

**MASS INTENTIONS**  
(Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> January to Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2024)

**MYNA CHURCH**

- SUN 11.30am** Brendan Smyth (A), Drumhooskert and deceased members of Smyth and Coleman families.  
John Moore (A), Buckfield.  
Liam and Margaret Sammon and deceased family members, Ross.  
Mary O'Malley (A), Seapoint House, Claggan and deceased family members
- WED 9.30am** Mass.
- FRI 8.00pm.** John Thomas Feehan and deceased family members, Buckfield.
- SUN 11.30am** Marie and Gerry McDonagh and deceased family members, Cloonkeen.  
Nancy and Mike Staunton and deceased family members, Rosssduane.  
Nellie and Thomas McLoughlin and deceased family members, Shandrim.  
Paddy and Nellie O'Malley and deceased family members, Roscahill Point.

**FAHY CHURCH**

- SAT 7.00pm.** Mass.
- TUE 8.00pm.** Mass.
- THU 9.30am.** Mass.
- SAT 7.00pm.** Mass.

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**MINISTERS OF THE WORD:**

- Myna Church:** -  
Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> Jan – Richie Gill. Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> Jan – Shane Durkan  
**Fahy Church:** -  
Sat 6<sup>th</sup> Jan – Ann Marie Hughes. Sat 13<sup>th</sup> Jan – Carmel Keane

**JANUARY 2024 CHURCH OFFERTORY COLLECTORS:**

- Myna - Hugh Feehan and Pat Mulchrone.  
Fahy - John Cusack.

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**GROW IN LOVE:**

The next celebration of the First Holy Communion programme "Grow in Love" will be next week end 13<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup> January.

**KILMEENA - FAHY PARISH**

***NEWSLETTER***

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2024

**Feast of the Baptism of the Lord.**



Jesus was baptised by John the Baptist in the river Jordan. The heavens were torn open and the Spirit, like a dove, descended on him. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you'.

Fr. Jim Walsh, P.P.

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**PARISH NEWS:**

**THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD:**

St. Maximus of Turin in the fourth century set the birth and baptism of the Lord side by side as equal reasons for joy: He said 'At Christmas, Christ's mother, Mary, held him close to her heart. Today, God the Father embraces Christ'. This feast is a continuation of the Epiphany and the conclusion of the Christmas season. The Baptism is also an epiphany, a revelation of Christ's divine nature.

Jesus entered the river of life to associate with all sinners and set them at rights with God. What happened on that day at the Jordan river may be understood as the divine call to Jesus to commence his mission.

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**ORDINARY TIME THROUGH THE YEAR:**

'Ordinary Time Through the Year' begins on Monday. During this season of the Church's calendar no particular aspect of the mystery of Christ is celebrated.

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**FEASTS OF THE WEEK:**

**Friday: St. Hilary, bishop and doctor of the church (315-367).** He was bishop of Potiers and strongly opposed the Arian heresy. He was a distinguished theologian who wrote about the Trinity.

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**CHRISTIAN UNITY WEEK (18<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> January):**

The biblical text chosen by the Christian churches of Burkina Faso in West Africa for this year is the parable of the Good Samaritan – "You shall love the Lord your God – and your neighbour as yourself! (Luke 10.27).

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**PRIESTS' CHRISTMAS COLLECTION:**

The envelope for the Priests' Christmas Collection is the Christmas Day envelope in your box of Sunday envelopes. The collection at Christmas, Easter, Summer and Autumn are the only collections used to support the priests. All house owners and wage earners are expected to contribute.

Should you wish to pay on-line, the Priests' Revenue account - (iban IE95AIBK93716917205014). Please remember to include your name and envelope number.

**ORDINATION TO DIACONATE IN ST. MARY'S CHURCH**

The ordination of Mark Moran, Castlebar to the diaconate will take place in St. Mary's Church, Westport on this Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup> January at 3.00pm. Archbishop Francis Duffy will perform the ceremony. Mark will be ordained to the priesthood next summer for Tuam archdiocese. Everyone welcome.

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**THE POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR JANUARY**

We pray that the Holy Spirit helps us recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community, and to discover the richness of different ritual traditions in the heart of the Catholic Church.

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**Baptism:**

We welcome Adam James Nolan, Rosmindle into God's family and our parish community. Congratulations to his parents, Jonathan and Sarah (Joyce), his godparents and family and we wish them every blessing for the future.

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**KILMEENA CEMETERY COMMITTEE** will hold a church gate collection on this Sunday, 7th January. Please support.

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**THE LITURGICAL YEAR**

In the Liturgical Year the Church celebrates the whole mystery of Christ from the incarnation until the day of Pentecost and the expectation of Christ's second coming. The summit of the Liturgical Year is the Easter Triduum from the evening of Holy Thursday to the evening of Easter Sunday. The presence of the Risen Christ permeates the entire Liturgical Year – Advent, The Christmas Season, Lent, the Easter Season and Ordinary Time.

**RECENT DEATHS:**

Please remember in your prayers: -  
Oliver Everett, Oxford, UK (father of Kate McManus, Rossinrubble).  
Nancy McGuire, Castlegar and late of Clynish Island (sister of Margaret Golden, Carrowholly).  
Pauline O'Kelly, Ballinrobe Road, Westport and Roscahill.  
Trena Kelly, Sheeaune, Westport.

**MAY THEY REST IN PEACE**