

Weekly Prayer Meeting

Every Wednesday Crossabeg
Parochial House at 8.00pm.
All are welcome.

Crossabeg/Ballymurn Parish Newsletter

Saturday 9th & Sunday 10th December, 2017

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BALLYMURN EVENTS

CONFESSION FOR CHRISTMAS

Thursday 21st December 6.30pm

Christmas Fundraising Craft Fair

We would like to invite you all to our Christmas Fundraising Craft Fair on **Sunday 10th December** from 10.30am until 12.30pm in Ballymurn National School. You could buy one of the children's wonderful handmade crafts as a gift or enjoy a cup of tea and a homemade bun.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Mass Times Saturday evening at 8.15pm. Sunday morning at 10.00am.
Mass on Tues at 7.30pm, Thurs and Sat at 9.30am.

Adoration takes place each Tues from 11.00am and ends after Mass at 7.30pm.

Anniversaries Mass on Sat 9th for Johanna and Thomas Dooley R.I.P. and their sons Willie and Tommy R.I.P. Mass on Sat 16th for Michael and Margaret Walsh R.I.P.

Baptism It is with joy that we welcome Ruairí David Morrissey and Rose Aodhain Murphy into our Catholic community through their Baptism.

BALLYMURN PARISH CHRISTMAS GATHERING

Our Christmas Gathering was a great success and enjoyed by all on Sunday 3rd in our Parish Hall. Our deceased family members and friends were remembered at Mass. May they Rest in Peace. We had plenty of dancing, songs from Owen Gordon, John Jackman, Cindy Campbell, Artie Sludds played the mouth organ and Pat Barry played traditional music on the accordion. We were delighted when Thomas Maguire & Fhiona Ennis made a guest appearance, which was very much appreciated by all. There was also a lot of chat and plenty of reminiscence. Congratulations to Stacey Redmond who celebrated her 40th Birthday on the night. We would like to thank Peter Doyle, Daybreak Supermarket Ballymurn, for his generous donation of the Turkey/Ham and the use of his facilities, Ballymurn Youth Club for their generous contribution of monies/spot prizes, Hughie Byrne, The Anvil Bar, John & Breda Redmond, Dockrell's, Enniscorthy Credit Union and all the people who contributed monies, food and the enormous amount of spot prizes received. A special thanks to our Community Employment participants for all their work, the catering team who were joined again this year by girls and boys from our Youth Club. These young people are brilliant, hard working with excellent interpersonal skills and willingly took direction from their leaders; they are a credit to their families. We thank John Doyle from Monageer who gave his time to join Paddy & Shay on the night. Thanks for the music and to all who entertained us on the night.

ADVENT

Advent is a time of making space and room for God in our lives. The scripture readings assure us that one will come, namely Jesus, to assist us in our troubles.

Symbols of the Jesse Tree – 1st Sunday of Advent

The Tree – Introduction of the Jesse Tree
Rainbow or Ark - The Flood
Field of Stars - The Promise
Ram - Offering of Isaac

Ballymurn Christmas Cards

Christmas cards of Ballymurn Church on sale in Peters Doyle's shop, Daybreak. €2.00 each. Proceeds towards Parish funds. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Alcoholics Anonymous (AA)

Meeting on every Saturday night in Holy Family School in Glenbrien at 8.30pm. Old and new members welcome.

CROSSABEG EVENTS

Confessions for Christmas Crossabeg

Monday 18th December 7.45pm

Crossabeg Senior Citizens Party

Sunday 10th December
Ferrycarrig Hotel
Meal at 5.30pm

Mass Times Saturday evening 7.00pm. Sun morning 11.15am. Mass on Mon at 7.30pm. Mass on Wed and Fri at 9.30am.

Confession will be heard every Saturday at 6.00pm.
Adoration Takes place every Mon 1.00pm until 7.20pm with Mass at 7.30pm, and will then continue for another hour, from 8pm to 9pm.

Anniversaries Mass on Sun 10th for Bridie and Harry Kavanagh R.I.P. and family Alice, Marie, Josie, Breda, Betty and John R.I.P. Mass on Sat 16th for Michéal Foley R.I.P.

Feast Days for the Coming Week

Mon 11th – St Damasus 1, Pope
Tues 12th – St Finnian, bishop
Wed 13th – St Lucy, virgin and martyr
Thurs 14th – St John of the Cross, priest and doctor of the Church

Laityman's look at Gospel Verse: John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. **Comment:** A man on a mission. **Prayer:** Lord, teach us to be generous.