

# DUNMORE PARISH NEWSLETTER

Dunmore – Garrafrauns - Kiltvna  
Christmas Day & St Stephen's Day 2021

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Tuesday CLOSED & Thursday 12.30-2pm

Deadline for Newsletter is Thursday at 12pm

## OUR LADY & ST NICHOLAS, DUNMORE - ONLINE AND ON 108 FM

Sun 26 <sup>th</sup>	11.30am	Peggy Glynn, Ballymoney Birdie Donlon, Knockatee, her husband John, their daughter Mary & their sons Sean & Peadar Deceased members of the Timothy family, Bridge Street Mary Margaret Kennedy & deceased members of the Kennedy & Ryan families, Graigueachullaire John, Mary & Martin Gormley and deceased family members, Menlena Denis Meehan and deceased family members, Roy James & Nora Bownes, and deceased family members, Knockroe William & Ellie Tierney & their son PJ, Gortnalea
Mon 27 <sup>th</sup>	10am	Parry Moore, Castle Street <b>1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary</b>
Sat 1 <sup>st</sup>	12pm	<b>New Years Day</b>
Sun 2 <sup>nd</sup>	11.30am	Ned Neary, London & Menlena James, Mary & Seamus Molloy & deceased family members, Co Offaly Dan & Mary Theresa O'Shea & deceased family members, Co Clare Thomas & Sarah Tierney & their son Vincent, Carnagur Martin Burke, Menus Bartley O'Malley, The Green

## ST PATRICK'S CHURCH, GARRAFRAUNS ON 108FM

Sun 26 <sup>h</sup>	10am	Jack Dooley and his daughter Caitriona, Garrafrauns Tom, Aggie, Frank, Denis, Kieran & Anna Nestor, Quinaltagh
Tues 28 <sup>th</sup>	10am	NO MASS
Sat 1 <sup>st</sup>	7.30pm	Mary Slattery & her husband Mike Cloondalghan Kathleen Melia, Shanballymore

## CHRIST THE KING CHURCH, KILTEVNA

Wed 29 <sup>th</sup>	10am	NO MASS
Sun 2 <sup>nd</sup>	10am	Mary McHugh nee Finnegan, New York & Ballycostello <b>1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary</b> Patrick & Kathleen Finnegan & their son-in-law Mike Hanley

+ We remember & pray for the souls of +  
Helen Meehan, formerly Sylau na Graun  
Noel Byrne, Quinaltagh  
Martin Grogan, Garrafrauns  
+ May they rest in Peace +

## PARISH COLLECTION 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER

Weekly Collection €1045 Thank you for your generosity

Building Fund €2950 Thank you to all who have sponsored items, organised direct debits or contributed directly to the Building Fund this week. Thank you to everyone at home and abroad for their support

BROADCAST FROM DUNMORE PARISH - 108 FM WEBCAM

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## *Greeting from our three Churches*

### **Our Lady & St Nicholas, Dunmore**

It with great joy we return to our newly renovated parish Church for the celebration of Christmas. We give thanks for all who helped us along the way from our Building and Finance Committees for their commitment and perseverance, to our builders McGough and Walsh for their great professionalism and attention to detail, to all those who supported us through our fundraising and to others who supported us through their constant prayers. A special thank you to our stewards who kept us safe each Sunday and to Dunmore Community School for hosting us. Over the coming weeks there will still be some minor adjustments and we ask your patience in this regard. Our newly refurbished Church puts great emphasis on the sacrament of baptism and on the centrality of the family of God who gather to worship around the table of the Lord. Our Day Chapel allows great flexibility of use for Adoration and weekday Masses as well as parish meetings. As we look forward to celebrating the sacraments in our renovated Church and visiting the Church for quiet prayer or to light a candle we pray: "A Dhia, éist le guí do mhuintir a bhailiúnn tú i do ghrá. Father hear the prayers of the family gathered in your love".

### **St. Patrick' Church Garrafrauns**

2021 was a memorable year for our church community in Garrafrauns, a year impacted by Covid restrictions but also a year with many positive memories. As our Parish Church in Dunmore was undergoing renovations we were delighted to welcome and accommodate the many religious ceremonies that took place in our church. We congratulate the couples who were married in our Church, the children who were baptised into God's family and we sympathise with families who had loved ones called back to God. It was the first time in almost sixty years we have had the Sacrament of Confirmation in our Church and we congratulate the children from the schools of the Parish who were confirmed as well as the children who received their First Holy Communion. We are so proud of the wonderful sense of community in our church area and we extend our deepest gratitude to all the groups and individuals who contribute so much. We thank our Choir of reduced numbers who are there faithfully every weekend for Mass and for Funerals, enhancing the Liturgies with sacred music. We thank our Readers of the Word, Eucharistic Ministers and Mass servers and especially welcome the 11 new servers so well tutored by our loyal and diligent sacristan Regina. Throughout the Covid restrictions our church remained open for private prayer and adoration providing comfort and consolation during this difficult time. After lockdown our church was reopened for worship and we commend the contribution of the stewards who welcomed parishioners and sanitised the church afterwards. We also thank our many volunteers who clean and decorate the church during the year. As we approach Christmas our Star shines brightly and welcoming over the Church door and the Christmas Tree stands tall in our Centenary Garden lit in memory of our loved ones who have died. Well done to all those who erect the Tree and organise donations in aid of Tuam Cancer Care. At this sacred time, we wish all our parishioners a Happy and Peaceful Christmas as we look forward to better days ahead in 2022.

### **Christ The King Church, Kiltevena**

When Kiltevena Church was opened on October 31<sup>st</sup> 1937, the War of Independence, Civil War and the harsh realities of the Economic War between Ireland & England were very recent memories. As we celebrate Christmas for the 85<sup>th</sup> time in Kiltevena Church we are again dealing with challenging times. However, we remember the generosity, resilience and fortitude of the people who went before us and have gone to their eternal reward, Christmas is a time of hope and we look forward to many more Christmas celebrations in our Church. "Le coinnle na nAingéal tá an spéir amuigh breachtha, Lúifidh MacDé ins an tigh seo anocht" (Máire Mhac An tSaoi)

**GARRAFRAUNS DEFIBULATOR GROUP**- St Stephens Day walk, Virtual walk/run, donations can be given between 1pm-3pm at Garrafrauns Community Centre or donate online at [www.idonate/garrafraunsdefibgroup](http://www.idonate/garrafraunsdefibgroup). All proceeds to upkeep of defibrillators and training of volunteers

**DUNMORE COMMUNITY WALKING TRACK**- Official Opening of the Dunmore Community Walking Track will take place on New Years Eve, Friday 31<sup>st</sup> December at 4.30pm. Please come along to walk the Community Sports Group Walking Track in the Fairgreen, Dunmore. All welcome - bring your hi vis jackets

**SVP DUNMORE** - We are living in challenging times, if you or your family or friends are struggling financially Saint Vincent DePaul Dunmore is here to help. Please call our Helpline 086-4169828 for confidential assistance.

**DUNMORE TIDY TOWNS** - As is traditional and appropriate at this special time of year, we wish to thank all those who helped our community to gain a significant increase in marks awarded to us in the national Tidy Towns competition, in particular we thank the rural social scheme environmental workers and their supervisor Niamh Divilly for the upkeep of Dunmore Cemetery and the Town in general. We thank Madeline Mitchell for allowing us the use of her garden Tunnels which resulted in major improvement in our floral displays. We extend our thanks to all community groups including the Festival committee, Traders Association, Community School, National School, Gaa, and the Public for supporting our mission to enhance all aspects of the community environment. We congratulate our Heritage Committee for their pioneering and innovative work. We also congratulate all involved with the Church renovations which will provide a prayerful and environmentally efficient place of worship. Best wishes to all for a happy and safe Christmas and new year 2022

**DUNMORE DAY CARE** - are open for indoor meals please book in advance by contacting Rose on 085-7083137

**COVID 19 BOOSTER VACCINE** - Pfizer Covid 19 Booster vaccine offered at Dunmore Pharmacy for Healthcare workers and over 60's. Please call in to register your interest.