



Crucifixion Window, Doolin

THE PARISH OF

LISDOONVARNA and KILSHANNY

Serving the Churches of

Corpus Christi, Lisdoonvarna; St. Augustine, Kilshanny; Holy Rosary, Doolin; and Our Lady of Lourdes, Toovahera.
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Christ the Universal King, 20th November 2011

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Newsletter Items
before 6.00pm Wednesdays to
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Mass Times
Sunday Mass:
Toovahera Church
Vigil Mass Saturday 5.00pm
Kilshanny Church
Vigil Mass Saturday 7.00pm

Doolin Church
Sunday 10.00am
Lisdoonvarna Church
Sunday 11.30am

Weekday Mass:
Lisdoonvarna Church
Monday 7.00pm
Tuesday 10.00am
Thursday 7.00pm
Friday 10.00am

Confession: After all weekday
Masses, or at any time by request.

Eucharistic Adoration
Monday and Wednesday
6.00pm to 7.00pm
in Lisdoonvarna Church.
Rosary at 6.00pm.

**Solemn Benediction
of the Most Blessed Sacrament**
Mondays at 6.50pm

Vocations corner...
"His calling is a declaration of
love. Your response is
commitment, friendship, and love
manifested in the gift of your own
life as a definitive following and as
a permanent sharing in his mission
and in his consecrations."
~ Blessed John Paul II speaking on
vocation. If you think Jesus might
be calling you to closely follow
him and would like more
information please contact Father
Conor anytime.

**Holy Hour to pray for priests and
for vocations**, hosted by the parish
branch of the St. Joseph's Young
Priests Society: third Wednesday of
every month from 6.00pm to
7.00pm in Lisdoonvarna Church.

**Supporting your
Church:**
Sunday 13th
November
Offertory: €1,095.



Sincerest thanks for
all you contribute to support the
life and missions of our parish!

Special Intentions for Holy Mass

Our faith teaches us that having Mass offered for our
beloved departed, especially on their anniversaries and
in the weeks after their death, is a way of expressing our
ongoing love for them. It is also a clear witness to our
faith in the power of Jesus' passion, death and
resurrection to heal them from sin, liberate them from
the grave, and raise them up whole and transfigured for
holy and eternal communion with the Blessed Trinity, Our
Lady, the saints and angels in the joy of heaven. This
power becomes present before us on the altar of every
Holy Mass.

Toovahera

Saturday 19th 5.00pm

Patrick and Margaret O'Loughlin,
Cahercloggan (A)

Saturday 26th 5.00pm

Josie McMahon and deceased of family,
Ballycannoe (A)

Kilshanny

Saturday 19th 7.00pm

Martin and Aggie O'Neill, Ballingaddy (A)
Michael and Susan Russell (A)

and Tom, Mary, Eileen and Kate (RIP)
Dan and Mary O'Leary, Ballymacraven (A)

Saturday 26th 7.00pm

Mary O'Leary, Caheramore (A)
Kathleen Thynne (A)

Doolin

Sunday 20th 10.00am

Peter and Mary O'Leary, Cronogort (A)
Anne Lowry, Scariff (A)

Thady Tierney and deceased of family, Ballyreen (A)
Patrick Sweeney, Doonagore (A)

Sunday 27th 10.00am

Delia McCarthy, Luogh (A)
Doll O'Connor, Fisher Street (A)

Lisdoonvarna

Sunday 20th 11.30pm

Nan Donnellan, Kilmoon (A)
Teresa Kelly, Tivoli Terrace (A)

Denny and Sue O'Loughlin
and deceased of Danaher family (A)

Thursday 24th November 8.00pm

in **Mary Immaculate Secondary School**
Mass for all deceased pupils and staff of
Mary Immaculate Secondary School

Sunday 27th 11.30am

Bridie and Tommy McNamara, Sunnysbank (A)
Micko Joe and Kathleen Considine,
Poulnagun (A)

Schedule Change: There will be not be 7.00pm Mass
in Lisdoonvarna this Thursday 24th. Instead, a Mass
for deceased pupils and staff of Mary Immaculate
Secondary School, Lisdoonvarna, will be celebrated
in the school hall at 8.00pm on that evening. Family
members, relatives, friends and all parishioners and
visitors are very, very welcome to participate.

Families gathered for memorial Masses are asked to review
the weekly parish memorial list in advance and come to the
sacristy before Mass if there are any errors or omissions.
Family members are also encouraged to volunteer to bring
the bread and wine to the altar at the offertory of the Mass.

From the Pastor's Desk...

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The Word of God this Sunday, the final
Sunday of the Church's year, invites us to
enthrone Jesus as the only real and true
King of our lives.



The Gospel this week brings
the good news that Jesus Christ will
come again, this time in the
splendour of his glory, to reign
eternally with all those who strived for
truth, goodness and beauty in this
earthly life, and with all who reached
out in brotherly love and compassion
to all in need.

In the second reading Saint
Paul reminds us that the dawning of
God's reign is currently under way,
that the risen Jesus is right now
conquering all sin, suffering, pain and death, and that he
will one day bring this good work to its final and perfect
fulfilment.

In the first reading the prophet Ezekiel teaches us
that God's reign is different than that of earthly rulers.
God governs as a shepherd tends to his sheep, guarding
them, rescuing them, bringing back the stray, bandaging
the wounded, and making the weak strong. He is the true
Shepherd, and we pray for our souls to be graced with
recognising and responding to his voice alone, above all
this world's countless and insistent noises.

Special Prayer Intentions this week...

The Pope's General Intention for November: That the
Eastern Catholic Churches and their venerable traditions
may be known and esteemed as a spiritual treasure for
the whole Church.

The Pope's Missionary Intention for November: That the
African continent may find strength in Christ to pursue
justice and reconciliation as set forth by the second
Synod of African Bishops.

Our parish's intention for this week: That we would all
welcome Christ the King into our lives that he would be
enthroned king of our hearts.

Father Conor's intention for this week: That as the new
Church year closes we would entrust our past to God's
mercy, our present to his love, and our future to his
providence.

Saints this week...

Tuesday 22nd: Saint Cecilia (3rd century), a young
Christian martyr known for her praise of God in music and
song, now patron saint of Church musicians.

Wednesday 23rd: Saint Columban (543?-615), co-patron
of Ireland, was a great Irish missionary evangelising on the
continent of Europe, winning respect for his holiness and
preaching.

**Thursday 24th: St. Andrew Dung-Lac and Companions
(1207-1231)**, St. Andrew was one of 117 people
martyred in Vietnam between the years 1820 and 1862.
Severe persecutions were launched three times, during
which between 100,000 and 300,000 Catholics were killed
or subjected to great hardship.

Friday 25th: St. Catherine of Alexandria (1769-1852), a
young woman who after converting to Christianity
debated with fifty pagan philosophers, after which they
became Christians.

Saintly Reflection: Perhaps this week we might imitate
Saint Cecilia by deepening our prayer through song and
music?

Feast of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

This Monday, November 21st, we celebrate
the feast of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin
Mary. The feast is associated with an event
recounted in the apocryphal Gospels, those not
officially in the canon of Scripture, but giving rise to
much of our extra-scriptural traditions. In these
gospels it is recorded that Mary's
parents, Joachim and Anne, who had been
childless, received a heavenly message that they
would bear a child.

In thanksgiving for the gift of their daughter,
and in fulfilment of a vow, they brought her, at three
years old, to the Temple in Jerusalem to consecrate
her to God. The feast is celebrated by the Roman
Catholic, Eastern Catholic and Orthodox Churches.
In the East the feast is called the Entry of the Most
Holy Theotokos (God-Bearer) into the Temple.



Supporting your local Church - Parish Giving Envelopes

The box of envelopes for Church giving are currently
being prepared for the new year. If you have not had this
box in the past I would warmly encourage you to
participate in this aid to planned giving - it really is a
crucial aid to the support of your parish. If you would like
to be included this year for the first time please contact
Mary Mooney, our parish clerk, who will arrange to have a
box prepared for you and your household.

**We continue our season of special prayer for our beloved departed
throughout November.** Our prayers for those who are still being purified
for heaven are as valuable to them as the prayers of the saints in
heaven are for us.

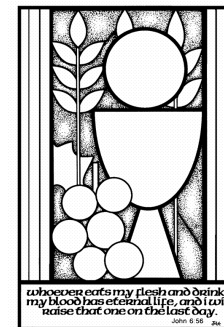
I hope to have Mass next week to remember and intercede
especially for every parishioner whose funeral took place here in the
parish since last November. If there are any errors or accidental
omissions in the list below please let me know before this Wednesday.
Let us continue to remember them all by name in our prayers, especially
throughout November. May they rest in peace.

Kilshanny

John Cullinan
Sean Crehan
May Williams
PJ Considine

Doolin

Delia McCarthy
William Scales
Michael McCarthy
Martin Shannon
William Moloney
Mary Ellen Curtin
Tim Nagle
Tom Fitzgerald
Pat Linnane



Whoever eats my flesh and drinks
my blood has eternal life, and I will
raise that one on the last day.

Having Mass offered for the deceased and for your special intentions

Having Mass offered for our beloved departed is our most
powerful help for poor souls being prepared for heaven.
Having Mass offered for each other and our special
intentions is a way of linking our prayer very closely with
the power of Jesus' passion, death and resurrection on the
altar during Holy Mass. There is absolutely no 'charge' or
'price' for asking for this kind of prayer. If any offerings are
freely given they are meant to be a sign of the sacrificial,
self-emptying quality of our prayer, and as a practical
support to priestly ministry. Such offerings are carefully
governed by the Church's law, and signed cards may
never be sold in shops under any circumstances. A priest
may retain only one such offering per day towards his
sustenance and his ministry expenses. The surplus is either
entrusted to the bishop for the care of elderly or sick
priests, or else sent to support the ministry of poor priests in
developing countries who will offer the Mass for the
intention associated with the offering.

As this is a 'one priest parish' it can sometimes be
difficult to find me at home. I have therefore asked our
parish clerk to be my delegate for receiving and recording
these intentions and any associated offerings. Accordingly I have also
given her authority to sign Mass cards and bouquets in my name. I am
also happy to sign cards myself anytime in the sacristy after each Mass. I
hope this will be a convenience for those who wish to have Mass offered
for the dead and for your various intentions.



News for Singers and Musicians

The music ministries of Lisdoonvarna, Kilshanny
and Doolin are seeking new members, men and
women, young and less young! Contact me for
more details of practice times and choir directors'
contact details.

Instrumental musicians, of all ages, are
also sought to offer their talents to God and his
people at Mass. A slow Irish air, for example, can
be a wonderful aid to prayer and meditation at
the offertory and in thanksgiving after
communion. Please contact me if you're
interested in getting involved and we'll explore
how best to integrate your gifts with the talents of
our parish choirs.



"To sing your prayer is to
have prayed twice as well."

Saint Augustine

New Votive Candle Stands

have now been placed in
all four of our Churches. Lighting a real wax candle is
an ancient, earthy, powerful and comforting outward
gesture of interior prayer and spiritual sacrifice. The
new votive candles are easier to manage, smokeless,
Irish-made, environmentally friendly and much better
from a safety and insurance point of view. The
suggested offering is 50c per candle, though of
course this is not a 'price' - people are invited only to
contribute whatever they can afford. All offerings are used for
charitable purposes only, and the boxes are emptied twice per day as a
security measure.



Good homes wanted for three roosters

Three handsome young roosters, hatched here in
the rectory under real moms, are now keen to set
up home with their own hens. Two are cross-bred
bantams, one light grey and one glossy black,
and the other is a large cross-bred Brahma-
Maran. I'd be delighted if anyone could help me
find them new homes. Just give me a call!



Relying on your prayers and assuring you of mine,

Conor

Community Announcements...

Burren Players Drama Group are holding auditions for
their forthcoming play this Monday 21st November at
8.30pm in the Roadside Tavern. All are welcome!

Saint Enda's Social Services is meeting at Mary Mooney's house on
Tuesday November 22nd at 8.30pm.

The Alzheimer Society Clare Branch is having a cake sale on Saturday
3rd December in St Anthony's Hall Francis Street in Ennis (next to the
Friary) from 10.00am-3.00pm. Children can have photos taken with
Santa, free face painting, name the reindeer game, raffle etc. Your
support would be much appreciated!

Kilshanny House Hospice Fundraiser: Kilshanny house
have been in touch to say a most sincere thank you to all
who raised a cup and 'raised the bar' in supporting
Ireland's Biggest Coffee Morning in aid of Cahercalla
Hospice. The total amount donated to this very worthy
fund was €305. Well done to all involved.



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**Parish of
Lisdoonvarna and Kilshanny**

The Parish Facebook Page can be found at 'Parish of Lisdoonvarna and
Kilshanny' and contains each week's parish newsletter along with other
bits and pieces of interest. Relatives and friends abroad might be glad
to keep in touch in that way if you let them know!

Have you community news to share?

All suggestions for inclusion in the parish
newsletter, items of a community-building,
sporting, voluntary, and non-commercial
nature, should be sent to **news@lisdoon.ie**
before deadline of 6.00pm on Wednesdays.

