

**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 25<sup>th</sup> Dec – Sun 01<sup>st</sup> Jan)

Sat 24 <sup>th</sup>	<p><b>7pm Glenisland:</b> Christmas Eve Mass remembering those not with us at X-Mas.          - James Conway &amp; DM of Conway, O'Malley &amp; McTigue Family.          - Christy Geraghty, parents Mike &amp; Mary, sister Tella &amp; brothers Dick, Jack &amp; Tom.</p> <p><b>9pm Islandeady:</b> Christmas Eve Mass remembering those not with us at X-Mas.          - Tom &amp; Gretta Devaney &amp; Derek Hunt &amp; DFM.          - Tom &amp; Maudie Murphy &amp; DFM, Sheeaune.          Mary &amp; Patrick McGuire, sons Joe &amp; Sean &amp; daughter Mary, son in law Gabriel Barrett &amp; DM of McGuire &amp; Barrett Family.</p>
Sun 25 <sup>th</sup>	<p>- <b>10am Glenisland:</b> Christmas Morning Mass for All the People of the Parish.          - <b>11am Islandeady:</b> Christmas Morning Mass for All the People of the Parish.</p>
Mon 26 <sup>th</sup>	- No Mass Intentions.
Tues 27 <sup>th</sup>	- No Mass Intentions.
Wed 28 <sup>th</sup>	- No Mass Intentions.
Thurs 29 <sup>th</sup>	- <b>7pm Islandeady:</b> Bridie & Paul Joyce, Keelogues.
Fri 30 <sup>th</sup>	- No Mass Intentions.
Sat 31 <sup>st</sup>	- Maureen, Agnes & Ashling McLoughlin.
Sun 01 <sup>st</sup>	<p>- Patsy O'Flaherty (16<sup>th</sup> Anniv), Carrowbeg.          - Bridie &amp; Alfred Sammon.          - John &amp; Bridie Sammon, son Jackie &amp; DFM.</p>

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**People of God ministering / helping in CHURCH next Week: Sat/Sun 31<sup>st</sup> Dec /01<sup>st</sup> Jan**

Ministry:	Glenisland:	Islandeady:
Music:	Anne & Choir.	Choir.
Readers:	Leslie McNicholas	Breege Carney. (Pg. 137)
Ministers of Eucharist:	John	R. Moylette, J. O'Malley, Jos. O'Malley.

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- Monday:** Feast of St. Stephen, First Martyr.  
**Tuesday:** Feast of St. John, Apostle.  
**Wednesday:** Feast of the Holy Innocents, Martyrs.  
**Thursday:** Feast of St. Thomas Becket, Bishop & Martyr.  
**Friday:** Feast of the Holy Family.  
**Saturday:** Feast of St. Sylvester, Pope.  
**Sunday:** Feast of Mary, the Holy Mother of God.

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**Elaine** is now taking bookings for January for the Infant Massage Classes & Holistic Therapies at **"elainestouch"**. Contact Elaine on (087) 6416130 for further details.

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To book an **Anniversary Mass** please email Fr Chris at [parishig2017@gmail.com](mailto:parishig2017@gmail.com) or contact him at (087) 1962 674. Please also provide your name and phone number.

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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](mailto:islandeadyadm@gmail.com)

# Islandeady-Glenisland Parish Newsletter

**St Patrick's Church, Islandeady and the Holy Rosary Church, Glenisland.**  
**Websites:** [islandeady.ie](http://islandeady.ie) / [glenislandnewsflash.ie](http://glenislandnewsflash.ie) / [mayo.ie](http://mayo.ie) / [tuamarchdiocese.org](http://tuamarchdiocese.org)

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Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> December 2022 – **Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ**



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*I bring you news of great joy:  
 Today a saviour has been born to us,  
 Christ the Lord.  
 Alleluia!*

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In today's readings we are told a light will shine on us this day, the Lord is born for us and he shall be called Wonderful God, Prince of Peace, Father of the world to come; and his kingship will never end. Let us all rejoice, for our saviour is born to the world and true peace has descended from heaven.



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**Pastoral visits** to the **sick** and **housebound** are an important part of parish life. Anyone who would like to receive a pastoral visit by Fr. Chris to receive the **Sacraments** again needs to contact the Priest by **phone** or **email** & make the necessary arrangements.

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**Drawings & Plans** for the new Community Centre are still **on display** in **St. Aidan's** – **pop in anytime** your passing to view what is planned for the **future of Islandeady**.

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Please **remember** in **prayer** all from the **Parish** who are in hospital at this time of year, those waiting for test results, those waiting for operations & procedures. Remember those in Nursing Homes or living alone in their own homes and all those who selflessly care for them.

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**Many THANKS** to everyone who supported the recent **Islandeady Community Council & Islandeady GAA** launch night for their joint fundraising event "**Islandeady Lip Sync Legends Battle**" last weekend in Marty's Halfway House. This joint fundraiser is undertaken by both organisations to assist with developing our sporting & community facilities in Islandeady. All support is needed over the next few months before the "battle" on **Sat 18<sup>th</sup> March 2023** in the **Dome Suite** in the **Castlecourt Hotel**.

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In your **Prayers** you are asked to remember the following who died recently:  
- **John Joyce**, Moate, Co. Westmeath & Glenisland, brother of Martin Joyce.  
- **Mae Gibbons**, Cloonkeen, mother of Marie Heneghan, Cloonkeen.  
- **Marie Burke**, Ballyglass, mother of Senator Paddy Burke, Annagh.  
Eternal Rest Grant unto them, O Lord, may they Rest in Peace, Amen.

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The **Christmas Collection** for the **Priest** takes place at **all masses this Weekend**. It is the **purple envelope** in your box. Please be as generous as you can afford to be & Fr. Chris is extremely grateful for your **continued generosity & support**.

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**Adoration** of the **Blessed Sacrament** for the month of **December** will continue on the following nights: **Sunday** 7-8pm / **Monday** 7-8pm / **Thursday** 8-9pm. **All Welcome**.

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**Sincere THANKS** to Elaine & all the children who took part in the **Choir Practice** for the recent **Children's Christmas Liturgy**. It was a fantastic evening of wonderful music & singing a credit to everyone involved. Hopefully the start of something regular for a Sun morning..?

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You can now play the **Islandeady GAA Lotto Online**!!! Go to:

<https://smartlotto.ie/islandeady-gaa/> **No Winner** from the last online draw.

The next Draw takes place after Christmas. The Jackpot will be **€8,200**.

**The Lucky Dip Prize winners:** Ursula Nolan & Darragh Joyce.



If you want to **work off** some of the **Christmas Dinner**, why not participate in the **Annual St. Stephens Day Walk** on this **Monday 26<sup>th</sup> Dec** at **2pm** at the **Key West**. The chosen beneficiaries this year is Islandeady LGFA Club.

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The Islandeady Village Enhancement Group has been busy lately talking with the TII, Mayo County Council Roads Section & WillsBam about the state of the top of the Islandeady Road (the L1811). The intention is to leave the approach (entrance) at the top of the road the way it currently is with a post & rail timber fence either side, and the field that was heaped with earth at the top of the road will remain as it is, obscuring the view down into Islandeady. It is the intention of the Community Council to challenge the response it received from the Road Section of Mayo County Council. We will be holding a community meeting in early January and everyone is invited if you wish to voice concern/opinion about the way & manner the top of the Islandeady Road is being left & unless we **ACT NOW**, it will be left like this...!!

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### Christmas Reflection

Lord,

As we celebrate another Christmas,  
help us to live each moment gratefully.

May we have the faith to trust in the gifts you have given us,  
may we have the hope that overcomes the dark thoughts  
that sometimes cloud our vision.

May we have the love that makes our world a better place.

We make this prayer through Jesus our brother,  
born for us again in Bethlehem.

Amen.

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### **Missing You At Christmas**

*Every day without you*

*since you had to go,*

*Is like summer without sunshine*

*and winter without snow.*

*I wish that I could talk to you*

*there is so much I would say,*

*life has changed so very much*

*since you went away.*

*I miss the bond between us*

*and I miss your kind support,*

*You're in my mind and in my heart*

*and every Christmas thought.*

*I'll always feel you close to me*

*and though your far from sight,*

*I'll search for you among the stars*

*that shine on Christmas night.*

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**Fr. Chris & The Pastoral Council** want to wish **All Parishioners** a **Healthy & Peaceful** Christmas spent in the company of families & loved ones. Everyone is encouraged to **keep safe & be mindful** of others on our roads or who are feeling lonely this time of year. **The Church** will be open to all who wish to **pop in anytime**, light a candle & pray quietly for their family or for the sick or for the dearly departed members of your family.