

Parish of Tynagh & Killeen Newsletter.

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Mass Times in Tynagh and Killeen this week.

Saturday	24 th	Tynagh 6pm – John, Julia & Tom Molloy, Pallas. Killeen 8pm – Personal Intention.
Sunday	25 th	Tynagh 11am- People of the Parish at home and abroad.
Wednesday	28 th	Tynagh 8pm - Johnnie Hodgins, Springgarden. Months Mind.
Thursday	29 th	Killeen 9:30 am – Joseph, Julia, Dermot and Joe Pollard, Dublin. Anniv. and the deceased members of the Pollard Family.
Friday	30 th	Tynagh 9:30am- Thanksgiving Mass for the year 2016.
Saturday	31 st	Tynagh - 1pm – Wedding. Killeen 8pm – Deceased members of the Donohue Family, Brackera.
Sunday	1 st	Tynagh 11am- Kit & Johnny Hoban, Flowerhill. Anniv.

R.I.P. : Kathleen Goode, Lawrencetown, Aunt in law of Mary O'Meara,
Cappagh.

Eucharistic Ministers: Killeen: Marie Burke.
Tynagh: Patsy & Mary Nevin.

Readers: Killeen- Lorraine Burke.
Tynagh- Tom Shiel & Angela Dervan.

Mass Servers: Tynagh: John Dervan & Ava Conerney.
Killeen: Lorna & Joe Callanan .

Exposition: Tynagh Church Wednesday 6:50pm –7:50pm- Mary Ann Kiely.

Tynagh Tellers: This week: Michael Harney. Next week: Mary O'Reilly.

Tynagh Gifts & Offertory Collectors: for January Springgarden, Gurrane & Tynagh and Derrybeg.

Killeen Altar Society: Anyone willing to help out with the flowers in Killeen Church please contact Fr Séamus. I have a volunteer to wash the altar Linen and server's albs. There is no hovering involved as this is taken care of by the GRD. Thanks to Mary Gannon who has taken care of the flowers for a number of years.

Happy Christmas: I wish all of you and your families the blessing of Christ for a happy and enjoyable Christmas. I welcome all our new babies born this year into our Parish Community. To all who have been bereaved, I pray for God's Blessing and consolation for you and may your departed loved one always share the happiness and peace of heaven.

Tynagh Abbey Duniry GAA lotto: No's 5,18,28,30. 1 match 3. Next draw will be held in The Crosscut. Jackpot €11,400.

TAD Bingo in Tynagh: St Stephen's night at 6pm. Jackpot €10000. A great night promised. Wishing you all a very Happy Christmas.

Progressive 25: resuming on Friday 30th Dec at 8.30 in Tynagh Old School.

Calling all emigrants home for Christmas : 'Home For Work' Event in the Harbour Hotel, Galway city on Thurs 29th Dec from 10-1pm. Bring along your CV and talk to experts about local job opportunities on the day. All are welcome.

Annual Mummers Festival: takes place in New Inn Leisure Centre on Saturday night 7th January at 7.30 pm and on Sunday afternoon 8th January at 2.30 pm. A feast of Traditional entertainment is guaranteed **CATCHING Your Breath** : A one-day workshop of gentle movement, breath, chant and meditation Glenstal Abbey, Murroe. Jan 14th , 2017. From 9.30am to 5pm.

Ballinasloe Cancer Support drop-in Centre: on Main Street is closed for Christmas and will re open on Wednesday January 4th at 10.00 am.

If at anytime you need help or support please call in confidence 0868840441 We would like to wish all our friends a very Happy Christmas and a Peaceful New Year.

Getting Married in 2017? Why not consider a Pre-Marriage Course in Esker, Athenry, in January or later? This course, from Friday night to Sunday lunch, is an approved course. It comes highly recommended by couples who have experienced the weekend. There are courses in January, March, June and October of 2017. Find us on [www.redemptoristsesker.ie/what we do](http://www.redemptoristsesker.ie/what%20we%20do), or email info@redemptoristsesker.

Medjugorje 2017: May 24th to 31st. 7 nights. Flights, accommodation, transfers & Guides included in price €619 if deposit paid by Feb 1st 2017 . Contact Michael Mulryan 0876737888.

Thought: During Christmas, may you be blessed with the spirit of the season which is peace, the gladness of the season which is hope and the heart of the season which is love.

Mary heard them exclaim as they walked up the hill,
Glory to God in the Highest, Peace to people of good will.

The Night Before Christmas.

It was the night before Christmas, and all through the town,
St. Joseph was searching, walking up roads and down;
Our Lady was waiting, so meek and so mild,
While Joseph was seeking a place for the Child;

The children were nestled, each snug in their beds,
The grown-ups wouldn't bother, there's no room they said;
When even the innkeeper sent them away,
Joseph was wondering, where they would stay;

He thought of the caves in the side of the hills,
Let us go there said Mary, it's silent and still;
The moon on the breast of the new fallen snow,
Made pathways of light for their tired feet to go;

And there in a cave, in a cradle of hay,
Our Saviour was born on that first Christmas Day!
The Father was watching in heaven above,
He sent for His angels, His couriers of love;

More rapid than eagles God's bright angels came;
Rejoicing and eager as each heard his name;
Come Power, Come Cherubs, Come Virtues, Come Raphael,
Come Thrones and Dominions, come Michael and Gabriel;

Now fly to the Earth, where my poor people live,
Announce the glad tidings My Son comes to give;
The Shepherds were watching their flocks on this night,
And saw in the heavens and unearthly light;

The Angels assured them, they'd nothing to fear,
It's Christmas they said, the Saviour is here!
They hastened to find Him, and stood at the door,
Till Mary invited them in to adore;

He was swaddled in bands from His head to His feet,
Never did the Shepherds see a baby so sweet!
He spoke not a word, but the shepherds all knew,
He was telling them secrets and blessing them too;

Then softly they left Him, The Babe in the hay,
And rejoiced with great joy on that first Christmas Day;

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Christmas Greetings to you all.