 a.m. 18th December: Mary

Confessions on Saturday from 12.30pm

WEEKDAY READINGS:

Details of the readings for Mass during the Liturgical Year are available on CatholicIreland.net

Please remember in your prayers:

Nancy Scahill, Prospect.

Breege Heneghan, Horkans Hill.

Sr. Veronica Gannon, Clonberne, Co. Galway & Westport

Convent of Mercy.

DRUMMIN CHURCH MASSES:

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| Sunday 17th Dec 9.30a.m. | 1. Petie & Annie Duffy, Drummin 2. Paddy & Catherine Friel & Padraic Cannon, Cuilmore |
| Sunday 24th Dec. 9.30am Christmas Day | 1. Thomas & Bridget Baynes & DM of Baynes & O'Grady families. |
| LECANVEY CHURCH MASSES: | |
| Sat.16th Dec. 8.00pm | 1. Padraig O'Toole 2. Mary & John Ketterick, Ailmore & son John Joe. 3. Pakie & Bridie Gavin, Freida & Aidan Byrne, Margaret Moran, Gerry Gavin & Paddy Joe Gavin |
| Sat. 23rd Dec. 8.00p.m. | 1 st Anniversary: Maura McGreal & remembering husband Jim 2. Séan Scanlon, Kinnock & DFM. |

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MASSES WESTPORT CHURCH

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| Saturday 16th December 2023 | |
| Mass 6.30. p.m. | 1st Anniv: Sinead Lambert-Barroso. |
| Sunday 17th December 2023 | |
| 11.00am Mass | Months Minds: 1. Marie McGreal, Drummindoo 2. Margaret O'Malley, Crott Mountain. |
| Monday 18th December 2023 | |
| 10.00am Mass | 1. Michael John & Mary Mc Nally & Patrick Navin. 2. Johnny & Mary B.Gavin, Tubberhill & DM of Gavin & Grimes families. 3. John James & Frances Flynn & DFM. |
| Tuesday 19th December 2023 | |
| 10.00am Mass | 1. Mc Caffrey, Fitzpatrick & Butler family 2. Daniel Kennedy, Carrabawn. 3. Vinny & Keith Rigney, Sandyhill 4. Hugh & Berta Kelly, Kings Hill 5. Elaine Fair, late of Johns Row. |
| Wednesday 20th December 2023 | |
| 10.00am Mass | 1st Anniversary: Sheila Imelda O'Hare 2. Mary & John O'Donnell, The Mall. |
| Thursday 21st December 2023 | |
| 10.00a.m. | 1. William Gavin, Fr. Angelus Park & Nancy Kirby, Villas. 2. Annette Mc Dermott & D.M. of Mc Dermott family, Warrenpoint 3. May & Danny Fitzpatrick & son Christy 4. Barry & Allyson Lawless, Kells 5. Frances & Mark Forkin & DM of Forkin & Kenny families. |
| Friday 22nd December 2023 | |
| 10.00am | 1. Frank Reynolds, Lodge Road. 2. Joe Holland & DFM 3. Willie O'Toole, Quay 4. Seamus Crawford & DFM 5. Noel Leneghan 6. John, Tess & Vincent O'Loughlin |
| Saturday 23rd December 2023 | |
| 10.00a.m. | 1. Louis Fitzmaurice 2. Tommy Conway, Croy & DFM. 3. Eneas & Eileen Mc Nally, daughter Margaret Hopkins, baby Jude, Pat & Baby Ruby Mulchrone & DFM. 4. Noreen Carter, Ballinrobe Rd. 5. Rita O'Malley, Johns Row & DFM. |

BANK DETAILS:

The main Parish Account is now with PTSB due to the closure of Ulster Bank. **The details are as follows:**

Account Name: Westport Parish

BIC: IPBSIE2D

IBAN: IE83IPBS9907293320468

PARISH OFFICE OPENING HOURS

10:00AM – 5:30PM MONDAY & THURSDAY

10:00AM - 3:00PM TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY

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ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE:

Wednesday Dec. 20th St. Mary's Church @ 8.00p.m.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE:

LECANVEY: Sat. 23rd @ 8.00p.m.
Sun. 24th @ 8.00p.m.
Mon. 25th @ 9.30a.m.

DRUMMIN: Sun. 24th @ 7.00p.m.
Mon. 25th @ 9.30a.m.

WESTPORT: Sat. 23rd @ 6.30p.m.
Sun. 24th @ 6.30p.m. Children's Mass
Vigil Mass: @ 9.00p.m.
Mon. 25th @ 11.00a.m.

Westport Town Band @ 8.15 before Christmas Eve Mass @ 9.00p.m.

St. Stephen's Day Mass Tue. 26th @ 11.00a.m.

Please note: - No 9.30am. or 11.00a.m. on Sun. 24th

HOLY COMMUNION FOR THE HOUSE BOUND:

If you would like to bring Holy Communion to a family member, neighbour or friend who cannot attend Mass.

Please call in to the Sacristy before or after Mass to borrow a Pyx (**Please return any borrowed pyx not in use anymore**).

ADVENT PRAYER BY HENRI NOUWEN

Lord Jesus, Master of both the light and the darkness, send your Holy Spirit upon our preparations for Christmas. We who have so much to do seek quiet spaces to hear your voice each day. We who are anxious over many things look forward to your coming among us. We who are blessed in so many ways long for the complete joy of your kingdom. We whose hearts are heavy seek the joy of your presence. We are your people, walking in darkness, yet seeking the light. To you we say, "Come Lord Jesus!"

MURRISK N. S. Christmas Concert, Tues 19th December @ 7.00p.m. in Lecanvey Community Centre.

LECANVEY N.S. Christmas Show Thursday 21st December @ 6.00p.m. in Lecanvey Community Centre. Adm. €10.

LECANVEY COMMUNITY CENTRE:

Christmas Craft Fair & Cake Sale on Sun. 17th Dec from 12pm

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY.

Tuam Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes; led by the Archbishop; August 30th to September 5th 2024; 6 nights; ex Ireland-West, Knock. Contact details: 012410800.

RE-GIFT THEM:

Re-Gifting weekend Sat. 13th Sun. 14th Jan 2024
Westport Eco invite you to bring your unwanted Christmas gifts for distribution charities and charity shop to St. Mary's Catholic church at Masses on Sat. 13th & Sun. 14th Jan. & Holy Trinity Church of Ireland after 11.30 service on Sun. 14th Jan.

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES.

Monday Dec 18th Glenisland 7.00pm
Islandeady 8.00pm
Tuesday Dec 19th Newport 8.00pm
Wednesday Dec 20th Louisburgh 7.30pm
Westport 8.00pm

ADVENT WEEK 3 Gaudete Sunday

We light the shepherd's candle symbolising joy. This reminds us of the joy experienced at the coming birth of Jesus.

THE JESSE TREE:

A Jesse Tree is a decorative Advent/ Christmas Tree. It is adorned with symbols representing Biblical events and characters. It is a kind of Family Tree that leads up to the Birth of Jesus. It serves as a visual reminder, much like an Advent Calendar, highlighting the lineage or 'Root' of Jesus and the importance of the Advent and Christmas. Thanks to the Confirmation Classes, senior pupils and their Teachers for their art work decorating our Jesse Trees in Westport, Lecanvey and Drummin Churches. Go raibh mile maith agaibh go leir.

"As we gather on this Gaudete Sunday to bless the Bambinelli, we pray:

God, our Father you so loved humankind that you sent us your only Son Jesus, born of the Virgin Mary, to save us and lead us back to you. We pray that with your Blessing these images of Jesus, who is about to come among us, may be a sign of your presence and love in our homes. Good Father, grant your Blessing to our families and to our friends. Open our hearts, so that we may be able to receive Jesus with joy and always do what he asks of us. May we see him in all those people who are in need of our love. We ask you this in the name of Jesus Christ, your beloved Son who comes to bring the world peace. He lives and reigns forever and ever. Amen.

CRIB BLESSING.

Loving God, bless this crib and all who look upon it. May it remind us that Jesus was born into a family who didn't have very much to share except their love for one another. May it help us to keep you at the centre of our Christmas celebrations. And may the joy and peace brought to the world by Jesus be in our home at this time and always. Amen.

Care of Creation/Westport Eco Congregation

Next week we mark the second festival in the Celtic Year...the **Winter Solstice**. Solstice means the "**sun stands still**", as if pausing in the darkness for just a little longer before it turns back on its journey into the light. Our Celtic ancestors saw this as the birth of the sun... their light. In the Christian world, this correlates to the birth of Jesus, the Light of the world, which we celebrate at Christmas.

PUBLIC ROSARY:

From Jan. 8th on a trial basis the Rosary will be offered at 9.40a.m. before the 10.00a.m. Mass.

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