

# KILLEESHIL PARISH NEWSLETTER

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### Baptisms

Baptisms are arranged by appointment only and three weeks notice must be given. They will be held on the second and fourth weekend of every month.

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CRUSE (Bereavement): 8778 4004

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## WELCOME, FAILTE, WITAJCIE, SVEIKI ATVYKE, VITEJTE

A very warm welcome to our Parish. We all have different, but valuable gifts and talents that we can use to serve God and each other. If you would like to know more about Parish life or are interested in taking part in any of our Parish activities

### Masses for the Week

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| <b>Sat. 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec.</b>                           | 7.00pm<br>Ackinduff   |   |
| <b>Sun. 23<sup>rd</sup> Dec.</b>                           | 9.00am<br>Aughnagar   | <b>Dec'd Members of Donaghy, Poppitt &amp; O Neill Families</b> |
|  | 11.00am<br>Tullyallen | <b>Special Intention</b>  |
| <b>Mon. 24<sup>th</sup> Dec.</b><br><i>Christmas Vigil</i> | 6.30pm<br>Tullyallen  | <b>James Bradley</b>  |
|  | 9.00pm<br>Tullyallen  |   |
| <b>Tues. 25<sup>th</sup> Dec.</b><br><i>Christmas Day</i>  | 9.00am<br>Aughnagar   | <b>Peter &amp; Susan Gormley</b>                                |
|  | 11.00am<br>Ackinduff  | <b>Kate &amp; Packie Fox</b>                                    |
| <b>Wed. 26<sup>th</sup> Dec.</b>                           | 10.00am<br>Tullyallen | <b>No Mass</b>  |
| <b>Thurs. 27<sup>th</sup> Dec.</b>                         | 10.00am<br>Ackinduff  | <b>No Mass</b>  |
| <b>Fri. 28<sup>th</sup> Dec.</b>                           | 10.00am<br>Aughnagar  | <b>No Mass</b>  |
| <b>Sat. 29<sup>th</sup> Dec.</b>                           | 10.00am<br>Tullyallen | <b>No Mass</b>  |
|  | 7.00pm<br>Ackinduff   | <b>Mary Mc Carthy</b>   |
| <b>Sun. 30<sup>th</sup> Dec.</b>                           | 9.00am<br>Aughnagar   |   |
|  | 11.00am<br>Tullyallen | <b>Leo Mc Killion (1st Anv.)</b>                                |

### Recently Deceased

**Mary Mc Carthy (Cork)**

**Paddy Mc Elvogue**

**Cyril Loughran**

### Parish Mission Statement

Killeeshil Parish Pastoral Council aims to meet the pastoral needs of the people of the Parish through fostering a more active involvement in living out Christ's mission. Like the Good Samaritan, we value each Parish member and the contribution each can make to the building up of an active and caring community.

*The shed is alive ... shepherd boys, a young drummer, a smiling mother, others, they're told on the way.*

*The animals there too, breathing warmth on one so new. The man who had knocked and asked for a bed. The one that was almost sent on his way, but then - the change of heart. The shed was offered, the right thing to do of course, especially when they saw the young woman a breath away from giving birth to new breath. How could you leave them in the cold? The two of them there now, no longer two but three.*

*On bended knee he looked at his infant guest, thankful he'd done his best and walked to the back of the house.*

*She looked at him and smiled*

*"Now, aren't you glad you cleaned the shed? He was. We are. It was the only way to prepare... to clean, be clean, fit for a king.*

| <b>Ministries for 29th/30th December</b>  |                            |
|---|----------------------------|
| <b>Ackinduff</b>  |                            |
| <i>Eucharistic Minister</i>   | Amy Mulgrew                |
| <i>Reader</i>   | Colm Rafferty              |
| <i>Altar Servers</i>  | Lucy Mc Crory              |
|   | Conor Traynor              |
| <b>Aughnagar</b>  |                            |
| <i>Eucharistic Minister</i>   | Brian Mulgrew              |
| <i>Reader</i>   | Marian Rafferty            |
| <i>Altar Servers</i>  | Chloe Nugent               |
|   | Olivia Quinn               |
| <b>Tullyallen</b>   |                            |
| <i>Eucharistic Minister</i>   | Laura Mc Crory             |
|   | Ann Hanna                  |
| <i>Reader</i>   | Julia Small                |
| <i>Altar Servers</i>  | Padraig Mc Glinchey        |
|   | Eoin Mc Elvogue            |
| <b>Glenview N.H.</b>  |                            |
| <i>Eucharistic Minister</i>   | Anne Rafferty              |
| <b>Christmas Masses</b>   |                            |
| <i>Tullyallen</i>   | Christmas Eve Vigil 6.30pm |
| <i>Tullyallen</i>   | Christmas Eve Vigil 9.00pm |
| <i>Aughnagar</i>  | Christmas Day 9.00am       |
| <i>Ackinduff</i>  | Christmas Day 11.00am      |
| <b>Pastoral Council</b>   |                            |
| <b>Adoration:</b> There will be no Adoration on Mondays 24th and 31st December.   |                            |
| <b>New Year's Day Mass:</b> Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday 1st January at 10.00am in Aughnagar.   |                            |
| <b>Peace Light from Bethlehem</b>   |                            |
| In early December each year a candle is lit in the Grotto of Christ's Birth in the Church of the Nativity, in Bethlehem. The flame is taken by Israeli and Palestinian Scouts and given to a Scout from Austria who will take it to Vienna. From here Scouts will transport it across Europe and beyond. It will travel on Stena Line Ferries to Dublin and from there it will be distributed all around Ireland. It will journey by road to Monaghan Cathedral. <b>Killeeshil Scouts will bring the Peace Light to the Christmas Eve Mass in Tullyallen at 9.00pm.</b> The Chain of Light is a symbol of peace, warmth, love and family. At the end of Mass small individual candles will be lit from the Peace Light. Each family can take one of these small candles home. |                            |
| <b>First Friday</b>   |                            |
| Friday 4th January is the First Friday of the month. Mass will be celebrated in Tullyallen at 8.00pm.   |                            |

| <b>Feast of the Epiphany</b>   |
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| Sunday 6th January is the Feast of the Epiphany. Mass will be celebrated as usual this weekend.  |
| <b>Parish Envelopes</b>  |
| This year's parish envelopes finish on Sunday 30th December. If you are behind with your contributions please bring them up to date. Our Gift Aid Scheme depends on your weekly envelope. A Gift Aid Declaration envelope for anyone who has not yet signed up for Gift Aid, and a Standing Order Mandate form are available in your new box of envelopes. |
| <b>Parish Draw</b>   |
| Our next Parish Draw will be held on Monday 7th January at 11.00am in the sacristy at Tullyallen. Thanks to all those who collect the draw and to all who pay into it. Your continued generosity and support is much appreciated. Anyone who would like to join should contact the Parochial House.  |
| <b>Baptism Programme</b>   |
| The next Baptism Programme for parents and godparents will be held on Tuesday 8th January at 7.30pm in the sacristy at Tullyallen.   |
| <b>Relics of St Francisco &amp; St Jacinta</b>   |
| The Relics of St Francisco and St Jacinta Marto of Fatima and the National Statue of Fatima are now available for veneration in the Missionaries of Charity Convent, Cathedral Road, Armagh from 10.00am - 12noon and 3.00pm - 7.00pm each day until Thursday 28th February.   |
| <b>Talk in Cardinal Ó Fiaich Library</b>   |
| Fr Gerry O'Hanlon SJ will give a talk on his recent book, "The Quiet Revolution of Pope Francis: A Synodal Catholic Church in Ireland?" in the Cardinal Ó Fiaich Library, Armagh on Saturday 19th January from 10.00am - 1.00pm. All are welcome.  |
| <b>Week of Prayer for Christian Unity</b>  |
| An Interdenominational Service will be held in St Patrick's Catholic Cathedral, Armagh on Wednesday 23rd January at 7.30pm. All are welcome.   |

| <b>Killeeshil G.F.C.</b>  |
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| <b>Alphalot EKTWZ</b><br>Lucky Dip Winners: Liam O'Neill, Sophie Campbell, Martin Donaghy & Eugene Skeffington.<br>Seller: Bernard O'Neill. Jackpot: £8,950.<br>The next draw will take place on Wednesday 2nd January.<br>Killeeshil G.F.C. would like to wish all their members a happy and peaceful Christmas and New Year and thank them for all their help and support throughout the year.  |
| <b>Panda Cross Community Playgroup</b>  |
| Application forms are now available for children wishing to attend playgroup from September 2019 - June 2020. An Open Day will be held on Friday 4th January from 10.00am - 1.00pm. Parents are invited to come along with their child.   |
| <b>Christmas Greetings from Pope Francis</b>  |
| <i>Dear Brothers and Sisters, Happy Christmas!</i><br><i>In Bethlehem, Jesus was born of the Virgin Mary. He was born, not by the will of man, but by the gift of the love of God our Father, who "so loved the world that he gave his only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life" (Jn 3:16). This event is renewed today in the Church, a pilgrim in time. For the faith of the Christian people relives in the Christmas liturgy the mystery of the God who comes, who assumes our mortal human flesh, and who becomes lowly and poor in order to save us. And this moves us deeply, for great is the tenderness of our Father. The first people to see the humble glory of the Saviour, after Mary and Joseph, were the shepherds of Bethlehem. They recognized the sign proclaimed to them by the angels and adored the Child. Those humble and watchful men are an example for believers of every age who, before the mystery of Jesus, are not scandalized by his poverty. Rather, like Mary, they trust in God's word and contemplate his glory with simple eyes. Before the mystery of the Word made flesh, Christians in every place confess with the words of the Evangelist John: "We have beheld his glory, glory as of the only-begotten Son from the Father, full of grace and truth" (Jn 1:14).</i> |



**May the birth of Jesus fill you with joy and may you and all your loved ones receive every grace and blessing throughout the coming year.**