

## Parish of Tynagh & Killeen Newsletter.

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### Mass Times in Tynagh & Killeen - Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> Feb.

**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup>** Tynagh 8pm. James Conroy, Naas and Lisinard.  
Anniversary.  
**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup>** Tynagh 11am. Mass will be offered for all your own  
personal Intentions and all in your families on this St Valentine's Day.  
**Monday 15<sup>th</sup>** Tynagh 9.30am. Martin Tierney. Anniversary.  
**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup>** Tynagh 9.30am. Private intention.  
**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup>** Killeen 9.30am. Ash Wednesday.  
**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup>** Tynagh 8pm. Annie May & Pakie Sullivan.  
May & James Keane. The Deceased Members of the Sullivan & Keane Families.  
**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup>** Tynagh 9.30am. Private Intention.  
**Friday 19<sup>th</sup>** Tynagh 9.30am. Private Intention.  
**Saturday 20<sup>th</sup>** Tynagh 8pm. Annie & Michael John Mc Donagh,  
Cappagh. Anniv and The Deceased Members of The Mc Donagh Family.  
**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup>** Tynagh 11am. Jarlath Ryan, Tynagh. 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

**Masses Broadcast Live:** on - "Tynagh & Killeen Parish" Facebook Page.

**Rest in Peace:** Nigel Duane, Abbey. Nephew of Vincent Duane, Rehan and Christina Blake, Streamstown. Sincere sympathy to the family and relations.

**School Enrolment:** Killeen and Tynagh Schools are now enrolling for the 2021 / 2022 academic year. Please email the schools for further information.

**Killeen NS:** Principal Louise Lawless info@killeenschool.com

**Tynagh NS:** Principal Laura Quinn info@tynaghns.ie www.tynaghns.ie

**Year of St Joseph:** Pope Francis has declared 2021 a year dedicated to St Joseph, Husband of Mary and Patron of the Universal Church. The Pope has done so against the backdrop of the Covid-19 virus, which has helped us see clearly the importance of ordinary people who far from the limelight exercise patience and offer hope every day. In this, they resemble Saint Joseph,

**Tynagh Abbey Duniry GAA Lotto:** Numbers drawn were 5, 7, 24, 29. No Jackpot winner. No match three. Next draw Mon 15<sup>th</sup> Feb. Jackpot €4,100.

**Ash Wednesday is this Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> February:** The Beginning of Our Lenten Journey. This year we cannot gather to receive the ashes at mass. Instead, blessed ashes will be available in Killeen Church after 9.30am mass and in Tynagh Church from 10.45am, along with a prayer card. I invite you to call to either church during Wednesday, and take an envelope with blessed ashes in it, for distribution with your family at home.

**Lent:** Lent is one of the most significant seasons of the Liturgical Year. It originated from the time of preparation by those preparing for baptism at Easter. Eventually, it became a time for the whole Christian community to review and renew their lives in advance of Easter. Consisting of forty days (Sundays excluded), the season of Lent is modelled on the forty days spent by Jesus fasting in the desert prior to beginning his public ministry.

**Fasting, Prayer and Giving to the Poor:** Fasting. Praying. Giving to the poor are important Lenten duties. Fasting is reducing one's intake of food or the giving up of something. It reminds us that we must sacrifice ourselves to put God and others first in life. Linked to fasting is abstinence. In Ireland, Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are traditionally days of fast and abstinence. People can take on things for Lent. Give more time in prayer, more time caring for others or giving to the poor. Prayer deepens our relationship with God while giving to the poor reminds us of caring for others most in need.

**Lenten Prayer Guide:** A specially prepared diocesan prayer guide is now available at [www.clonfertdiocese.ie](http://www.clonfertdiocese.ie) to assist you and your family in making Ash Wednesday and the Sundays of Lent a spiritually enriching experience.

**Trócaire:** The annual Trócaire Lenten Collection is an important source of funding for our Catholic Development Agency. It helps those who are suffering from poverty, a lack of medicine and education in many of the poorest countries in the world. Please pick up a Trócaire Box from the church porch and use it as part of your giving to the less well off this Lent.

**Covid-19 Vaccination:** The Irish bishops encourage people to support the Covid-19 vaccination programme, "not only for their own good, but for the protection of life and the health of those who are vulnerable and for the common good of humanity.". As vaccination is a medical issue, it is important that you discuss it with your own doctor.

**Thought:** Our best successes often come after our greatest disappointments.

**Happy St Valentine's Day.**