***Keash/Culfadda Newsletter February 19th 2023***

***Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time***

***Day of Prayer for Temperance***

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**Masses from Culfadda Church are Live streamed, please visit** [**www.keashparish.ie**](http://www.keashparish.ie)

**St Kevin’s Church Keash.**

**Saturday 18th  7.00pm** Martin & Mary Fox and their sons Jim & Paul, also Mary Kate Fox,

 Cloonshanbally.

**Ash Wednesday (Blessed Ashes will be distributed at both Masses)**

**Wednesday 22nd 10.00am & 7.00pm**

**Friday 24th 10.00am** People of the parish.

**Saturday 25th 7.00pm** Olive Langton, Tully & Cuan Iosa, Ballymote (Months Mind), and

 the deceased members of the Langton and Lavin families.

**Our Lady of the Rosary Church Culfadda.**

**Sunday 19th 10.00am** Delia O’ Connor, Knockbrack.

**Monday 20th 10.00am.**

**Tuesday 21st 10.00am.**

**Ash Wednesday (Blessed Ashes will be distributed at Mass)**

**Wednesday 22nd 11.30am.**

**Sunday 26th 10.00am** Paddy Cryan, his parents Nora & John and his brother Vinny,

 Bearlough, also,

 John Hannon, his parents Tom & Annie and his brother Batty, Stralea.

**Readers.**

**Saturday 18th** Mai Mitchell. **Sunday 19th** James Duffy.

**Saturday 25th** William Henry. **Sunday 26th** Kieran Shannon.

**February 22nd – Ash Wednesday**.

Three Masses will take place on Ash Wednesday – 10.00am and 7.00pm in St Kevin’s Church and 11.30am in Our Lady of the Rosary Church Culfadda. Blessed Ashes are a sacramental, just as holy water or blessed palm is. The ashes used on Ash Wednesday are made from the burning of palms blessed in the previous year's Palm Sunday celebration, when Christians carry palms to recognize the Gospels' reference to Jesus's path being covered in palm on the day he entered Jerusalem.

The blessing of ashes will take place during Mass and people are also welcome to take some home for those who are unable to come to Mass for the beginning of Lent.

**Lenten Trocaire Boxes.**

Trocaire Boxes are available for collection in the porches of both Churches.

**Altar Serving.**

The reintroduction of Altar Serving will begin in our parish. Helen Diskin, the Safe Guarding Officer for Achonry Diocese, visited the parish last week and brought with her the Altar Serving packs for each child, together with Posters and material for the Sacristy.

**Broadcast Mass on RTE for Temperance Sunday.**

RTÉ will broadcast Mass on this Sunday 19 February 2023 at 11am to mark Temperance Sunday 2023. Prayers will be offered for all who are in treatment for addiction and for those who are in recovery. The Offertory Hymn composed by Ephrem Feeley is a new arrangement of the Serenity Prayer.

**Parish Pastoral Councils – Commissioned by Bishop Paul Dempsey.**

**Last Friday, i**n St Nathy’s Cathedral, Ballaghaderreen, the Parish Pastoral Councils of our diocese were commissioned. I want to thank all those who attended from our parish and all those who are committed to serving on the Parish Pastoral Council. Also, there will be two formation sessions with Parish Pastoral Councils before the Summer and a further two sessions in the Autumn.  Information re. venues, parish groupings etc. to follow.

In order to help with good communication around these formation sessions and other practical issues, Bishop Paul asks each parish to forward the **names and contact details (email and mobile phone number)**of the members of your Parish Pastoral Council to the Diocesan Office.  In order to satisfy data protection requirements you will need to ask members for permission to share this information with the diocese.  The diocese holds this information for the purpose of communicating with parishioners about events/meetings etc.  The information will not be shared with a third party.

**Eastern Harps – Unveils plans to celebrate 50th Anniversary.**

Eastern Harps will this year celebrate its 50th Anniversary, since the formation of our club. This is an important milestone in the history of our club. We would like to invite everyone from our club area to join us on the 22nd February next as we unveil our plans to celebrate the year ahead. We are also delighted to be in a position to unveil our five year strategic plan at the event also. Location; Eastern Harps Clubhouse, Keash, Date; 22nd February 2023, Time; 8pm. Looking forward to meeting everyone on the night.

**Sligo Champion, Parish correspondent needed.**

The opportunity to publish parish news items in The Sligo Champion Newspaper, remains important and necessary, even in todays world. Anyone from our parish interested in the role of formulating and submitting weekly parish news items to The Sligo Champion newspaper might please let Fr. Gabriel know.

**Culfadda Housing Association Limited – House in Cloonshanbally, Culfadda.**

Applications are invited from eligible people in the Culfadda, Keash and surrounding areas for tenancy of a house in Cloonshanbally Culfadda. Application forms are available from Committee members or email culfaddahseassocltd@outlook.com Alternatively apply in writing to Culfadda Housing Association Ltd, Culfadda, Ballymote, Co. Sligo requesting application form. Completed forms must be returned to arrive not later than 24thMarch 2023.

**Coleman Music Centre** **Gurteen – Fr James McDonagh.**

Fr James Mc Donagh will perform a live concert in the Coleman Music Centre Gurteen Co. Sligo on Sunday March 12th at 8pm. He will be joined on the night by family and friends for a great mix of music, song & dance. Early booking is advisable for this concert as it has always sold out. Call 071 9182599. Adm €15.

**Coleman Cinema Club Returns.**

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| Coleman Cinema Club Returns – Sat February 25th at 2.30pm. Our chosen film is LUCA. This delightful film is for all the family. Doors open at 2.15pm, Treat bags available in store. €5 (1 adult per family goes free). **Pilgrimage to Fatima.**Special Mayo / Roscommon / Sligo Pilgrimage to Fatima last remaining places Ex Dublin for Feast Day of Saint Anthony Patron Saint of Portugal 9-14th June 2023 full religious programme, visit house where Saint Anthony was born and Saint Anthonys Baptismal Font in Lisbon contact James Treacy 061921470.**Keash Church Renovation Fund.**

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| **Total received to date €18,174** |

We wish to acknowledge having received donations of €200, €200, & €100 towards Keash Church Renovation Fund. We have to raise approximately €65,000 to pay for the cosmetic works. Thank you to everyone for their ongoing generosity and support. ‘For all things come from you, and of your own have we given you’ 1 Chronicles 29:14b.**Keash Parish Online Donations**[**www.keashparish.ie**](http://www.keashparish.ie)**Please Donate Online,** **Thank you for your support.**   |
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