

Church of the Immaculate Heart of Mary

Bonniconlon, Ballina, Co. Mayo

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT/B
24th December, 2023

Fr. John Geelan PP.

Fourth Week of Advent

4th Candle - White – “Christ Candle”



Jesus is the spotless lamb of God, sent to wash away our sins! His birth was for his death; his death was for our birth!

Prayer for Vocations

Lord, you know our needs and you read our hearts. You stir our souls and bless our journey. Grant, we pray, an open ear and an open heart to some amongst us, that they might serve you and your church as priests in the Diocese of Achonry. Amen

Bonniconlon Lotto Results



16th December 2023

Numbers Drawn

6 7 28 29

New Jackpot €8,450

5 x €40 prize winners were as follows:

1. Nicholas Foody, Wetport. (online)
2. Padraic Tolan, Kilkenny. (online)
3. Kaidan & Theo, c/o Tom Kelly.
4. Philomena Mullarkey, Glenree.
5. Isabelle, Hannah & James Glacken, Kilgarvin. (online)

Next draw 23rd December, 2023.

Play online: Visit www.bonniconlongaa.com

Mass Intentions

Saturday	8.00pm	Anthony & Elizabeth Foy and their son Vincent, Ellaghmore.
Sunday	10.30am	Ita Judge, Carracrum and deceased of the Judge & Battle families.
	8.00pm	Mass of Christmas Eve .
Monday	10.00am	Christmas Day: Special Intention.
Tuesday	10.00am	Michael Feehan and the deceased of the Feehan & O'Callaghan families.
Wednesday	10.00am	Martin, Paddy, Mary and Cathal Boyd, Carracrum.
Thursday	10.00am	Padraig Loftus, Carralavin. (4th Anniversary)
Friday	10.00am	Willie & Bridget Fox, Bofield
Saturday	10.00am	Paddy, Mary & Teresa Greavy, Kilgarvin & deceased of the family.
	8.00pm	Kathleen & Billy Judge, Carracrum and their son Charlie.
Sunday	10.30am	Michael & Martina Kelly and their grandson Simon Duffy

Roster for 30th & 31st December, 2023

	Christmas Day	Saturday 8.00pm	Sunday 10.30am
Readers:	Colin Highfield 1st Reading Sandra Weir 2nd Reading	Donal Tuohy	Breege Hennigan
Eucharistic Ministers:	Maureen McShane Eamon Hennigan Evelyn Dempsey	Bernadette M Judge Kay Devine	Peggy Rafter Maureen McShane Annette Ruane

All Servers Welcome

Recent Deaths: Your Prayers are requested for the happy repose of the souls of **Eugene Foy**, Bradford, Yorkshire, UK and formerly of Bonniconlon and **Frances Melvin**, Leeds sister of Teresa Loftus, Carralavin who was laid to rest during the week and **Bernard Sykes** who was laid to rest last week May they rest in peace.

CE Vacancy: A vacancy has arisen on the Bofield/Bonniconlon Community Employment Scheme for a **Parish Secretary** (Bonniconlon Area) Ref: 2309584. DSP criteria applies. To check eligibility contact In-treo Office, Ballina.

Bonniconlon GAA: Bonniconlon GAA are holding their annual charity 5k walk and football match on St Stephens day starting at 12pm. Proceeds this year will go to Mayo Cancer Support/Rock Rose House. Refreshments will be served and all support welcome.

The Meaning of the Christmas Crib.



In the year 1220 St. Francis of Assisi visited Bethlehem. He liked the way Christmas was celebrated there so much, that he asked the Pope for permission to recreate it in his own Italian village. He built a manger in a cave. In it he placed a stone image of the Baby Jesus. He surrounded the manger with real animals, then he said Mass. The people found it so moving, they said it felt like you were there at the actual birth of Jesus. Before long wooden nativity scenes were displayed in Churches and homes across Europe. Today they continue to be popular as a way of reminding us what Christmas is really about - the birth of *Jesus*.

Pioneers around the world are invited to attend Mass next Wednesday 27th December and to prayerfully mark the 125th anniversary of the foundation of the Association in 1898. Mass and prayers will be live-streamed on that day at 10am (Irish time) around the world via www.pioneerassociation.org.

A Spiritual Thought



During this Christmas season, may you be blessed with the spirit of the season which is peace; The gladness of the season which is hope; And the heart of the season which is love.