

Parish of Tynagh & Killeen Newsletter.

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Mass Times in Tynagh Church & Killeen Church from 18th to 26th Feb.

Saturday 18th Killeen 8pm. Annie and Michael John Mc Donagh, Cappagh. Anniversaries.

Sunday 19th Tynagh 11am. Personal Intention.

Monday 20th Tynagh 9.30am. Personal Intention

Tuesday 21st Killeen 9.30am. Private Intention.

Wednesday 22nd Killeen 9.30am. Ash Wednesday.

Wednesday 22nd Tynagh 8pm. Jarlath Ryan, Tynagh. Anniversary.

Thursday 23rd Killeen 9.30am. Personal Intention.

Friday 24th Tynagh 9.30am. Personal Intention.

Saturday 25th Killeen 8pm. Connie Hynes and Paddy Slattery, Lisinard. Anniversaries.

Sunday 19th Tynagh 11am. Personal Intention.

Ministers of The Word for 25th / 26th February:

Saturday: Killeen – Josephine Finnerty. Sunday: Tynagh – Tom Shiel.

Ministers of The Eucharist for 25th / 26th February:

Saturday: Killeen – Josephine Finnerty. Sunday: Tynagh – Tom Shiel.

Tellers for Sunday 26th February: Ann Havil and Olivia Havil.

A Lenten Program for Men: The program contains four pillars - Prayer, Penance, Spiritual reading & Charity. To find out more and join an online group, a Zoom meeting takes place this Sunday Feb 19th at 8:30pm. Meeting ID 494 625 9738. Password: 997298. Email desertfathers40@gmail.com

Rest in Peace: John Briscoe, Grangemore. Sincere sympathy to the family and relations.

Trocaire Boxes: will be distributed to your home during the season of Lent.

Season of Lent: Wednesday 22nd Feb is Ash Wednesday and the beginning of the Season of Lent. Mass and the Blessing and distribution of Blessed Ashes in Killeen Church Wednesday at 9.30am and in Tynagh Church at 8pm.

What is Lent: Lent is one of the most significant seasons of the Liturgical Year. It originated from the time of preparation embarked upon by those preparing for baptism at Easter. Eventually, it became a time for the whole Christian community to seriously review and renew their lives in advance of the annual celebration of the death and resurrection of Jesus at Easter. Consisting of forty days (Sundays excluded), the season of Lent is modelled on the forty days spent by Jesus fasting in the desert.

Fasting, Prayer and Giving to the Poor: Fasting, praying and giving to the poor are important guides to help us on our Lenten Pilgrimage of renewal. Fasting is the reduction of one's intake of food or giving up of something we would normally do. It reminds us that we must sacrifice ourselves in order to put God and others first in life. Linked to fasting is the idea of abstinence, which is the abstaining from meat. In Ireland, Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are traditionally days of fast and abstinence. Nowadays, some people take on things for Lent. They spend more time in prayer, more time caring for others or giving to the poor. Prayer deepens our relationship with God. Giving to the poor supports love and care for others, and those most in need.

Lenten Collection: for the running of Clonfert Diocese is next weekend Saturday 25th and Sunday 26th February. Envelope is in the box.

Lenten Scripture Talks: based on St. Paul's letters to the Corinthians will take place in Clonfert Family Centre, Ballinasloe, for five Sunday evenings (8 – 9.15/9.30 pm) beginning Sunday 26th February. For more details see www.creideamh.ie/lent2023. Early booking advised as places are limited.

Temperance Sunday Mass on RTÉ TV & Radio: this Sunday 19th at 11am. It will include prayers for all who are in treatment for addiction, for their families and for those in recovery. The Pioneer website www.pioneers.ie carries information for parishioners who wish to take the Lenten pledge.

Tynagh Bingo: this Sunday evening, February 19th at 8pm in Tynagh Hall. The Jackpot is €10,600 in 45 numbers or less. Try your luck.

Painting Classes: Begins Thursday 23rd Feb for 6 weeks. Time: 10am to 12. Noon in Abbey Community Centre, H62 VY38. Contact: Freeda 087 3674568 or fgarman@grd.ie and Sheila 087 6675546 or sheila.holland-fox@gretb.ie

Tynagh Abbey Duniry GAA Lotto: Numbers drawn 3, 5, 12, 18. No Jackpot winner. Two match three. Next draw Monday 20th Feb. Jackpot €11,800.

Thought: All good things start with a good thought.