



# NEWSLETTER

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent

1<sup>st</sup> December 2024

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**Bunclody / Kilmyshall Parish**

## PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

***The Parish of Bunclody/Kilmyshall shall be a Community:***

- *Of renewed faith and commitment to Christ expressed in prayer and genuine Eucharistic worship where all participate fully.*
- *With deep respect for and interest in each and every person.*
- *Flourishing in love, care, support, co-operation, education and communication, building to the unity of the Body of Christ.*
- *Reaching out the hand of welcome to all who do not belong to our faith and worshipping community.*



### MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

**Sat. 30<sup>th</sup> Nov. 2024-Sun. 8<sup>th</sup> Dec. 2024**

#### **Most Holy Trinity, Bunclody**

##### **Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> October 7:00pm**

Eamon Griffin, Drumderry, 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.  
Martin O Connor, Craan, 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary.

Maureen, Ned & Paraic Cowman & deceased members of the Cowman & Wall families.

##### **Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December 9:00am**

John Murphy, Coolattin.

##### **Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December 12 Noon**

Eamon Griffin, Drumderry, 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

Paula Redmond, Brady's Cross, 4<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

Rory & Nancy Murphy, Ballinavocran, & deceased members of the Murphy & Kelly families.

Julia Lyons, Anniversary.

##### **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December 9:00am**

Pat, Maureen & P.J. Kenny, Cametigue.

##### **Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December 7:00pm**

Bernie Nugent, Months Mind & also her mother Ann Nugent & sister Ann Badland who's anniversaries occur around this time.

Ellen Doyle, Ryland Lower, 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary & also her husband Aidan & son Nicky who's anniversaries occur around this time.

Margaret Hanrick, Main Street, Anniversary.

Betty & Bob Ryan, Graiguemore, & also Michael & Betty Mahon & Ann & Sean McNamara.

##### **Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December 12 Noon**

Nelly Foley, Anniversary.

Bridie O'Connor & also her husband Dominic, Irish Street Hill, Anniversaries.

#### **ST. MARY MAGDALENE, KILMYSHALL**

##### **Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November 8:00pm**

Paddy Murphy, Anniversary.

Eilish & Art O'Neill, & deceased members of the O'Neill family.

##### **Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December 8:00pm**

Margaret & James Dreelan, Ryland Lower.

Christopher & Catherine Dempsey, Anniversaries.

##### **Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December 10:30am**

70th Birthday Remembrance.

#### **First Friday**

Fr. O' Connor will visit the sick and housebound of the parish on **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December**, following his usual route.

**Bunclody Pastoral & Finance Councils**  
There will be a joint meeting of both groups on **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December at 8:15pm** in the Pastoral Centre.

## THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

We live in a time when we are told that disaster lies ahead for us and for our planet if we do not change our ways. But perhaps this new awareness can be a prelude to us changing our ways? The gospel was written to give hope to Christians in danger. What gives you hope amid the dangers facing our world today?

Our church community is also in crisis. The numbers of people attending church services have dropped. We have fewer clergy and religious. Scandals have rocked the church community. What helps you to keep faith in such circumstances?

This passage can be taken as a metaphor for personal experiences when it seemed that your world was collapsing around you: plans thwarted, deep disappointment, something out of your control altering the course of your life, etc.? When have such experiences been prelude to something new? Allow the dramatic language if the passage remind you of this experience, making sure that you recognise the double movement of collapse and liberation.

Jesus himself is the model in this gospel story as he taught his disciples the spirituality of 'waiting in joyful hope'. What difference has watchfulness (in the sense of being watchful in prayer) and hope made to you in facing difficult situations?

Advent is a time that calls us to be alert to the signs of the hidden presence of God in our world. What reminds you of this presence of God? Have there been occasions when something woke you up in an unexpected way to the presence of God in the world, e.g. through love, beauty, nature, etc.?

### Most Holy Trinity Church

**We invite you to our Family Mass**

Mass dedicated especially for families

**Sunday December 22<sup>nd</sup> at 12 Noon**

Activities for Children for Ages 4 -7 years  
(in the Pastoral Centre)

**Bible stories, Colouring pages**

**Fun activities**

Youth readers for Prayers of the Faithful  
(Ages 8 -17 years)

**Please tell sisters before Mass starts**

### NOVENA TO THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

**To Celebrate the Feast of the Immaculate Conception on 9<sup>th</sup> December, there will be a Rosary Novena with Eucharistic Benediction each evening from 7:00pm to 8:00pm in Bunclody Church beginning this Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December (1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent) and concluding with Novena and Mass on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception which is celebrated this year on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December.**

- \* **St Vincent de Paul** : Local Confidential helpline 087 3593635, please call if you need help.
- \* **S.V.P.** Requests are to be handed into shop.

**BUNCLODY AA GROUP:** have moved to a new location, all our meetings (Tuesday & Saturday nights) will be held at St Mary's Daycare Centre, Ryland Rd, Y21 C656.

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL ANNUAL CHRISTMAS FOOD APPEAL**  
**TROLLEYS ARE LOCATED IN BOTH EUROSPAR AND SUPERVALU.**  
**PLEASE GIVE GENEROUSLY**

**St. Vincent De Paul Church Gate Collections will take place Saturday 7th & Sunday 8th December 2024 across all parishes throughout Co Wexford. All donations provided locally will be used locally to help families across the County over Christmas and into 2025.**

**Garbandal 2025 Ryanair Dublin to Santander** (there is only one flight in and out per day) 5 Day Pilgrimage. Dates March 24<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup>, April 21<sup>st</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup>, May 19<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup>, July 14<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup>, August 18<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup>, October 20<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup>. You book your own flights. We look after your accommodation, bus transfers and tour guide. Prices €380 sharing single €490, **flights not included.**

**Church Choir:**  
**Seeking new members. If you can sing, play an instrument or are interested in any way, please contact Eileen on 087-2933545 or the parish office on 0539376190. All are welcome to join. We practice Tuesdays at 7:30pm in the church.**

**Bunclody Parish Office**  
**Christmas Cards, Christmas Mass Bouquet Cards and 2025 Church Art Calendars are available in the Parish Office. Signed mass cards, Sympathy Cards, Mass Bouquets, general cards including wedding and baptismal cards, Rosary Beads, and Baptismal Candles, St Anthony prayer cards and various other prayer leaflets are also available in the parish office, during office hours.**

**Volunteer Drivers Needed**  
 Are you available to volunteer for an hour or so once a week or once a fortnight? Bunclody/Halfway House Meals on Wheels are looking for volunteer drivers, for about one hour, at lunchtime, on Monday, Wednesday and Friday each week to deliver hot meals to people living in Bunclody, Kilmysall, Kilrush, Clohamon, Kildavin, & Clonegal. We need more volunteer drivers to be able to deliver hot meals to the growing number of people in our community who request the service. Each Sunday evening, drivers commit to approx. one hour drive on one of the days, for the forthcoming week via a WhatsApp group - not an arduous commitment. If you think you can spare an hour on an intermittent basis, please contact Brigid on 0872699411 to discuss. **Thank You.**

**Special Ministers for December 2024**  
**Ministers of the Word:**  
 7:00pm: Evelyn Mulrennan  
 9:00am: Gertrude Rowlands  
 12 Noon: Liz Whelan  
**Eucharistic Ministers:**  
 7:00pm: Goretti Kavanagh  
 9:00am: Geraldine Roberts  
 12 Noon: Sarah Burke / Celia Burns  
**Altar Servers:**  
 7:00pm :  
 9:00am :  
 12 Noon :  
**Flower Society:** Eileen Carton / Betty Comiskey

**KILMYSHALL NOTES**

**If you have anyone sick at home or in hospital and would like Fr Duffy to visit, please let Fr. Duffy or the Parish Office know, please contact 053 9377188 or 086 4460232.**

**Choir:** Rehearsals every Tuesday at 7:30pm in Most Holy Trinity Church, Bunclody. New Members welcome.

**Due to the Novena in Bunclody Church there is no evening Mass in Kilmysall on Monday 2nd or Wednesday 4th December. Morning Mass as usual.**

**Split the Pot Winner: Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November – Mary Jordan –€117- Seller: Steemer's.** Envelopes are available from H.W.H Shop, Steemer's, Cahill's Hardware, D & M Laundrette, Tirlán, Redmond's Bar, Byrne's Hardware Ryland Lower, Kilmysall Parish Office, & Kilmysall School. **The pot is split between Kilmysall School & the Parish. Draw takes place every Friday. Your support is greatly appreciated.**

**300-1 Club Draw this Saturday 30th November after Mass.**

**MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST DECEMBER**

**Saturday Night:** Martin Cullen  
**SUNDAY MORNING:** Anne Tyndall

**MINISTERS OF THE WORD**

**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December:** Marie Byrne  
**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December:** Margaret Roberts

**Like and follow our new official Facebook page - St. Mary Magdalene Church Kilmysall.**

\* Friday 13th of December we are holding a music concert which features Conor Kenny and Luc Power in Kilmysall Community Hall and will be joined by Naomh Caoimhin Music Group. Doors open at 7:30pm, Tickets are €10each, Raffle on the night ,All funds raised for the upkeep of Kilmysall Community Hall  
 Amazing talent , Conor & Luc recently supported the Story of the Dubliners in Wexford opera house!!  
 Tickets are available from Cat Jackman, Angela Redmond, Marie Farrell Dowling and Marianne Jackman.

\* We enjoyed our first Community Morning Get-together on Sunday 24th of November, there was a great buzz around the hall which was great to be apart of, we hope you can join us on Sunday the 15th of December we will be holding a Christmas community get together in Kilmysall Community Hall from 11-1pm refreshments will be available, hot chocolate etc please come along for a relaxing morning get to know your community, board games, cards, colouring pages etc

**PARISH INFORMATION**

**Most Holy Trinity Bunclody**

**V. Rev. Laurence O' Connor P.P. 053 9377319.**

**Weekend Masses:** Saturday: 11:00am & 7:00pm  
 Sunday: 9:00am & 12 Noon

**Weekdays:** Monday - Friday 9:00am.

**Confessions:** Saturday 11:30am & 6:30pm.

**Bank Holidays:** Masses on bank holidays will be held at 09:00am.

**Please inform us if a relative is sick in hospital or at home**

**Bunclody Parish Office Opening Hours:**

**Monday:** 9:00am–1:00pm, **Tuesday:**8:00am– 5:00pm,  
**Wednesday:** 8:00am-4:00pm, **Thursday:** 8:00am-3:00pm,  
**Friday:** 8:00am-12 Noon, **Saturday:** 9:00am–12 Noon.

**Contact:** 053 9376190 **E-mail:** mostholyltrinitypo@gmail.com

**All notices for newsletter to be in before 1:00pm on Wednesday or we can not guarantee inclusion that week.**

**Visit our website at [www.bunclodyparish.org](http://www.bunclodyparish.org)**

**St. Mary Magdalene Kilmysall**

**Fr. Pat Duffy C.C. 053 9377188 / 086 4460232**

**Weekend Masses:** Saturday: 8:00pm & Sunday 10:30am.

**Weekdays:** Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 9:30am  
 Monday & Wednesday 7:30pm

**Confessions :** Saturday 6:30pm to 7:30pm. Anytime by request.  
 Visit our website at [www.kilmysallparish.com](http://www.kilmysallparish.com)

**Kilmysall Parish Office Opening Hours**

**Tuesday:** 8:30am– 4:30pm, **Wednesday:** 8:30am–1:00pm,  
**Friday:** 8:30am–4:30pm

**Email:** [kilmysallparish@gmail.com](mailto:kilmysallparish@gmail.com).

**DESIGNATED SAFE GUARDING PEOPLE**

**Bunclody:** Gertrude Rowlands 087 6847698.  
**Kilmysall:** Mary Mc Keown 086 8973152.