



Jesus and Mary Window, Toovahera

THE PARISH OF

LISDOONVARNA and KILSHANNY

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Corpus Christi, Lisdoonvarna; St. Augustine, Kilshanny; Holy Rosary, Doolin; and Our Lady of Lourdes, Toovahera.

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2nd Sunday of Advent, 4th December 2011

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 3rd 5.00pm

Paddy and Margaret O'Neill, Toovahera and Baby Kate O'Brien (A)

Denis Hogan, St. Brendan's Road (A)

Saturday 10th 5.00pm

Margaret Commane, Aughiska (A)

Kilshanny

Saturday 3rd 7.00pm

Kitty Barry and deceased of family, Liscannor (A)

Saturday 10th 7.00pm

May, Stephen and Margaret Kelly, Carroweragh (A)

Doolin

Sunday 4th 10.00am

Micko and Baby Fitzgerald, Castlefield (A)

John Flaherty, Glasha (A)

John, Bridget and JP Kerin, Coogyulla (A)

Baby Leon Moloney-O'Connor, Doolin (A)

Thursday 8th 7.00pm

Jack Greene, Roadford (A)

Colm, Brid, Padraic and Bridie Quinn, Tiernee (A)

Sunday 11th 10.00am

Thomas O'Connor, Boherbui, Doolin (A)

Helen Naughton (née O'Loughlen), Clonmel (A)

Martin, Mary-Anne and Anne Doherty, Ballyvara (A)

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Sunday 4th 11.30am

Tony O'Connell, Cloghaun (Month's Mind)

Eva Davoren, Atlantic Drive (First A)

Maura Davoren, Ballycannoe North (A)

Michael Guthrie (A)

Monday 5th 7.00pm

Michael, Susan and Nancy Hawes (A)

Rita Linnane (A)

Thursday 8th 11.30am

Deceased of Hillary family, Caherbarna (A)

Deceased of O'Sullivan family, Co. Kerry (A)

Deceased of O'Brien family, Doolin (A)

Sunday 11th 11.30am

Batt, Mary and Tommy Kelly, Slievenagry (A)



We also pray for **Paddy Fitzgerald** who died this week, late of Ennis, and brother-in-law of our parishioner Peg Mooney. May he see the joy of heaven.

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 second Sunday of Advent, helps us to prepare the way for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ this Christmas.

In the first reading the prophet Isaiah foretells the cry of John the Baptist announcing a time of joyful preparation, where all obstacles to Jesus will be removed so that God may come close to embrace his people.

After we sing of the mercy and faithfulness of God in the psalm, Saint Peter, in the second reading, tells us that although God is patient with us as we struggle to break free from sin, that we should urgently accept his grace to become holy and pure right now in the present moment. We should not put on the long finger the very thing we are created for, which is holy unity with God.

In the Gospel the Holy Spirit through the pen and prayer of Saint Mark explicitly recalls the words of Isaiah in the first reading and shows how they are made urgent in the preaching of John the Baptist: 'prepare a way for the Lord.' We pray this week that our Advent preparations for Christmas will focus on clearing the path for Jesus, removing every obstacle of sin, selfishness and distraction, so that he may be reborn in our lives for an inner and infinite Christmas. *Come, Lord Jesus!*

Advent Renewal and the Sacrament of Confession

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is crucial in Advent's mission of spiritual renewal. Christ cannot be born in us afresh if we do not clear our souls to receive him. Every disciple who is serious in responding to Jesus' call to holiness should make time for this crucial element of a living and life-giving faith at some time before Christmas, either here in this parish after weekday Masses or elsewhere during the season. The joy of real forgiveness from Christ in the sacrament of reconciliation brings our hearts, souls and prayer back to life!



The Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

is on Thursday 8th December and is a Holy Day of Obligation. Holy Mass of the Feast in this parish is as follows:

Wednesday 7th Kilshanny 7.00pm
Thursday 8th Lisdoonvarna 11.30am
Thursday 8th Doolin 7.00pm



Special Prayer Intentions this week...

The Pope's General Intention for December: Peace among All Peoples. That all peoples may grow in harmony and peace through mutual understanding and respect.

The Pope's Missionary Intention for December: That children and young people may be messengers of the Gospel and that they may be respected and preserved from all violence and exploitation.

Our parish's intention for this week: That we would all contribute to peace and harmony in our homes as we prepare for Christ's coming this Christmas.

Father Conor's intention for this week: That the young people of our parish would be inspired to courageously believe, live and share the Gospel of Christ.

The Parish Clerk Special Collection this weekend allows the parish community and the parish priest to benefit from the support of our excellent parish clerk. Thank you for your generous help to this fund.

The Diocesan Eucharistic Adoration Promotion Team. The team have had a feedback meeting with me about their recent mission in our parish. There was a very impressive level of interest and commitment from our parishioners in devoting one hour per week to this powerful form of contemplative prayer. The next step is that the diocesan team will now contact each person who filled in a feedback card to recommend an hour as close as possible to the one you have chosen and that other people had also found convenient. They will also be providing books, prayer resources and other information.



Meetings for Parents of First Holy Communion Class 2012

I have invited parents of next year's First Holy Communion class to meet with me in early December for an introductory talk on the crucial role of parents and guardians in spiritually preparing their children and their other family members for the central meaning of the child's First Holy Communion. I look forward very much to these meetings and to planning together the activities of the family and parish preparatory programme *Do This In Memory*. We will also finalise the dates for these ceremonies at these meetings. All mothers, fathers and guardians are urged to attend the meetings which will begin with a Mass which will be specially offered for your loved ones.

First Holy Communion Class of Lisdoonvarna School: Parents have met with me already and the First Holy Communion will be at our Sunday Mass in Lisdoonvarna at 11.30am on May 20th 2012.

First Holy Communion Class of Kilshanny School: Parents Mass and Meeting in Kilshanny Church at 7.00pm, Wednesday 7th December

First Holy Communion Class of Doolin School: Parents Mass and Meeting in Doolin Church at 7.00pm, Thursday 8th December

New Parish Pastoral Council. The process begun in early summer has borne much fruit and the finishing touches are now being put to the membership of this new council which will be dedicated to prayer for the parish, the spread of the Gospel, the building up of God's Church, the deeper appreciation of the Catholic faith, the unleashing of baptismal gifts, and the practical support of the priest's ministry through collaborative action and wise pastoral counsel. I am grateful to all who accepted the invitation to serve the Lord and the parish in this way.

Parish Child Safeguarding Team: The next meeting takes place in the rectory at 8.00pm this Tuesday December 6th. Renewed thanks to the volunteers for this special ministry of care and blessing.

Celebrating all babies baptised in our Parish over the past year. The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord takes place on Sunday 8th January. All families in the parish who had a baby baptised during the past year are invited to be our special guests of honour at 11.30pm Mass in Lisdoonvarna on that day. Our worshipping community want to celebrate our joy at your baby's safe arrival and the baptism that made them God's children. We will bless and pray for your family and offer each of you a little gift as a sign of our support for you in the promise you made to pass on a living, joyful and life-giving faith to your little Christian. A community gathering with refreshments will follow Mass. Please come, and please invite your wider network of family and friends too.

Remembering our Beloved Departed at Christmas.

The beautiful season of Christmas is a time to rediscover the joy and blessing of family and close friends. It can therefore be an exceptionally difficult time for all who have recently lost a loved one. As a sign that their local Church has not forgotten them, and that we continue to reach out to them in love by praying for their souls – and as a sign of our love for those who grieve them and are broken-hearted - there will be a Mass of remembrance, ongoing love, and prayers of intercession for parishioners whose funerals have taken place here over the past year on Thursday 22nd December at 7.00pm.

A parish candle of love and intercession will be presented to each family to light in their homes during the Christmas season. The following parishioners are missing from our Christmas gathering since last year, 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

Lisdoonvarna

Eva Davoren
Maureen Petty
Michael O'Callaghan
Matt McNamara
Anthony (Kippay) Reid
Pa Dunleavy
Tess Williams
Tess Collins
Cyril Kildery
Tony O'Connell

The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will be celebrated on Monday 19th December at 7.00pm in Lisdoonvarna Church. There are many in our parish carrying heavy crosses: serious illness in body and mind; difficult ongoing medical treatments; or the burden of advanced years. All these are warmly invited to receive Christ's closeness and supportive strength through the Holy Spirit present in power through the laying on of hands and the holy anointing. Parishioners might like to volunteer to collect and drive to Mass that evening those who ordinarily are not able to be with us around the altar. May the Lord give to all who share his cross the help of his strong shoulder and his deepest blessings, at Christmas and always.



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.

Prayers and Welcome for Our New Papal Nuncio.

Our Holy Father Pope Benedict has appointed an American priest to be his special representative to the Church in Ireland. Father Charlie Brown, is a New Yorker and has worked very closely with our pope for almost two decades. He will be ordained a bishop in coming weeks. As an English speaker of Irish extraction, without previous diplomatic experience, and at 52 being relatively youthful, Father Charlie is a remarkable and courageous choice.

We welcome him to our shores and pray for him and his new ministry, that the Lord will help him to bring blessings of renewal to the Church in Ireland.

Wishing you all a blessed and rewarding Advent faith journey, and relying on your prayers and assuring you of mine,



Conor

Community Announcements...

Charity Concert takes place at Teach Ceoil, Ennistymon this Sunday 4th December at 3.00pm. All proceeds go to Doolin Rescue Service.

Burren Christmas Family Fayre. Clare's biggest indoor fayre is being held at the Pavilion, Lisdoonvarna this Saturday 3rd December from 10.00am to 6.00pm and Sunday 4th December from 11.00am to 6.00pm. Entry and parking are free! Visit Santa (€10 for children and free for accompanying adults.) Stalls include: arts & crafts, beauty, gadgets, books, candles, electrical goods, flowers, garden, gourmet foods, handbags, handmade chocolate, household goods, jewellery, toys, knitwear, meats, seafood and lots more! There will also be a supervised children's corner, hourly raffles, novelty stalls, hot food and refreshments. Proceeds go to local Lisdoonvarna Crèche. To book to visit Santa please call 087 9577761 (booking is advisable but not essential).

Ennis Flower and Garden Club present 'Seasonal Arrangements' by club committee members on Tuesday 6th December at the West County Hotel. Doors open at 7.30pm. Demonstrations commence at 8.15pm. Arrangements raffled. Christmas sales table. Admission €10 for non-members. All are welcome. ennisflowerandgardenclub@eircom.net

Sports Announcements...



The GAA Club Annual General Meeting will take place in the Town Hall on Saturday 10th December at 7.00pm. All club players and members are welcome and encouraged to attend!

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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.



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Newsletter Items

before 6.00pm Wednesdays to news@lisdoon.ie

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...

"Come follow me." If these words of Christ have found a resonance in your heart this Advent season, and you think that perhaps Jesus might be calling you to follow him in a very unique way, please contact Father Conor anytime for a confidential chat or some information on vocation to priesthood or religious life.

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 27th
November
Offertory: €1,065.



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