

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 16th & 17th December 2023 Team B

6.30p.m. Saturday	Frank Mc Carrick	Breege Moran
11.00 am Sunday	Kathleen Friel	Olga Kennedy

READER DRUMMIN:

Sun.10th Dec.	Joanne Gibbons	9.30 a.m.
Sun.17th Dec.	Gretta Carr	9.30 a.m.

Weekday Reader 10.00 a.m. 11th December: Gretta

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:

Patricia Mc Nally, The Fairgreen.

Francis Conlon, The Philippines & late of Pearse Terrace, Westport.

DRUMMIN CHURCH MASSES:

Sunday 10th Dec 9.30a.m.	Months Mind: Margaret Madden, Limerick & late of Drummin & husband John. 1. Margaret & Patrick Hastings, Drummin East. 2. Nora Murphy, Drummin West & DFM.
Sunday 17th Dec. 9.30am	1. Petie & Annie Duffy, Drummin. 2. Paddy & Catherine Friel & Padraic Cannon, Cuilmore
LECANVEY CHURCH MASSES:	
Sat.9th Dec. 8.00pm	1. Patsy Jordan, Castlebar 2. Martin Finn, Wexford.
Sat. 16th Dec. 8.00p.m.	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.

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Monday – Saturday 10.00a.m.

Vigil Mass Saturday 6.30pm.

Westport: Sunday @ 11.00a.m.

Lecanvey: Saturday @ 8.00p.m.

Drummin: Sunday @ 9.30a.m.

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

MASSES WESTPORT CHURCH

Saturday 9th December 2023	
Mass 6.30. p.m.	1st Anniv: Bridie Kilgallon, Tonranny
Sunday 10th December 2023	
11.00am Mass	Mass
Monday 11th December 2023	
10.00am Mass	1. Mary O'Connell & DFM. 2. Ger Clarke, The Paddock & DFM. 3. Vera Shanley 4. Mary & Joseph Gilroy, Dublin
Tuesday 12th December 2023	
10.00am Mass	1. Matt O'Malley & DFM. Crottmountain 2. Tom Armstrong & DM of Murphy & Armstrong families 3. Babe & Willie O'Connell & daughter Mary, Cloghan. 4. Regina Moran, Lodge Road & Mary & Broddie Gannon, St. Pat's Terr.
Wednesday 13th December 2023	
10.00am Mass	1. Rose O'Toole & DFM. Belclare 2. Ned, Nellie O'Hara & grandsons Richard & Colin & DFM. 3. Shane Bourke, Knockranny & Harry Doyle, Pearse Terrace
Thursday 14th December 2023	
10.00a.m.	1. Kathleen O'Malley, Lodge Rd. 2. Peter O'Grady & Fr. James O'Grady 3. Millie & Joe Reilly & DFM. Ballinrobe Road. 4. Junior Hughes, Chestnut Grove.
Friday 15th December 2023	
10.00am	1. Pat, Etta & Niall Farren, Reek View 2. Paddy & Ellen Mc Greal, daughter Mary, Owenwee. 3. Doreen & Ted Williams, Castlebar & Westport. 4. Annie Gavan & DFM.
Saturday 16th December 2023	
10.00a.m.	1. Joe & Mary Mc Cormack, Altamont St. 2. Ellie & Michael Murphy, Drumindoo Daughter Bea & son Mick. 3. Paddy & Ronnie Halpin, daughter Ronnie & son Michael & DFM. 4. T. P. & Francis Lynn, Deerpark East
Mass 6.30. p.m.	1st Anniversary: Sinead Lambert-Barroso

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 @ 9.30a.m.
Mon. 25th @ 9.30a.m.**WESTPORT:** Sat. 23rd @ 6.30p.m.
Sun. 24th @ 6.30p.m. **Childrens Mass**
Vigil Mass: @ 9.00p.m.
Mon. 25th @ 11.00a.m.**St. Stephen's Day Mass Tue. 26th @ 11.00a.m.****Please note: - No 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!"

LIVING WELL:

Is a free HSE programme which helps people living with a long-term health condition to manage their condition and improve their overall wellbeing. Anyone with any chronic illness such as diabetes, arthritis, COPD, cardiac illness, anxiety, etc. can benefit from these workshops.

The next programme in Tuma commences on Wednesday 17th of January (OR the next online programme will commence on 30th January 2024

The programme is delivered over six weekly workshops (2.5 hrs x 6) by trained leaders. Advance registration is required. To find out more, please contact Liam Gildea on 086 014 2675 or by email at lgildea@southmayo.com

Gael Scoil na Cruaiche

Christmas show will be in St. Mary's Church Westport on Thursday 14th Dec. @ 6pm.

Drummin N.S. Christmas Play: Thursday 14th December @ 6.30p.m. in St. Mary's Church Drummin.

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

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

WESTPORT ECO CONGREGATION:

COP28 opened on 30th November with a resounding call to accelerate collective climate action. The conference takes place in what is already known to be the hottest year ever recorded in human history and as the impacts of the climate crisis wreak unprecedented havoc on human life and livelihoods around the world.

The Conference ends on December 12th.

This Conference (COP28) aims to address the climate crisis by agreeing on ways to limit temperature rise to 1.5°C and achieving net-zero emissions by 2050. Over 70,000 delegates, including member states,

business leaders, young people, climate scientists, indigenous peoples, journalists, and various other experts and stakeholders are in attendance.

Pope Francis who had planned to be there, but could not go because of illness, appealed directly to the delegates saying "it is essential that there be a breakthrough, that is not a partial change of course" He also voiced solidarity with young people and the poor, asking that for the sake of their future and the future of the world we protect our Common Home "let us safeguard creation and protect our common home; let us live in peace and promote peace!"

NIGHTFEVER:

Westport Deanery invites you to join with us at St. Marys Parish Church Westport on Saturday Dec.16th The evening will begin with Vigil Mass at 6.30 pm and will continue until approximately 10.30 pm. There will be ample opportunity for adoration, prayer, confessions etc.

'BAMBINELLI SUNDAY:

For the past number of years, the Catholic Grandparents Association have encouraged parishes to celebrate 'Bambinelli Sunday'. Next weekend December 17th is the Third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday) I invite all our National School Children to bring the figurines of Baby Jesus from their family cribs to the Church to be blessed at the end of Mass. The children are then requested to wrap the blessed figurines in Christmas wrapping when they return home. They can place them under the Christmas tree and open them as the first gift of Christmas. This encourages all of us to make the connection between the gifts we receive on Christmas Day and the greatest gift that we have received in the birth of Jesus. On this 800th Anniversary of The Nativity Scene of St Francis in Italy, we make the special connection between the Nativity scene at home and in our local Church where we are invited to join in worship each weekend. Please encourage your families to take part. Thank you

WESTPORT PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL:

Meeting on Monday 11th December @ 8.00p.m. In the Presbytery.

ADVENT WEEK 2

The Bethlehem Candle symbolising Faith is lit on our Advent Wreath reminds of us of Mary & Joseph's journey to Bethlehem.

BLESSING OF THE BAMBINELLI

Family Prayer

God our Father, You loved us so much 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 might be a sign of your presence and love in our homes. Good Father, give your blessing to all who gather with us this Christmas, our family and friends. Open our hearts, that we might receive Jesus in joy, do always what he asks of us, and see him in those who need our love. We ask this in the name of Jesus, your beloved Son, who came to give peace to the world. You, who live and reign forever and ever. Amen

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.*

'Come Lord Jesus'

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