

Weekday Mass Times: Glenisland Church at **7pm** & Islandeady Church at **8pm**.
Weekend Mass Times: Glenisland Church **SAT 7pm** & Islandeady Church **SUN 11am**.

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Remembering in our Masses this week: (Sun 10th Jan – Sun 17th Jan)

Sat 9 th	- For All the People of the Parish/Pro Populo.
Sun 10 th	- Michael & Nora McDonnell & DFM. - Joe Ruddy (10 th Anniv), Derrycoosh & DFM.
Mon 11 th	- No Mass Intentions.
Tues 12 th	- Tommy Walsh, Key West, Derrycoosh (1 st Anniv).
Wed 13 th	- No Mass Intentions.
Thurs 14 th	- No Mass Intentions.
Fri 15 th	- No Mass Intentions.
Sat 16 th	- For All the People of the Parish/Pro Populo.
Sun 17 th	- For All the People of the Parish/Pro Populo.

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People of God ministering / helping in CHURCH next Week: Sat / Sun

Ministry:	Glenisland:	Islandeady:
Mass Servers:	Team 1.	Team 1.
Music:	Anne & Choir.	Nora & Choir.
Readers:		
Ministers of Eucharist:		
Offertory Collectors:		

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- Monday:** Feast of
Tuesday: Feast of
Wednesday: Feast of St. Hilary (315 – 367) Bishop of Potiers.
Thursday: Feast of
Friday: Feast of St. Ita, Virgin.
Saturday: Feast of St. Fursa, Abbot & Missionary.
Sunday: Feast of St. Anthony, Abbot.

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Anyone wishing to have an **Anniversary Mass** should do so in **writing** and place it in the Parochial House, Islandeady or send an **email**. Please provide your name and phone number.

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Many **THANKS** to Ann Barrett for the use of her Marquee for the overflow of people from Islandeady Church during the Christmas Masses. Thanks also to those who assisted with the transportation, construction and removal of the Marquee. Many thanks to all who assisted with cleaning & decorating both churches for the Christmas celebrations. The collaboration of the ushers, ministers of the Word & Eucharist & singing by the Choir helped us to have a safe, meaningful and enjoyable celebration of the Christmas liturgy.

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The Church Rotas for the different Ministries in Islandeady is being finalised for **2021** and will be **posted** out to the different Ministers in the coming weeks.

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St Patrick's Church Islandeady will be **open** each day from **10am** to **7pm**. Over the coming months the wooden doors will remain locked, please use the glass doors.

The **Deadline** for items for inclusion in the Parish Newsletter is **12 noon** each Friday.
 ➤ **Phone** or send a **text message** or leave a **voicemail** to Liam on (087) 1361 895.
 ➤ You can **email** Liam at islandeadyadm@gmail.com

Islandeady-Glenisland Parish Newsletter

St Patrick's Church, Islandeady and the Holy Rosary Church, Glenisland.
Websites: islandeady.ie / glenislandnewsflash.ie / mayo.ie / tuamarchdiocese.org

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Sunday 10 Jan 2021 – **The Baptism of the Lord**



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*And a voice came from heaven;
 "You are my Son,
 the beloved,
 my favour rests on you".*

Priest: Fr Chris Brennan **Mob** (087) 1962 674 **Email:** parishig2017@gmail.com
Newsletter: Liam Keaveney **Mob** (087) 1361 895 **Email:** islandeadyadm@gmail.com

In today's Gospel, Jesus is anointed with the Spirit and his power. He is proclaimed Messiah. He now goes about doing good, working the signs that make him known as the Servant of God. He is the one who brings good news to the poor and tells of salvation. Through our Baptism each one of us is ordered to the life of Christ – Priest, Prophet & King – and the Father looks on us with favour.



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Islandeedy Community Centre is now connected to Vodafone **Superfast WiFi**. This is available to people who live in the community who have poor internet connection. People who are now **working from home (remote working)**, **school/college students** who need to download or email tests etc this is suitable for them. A **small nominal fee** will be charged for **light/heat**. For further info, contact Liam on (087) 1361 895.

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Pastoral visits to the sick and housebound are an important part of Parish life. Anyone who was receiving a pastoral visit by Fr. Chris before the outbreak of the virus & would like to receive the **Sacraments** again needs to contact the Priest & make the necessary arrangements. It is very important that we all take care of each other & that every effort is made to protect public health.

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Many thanks to those who have continued to contribute to the **Church collection** and to **Priest revenue** over the past year. It has been very impressive to see the commitment & dedication that people have shown towards the Parish. If anyone still has envelopes from 2020 they may drop them into the **letter box** of the **Parochial House in Islandeedy or Glenisland**. The weekly envelopes goes towards the **weekly upkeep & care** of both churches in the Parish.



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To mark **Mayo Farmers Month**, Croí invites you to attend a **free virtual webinar on Thursday January 21st at 7pm** to learn more about heart health, stress management and overall health and wellbeing with a panel of local nursing and allied health professional experts. Check out the Croí website at www.croi.ie/farmers for lots of free resources and to register for the free webinar. Or call Croí on 091-544310 to reserve your space.

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In your Prayers you are asked to pray for the following that died recently:

Eileen Rowland (née Graven), Glenhest, Aunt to the Graven Family, Leitir.

Eternal Rest Grant unto her O Lord and may she Rest in Peace, Amen.

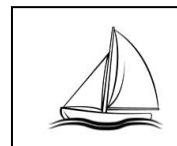


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COVID-19 Support Line for Older People - ALONE has a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to the COVID-19 (Corona virus) pandemic. Professional staff is available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line is **open Monday to Friday, 8am-8pm**, by calling 0818 222 024. Hours may be extended to meet the demand.

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Masses are available on TV RTE News now daily at 10:30am (Saorview 21) & RTE 1 on Sundays at 11am. ETWN 6pm, Sky Channel 588 & Radio Maria daily at 10am, Saorview Radio channel 210. Mass on Midwest Radio every Sun, Wed & Fri mornings at 10am.



A Prayer of Hope



Lord,

You are the wind in my sails,
You guide me as I steer and find direction,
You give me strength to keep on going,
You watch over me as I navigate stormy seas,
You are the harbour where I stop for rest,
You are my encourager when I lose hope,
You are my lighthouse that keeps my path safe,
You are with me always,

Thank-You,

Amen.

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A Prayer for Strength in Difficult Times

A time to be killed, and a time to heal;
A time to break down, and a time to build up;
A time to be born, and a time to die;

A time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which was planted;

A time to weep, and a time to laugh;

A time to mourn, and a time to dance;

A time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together;

A time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;

A time to seek, and a time to lose;

A time to keep, and a time to cast away;

A time to tear, and a time to sew;

A time to keep silent, and a time to speak;

A time to love, and a time to hate;

A time for war, and a time for peace.

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A Prayer of Thanks

Thank you Lord for this very day,

May I glorify you in every way,

Thank you for the food that we eat,

For the clothes on our backs and the shoes on our feet,

Thank you for all the memories of good times,

That brings a smile to my face when they cross my mind,

Thank you for my friends and family,

Even on the days when it tests my sanity,

Thank you for your mercy and grace,

For the joy in my heart that cannot be replaced,

Thank you for your promises and protection,

With you in my life I can triumph over any affliction,

Amen.



While we are all aware of the limitations of the current situation and the risk and danger that C19 continues to present to each and every one of us. None the less life can and must continue even if with limitations. This Christmas will be celebrated in a different way but the essence remains the same, the great gift of God's love for each one of us. Saint Paul tells us, *"that nothing can ever separate us from the love of God"*. Masses will be celebrated in both churches of the parish on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. We will not have the packed churches as in the past, but a limited number of people will be able to enter the churches, the outside speakers will be on and people will be able to follow mass either standing around the church or sitting in their cars. Holy Communion will be distributed to those who will be gathered outside the Churches. Social distancing will be required and all are asked to remain two meters from others. Masks are to be worn. The use of hand sanitizer is required for all entering and leaving the church. The Christmas Crib will be in place but in a simpler form and in a more open space. People are asked not to gather around the crib in groups.

WANTED: Musician(s) to join Padraig Heneghan as an accompanist in the **Islandeady Church Choir**. Padraig has kindly agreed to lead the Choir for the next few months. A keyboard/guitar player would be welcome to join once Masses resume again. If you can **give 30 minutes** of your time **each Sunday**, kindly call Padraig on (087) 2258 012.

The Parish Collection Envelopes are now available. Parishioners are asked to collect their envelopes in the usual way. In an administrative change many numbers have changed so please look for your name and not the number. By making these changes it is hoped that the numbers will remain the same over the coming years. If anyone is new to the Parish and would like to receive a box of envelopes or if anyone has been missed out please make contact with the Priest on 087 1962 674 or email parishig2017@gmail.com

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Are you Thoughtful? Some elderly & housebound parishioners in **Islandeady & Glenisland** have remarked how very much they appreciate it when a neighbour or family member are thoughtful enough to bring them a copy of the weekly **Sunday Bulletin** ... & how much it helps to keep them in touch with life in the parish especially now with the Covid 19 restrictions still ongoing for some in isolation etc. **So... are YOU Thoughtful?**

Church Envelopes are now available for the coming 12 months. They will be available in the Church Porches from this weekend. Please take your box of envelopes & if you see a neighbour one please kindly take it & deliver it to them. If you would like to take a box of envelopes to contribute to the weekly upkeep of our two churches, please let Fr. Chris or James O'Malley know & they will organise.

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Thank you for keeping **catering in St Aidans & the Presbytery simple!** Again please remember these rooms are in a Church setting & for the sake also of minding expensive carpet & chairs ... please NO egg sandwiches, salad sandwiches, cream or jam buns etc. Confine food to biscuits, buns, brack, simple sandwiches or cake that doesn't fall apart! Just use common sense. Remember most people have a mug in one hand and food in the other.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament – (Adoration Times in our Parish)
Glenisland: Monday & Wednesday Nights **7-8pm**.
Islandeady: Sunday & Monday **7-8pm** / Tuesday **7-8pm**, Thursday Night **8-9pm**.

The Pastoral Council wish to remind all local groups & charitable organisations that for 2020 all **Church Gate Collections** held in Glenisland & Islandeady Churches must be held **OUTSIDE** the Church Gates as per conditions of the permit & **NOT** inside at the Church Doors. There will be no exception to this.

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For **catering** in the Presbytery & St Aidans – on occasions of Weddings, Funerals, Anniv & Months Mind – nice customs emerged whereby **neighbours** offer to help out OR **a family** can make their own arrangement for catering ... OR members of the **Pastoral Council** kindly step in to organise ... OR ... just thoughtful **kind parishioners** from any **village** offer to help out. **Thank you** for keeping this nice custom alive in our Parish, it is nicely remarked on by people *'within'* & visitors *'outside'* our Parish.

New Singers & Musicians of ALL ages are always **WELCOME** to join either Glenisland or Islandeady church choir each weekend to uplift our Spirits – please let Nora or Ann know that you would like to join to use & share your **TALENTS...!!** & **THANKS** Nora & Ann for organising the choir every weekend

5 Special Requests from the Priest....

- 1) **Readers:** 5 mins before Mass please pop into Sacristy & let priest know YOU are reading today.
- 2) **Ministers of Eucharist:** Please sit in **front** seat with your family or the other Minister so that priest sees/knows there's help for Communion.
- 3) **For Offertory Collection** please take baskets from outside of seat & move baskets towards the back & hand it to Collector (or mass server).
- 4) In the event there aren't enough mass servers, please take a newsletter which will be already placed in the holders at each of the 3 doors in Islandeady Church.
- 5) Prayer Cards are available in church seats; please use them to assist you saying the prayers during mass.

All **Islandeady/Glenisland news items** are available in the weekly newspapers the 'Mayo News' & 'Connaught Telegraph', the Church Newsletter, everything will be on the Facebook page *Whats on in Islandeady* & on the Community website www.islandeady.ie

A Parish Prayer

Lord, bless our parish community at this difficult time.

Give me patience with myself and others so that I will not make these times any more difficult than they already are.

Grant me the ability to acknowledge my fears so that I will not hide from acting in a responsible manner.

Give me courage to overcome any selfishness that hinders any concern for others.

Grant me the grace to reach out to others by safe means and in a helpful way.

Give me courage when I am feeling lonely and the knowledge that isolation is a good thing for now and that I am never fully alone.

Grant me the gifts of kindness, patience and love.

Give me your blessing: in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, Amen.



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Footprints in the Sand

One night I dreamed I was walking along the beach with the Lord.

Many scenes from my life flashed across the sky.

In each scene I noticed footprints in the sand.

Sometimes there were two sets of footprints,

Other times there was one only.

This bothered me because I noticed that during the low periods of my life,

When I was suffering from anguish, sorrow or defeat,

I could see only one set of footprints,

So I said to the Lord:

“You promised me Lord, that if I followed you,

You would walk with me always.

But I have noticed that during the most trying periods of my life

There has only been one set of footprints in the sand.

Why, when I needed you most, have you not been there for me?”

The Lord replied:

The times when you have seen only one set of footprints,

My child, is when I carried **YOU**”.

Local Link Mayo currently provide a grocery & essential supplies collect & deliver to the elderly, vulnerable & cocooning as well as providing essential travel for shopping and work. Local Link have repurposed during Covid-19 & as we move from one phase to the next of the Government roadmap for reopening society & business we aim to provide as much support to individuals and community organisations through current services. To avail of the service contact (094) 90 05150, email mayo@locallink.ie or text 086 029 3278.

Remember Me

Speak of me as you have always done,

Remember all the good times, the laughter & fun.

Share the happy memories we've made,

Do not let them wither or fade.

I'll be with you in the summer's sun,

and when the winter's chill has come.

I'll be the voice that whispers in the breeze,

I'm peaceful now, put your mind at ease.

I've rested my eyes and gone to sleep,

but memories we've shared are yours to keep.

Sometimes our final days may be a test,

but remember me when I was at my best.

Although things may not be the same,

don't be afraid to use my name.

Let your sorrow last for just a while,

Comfort each other and try to smile.

I've lived a life filled with Joy and Fun,

Live on now & make me proud of what you'll become.