***Keash/Culfadda Newsletter February 11th 2024***

***Sixth Sunday in Ordinary time***

***Our Lady of Lourdes***

***World Day of Prayer for the Sick***

***Year B / Weekday Cycle 2***

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**Masses from Keash & Culfadda Churches are Live streamed.**

**For more information visit our Website:** [**www.keashparish.ie**](http://www.keashparish.ie)

***Please note that the Webcam will be in operation in the Sanctuary area and it’s surrounds of both Churches within our parish.***

**St Kevin’s Church Keash.**

**Saturday 10th 6.30pm** Margaret Burns, Knockalough (Months mind).

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

**Wednesday 14th 10.00am & 6.30pm.**

**Friday 16th 10.00am** People of the parish.

**Saturday 17th 6.30pm** Pakie & Maureen Shannon, Townaghmore and their daughters

Caroline Wallat and Colette Cummins.

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

**Sunday 11th 10.00am** Paul Fox, Cloonshanbally.

**Monday 12th 10.00am.**

**Tuesday 13th  10.00am.**

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

**Wednesday 14th 11.00am.**

**Sunday 18th 10.00am** Delia O’ Connor, Knockbrack.

**Readers.**

**Saturday 10th** Mary Frances Dwyer. **Sunday 11th** Mary Dwyer.

**Saturday 17th** Mai Mitchell. **Sunday 18th** James Duffy.

**Recent Death.**

Your prayers are requested for Edward (Ned) Ryan, Norbiton Hill, Raheen, Limerick and formerly of Meelick, Co. Clare (brother of Peggy Kielty, Lisconvey), who died during the week. May his soul rest in peace. Amen.

**February 14th – Ash Wednesday**.

Three Masses will take place on Ash Wednesday – 10.00am and 6.30pm in St Kevin’s Church and 11.00am 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.

**Parish Pastoral Council Meeting.**

A meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council will take place on Thursday night next February 16th at 8.00pm in the parochial house.

**Lenten Trocaire Boxes.**

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

**Diocesan Loan – Update.**

Our parish had a diocesan loan of €55,000 that was taken out for the building of the new parochial house, when the parochial house was completed, the parish was in a position to return this loan, but it was felt we should put this loan towards the renovation of St Kevin’s Church Keash, which we did.

I wish to acknowledge the diligent generosity and patience of the people over the years the Church was being renovated. Also, I would like to thank everyone who gave what they could afford.

Many parishioners participated in the Charitable Donation Scheme and we always hoped if we were able to put a number of years together, we would be able to pay off the loan. I am pleased to inform you for the past three years the parish received on January 29th 2024, €51,121.30c. Again, I wish to thank all those who participated in the Charitable Donations Scheme, you are the people who have now made it possible for the parish to return the loan of €55,000 to the diocese.

The Good News is – The works that have been carried out on the Church are now paid for. Thank you.

**The Synodal Journey- Update from Bishop Paul Dempsey.** The Synodal Journey was launched in October 2021.  Many parishioners attended gatherings in our Diocese (and throughout the country) to share their ideas about the Church.  These were very helpful meetings and I appreciate the efforts people made to come along and join in the conversations.  In order to feedback to parishioners on what has happened since, a very helpful video has been produced.  It is entitled: "The Synodal Pathway, the Journey So Far..."  This can be found on our Diocesan Website, www.achonrydiocese.org.  I hope this will be helpful in outlining the process so far and charting the next steps on the journey.

Beannachtaí, +Paul Dempsey, Bishop of Achonry.

**Diocesan Celebration for Engaged couples and Married couples marking a special wedding anniversary.**

Bishop Paul will lead a special Ceremony for Engaged Couples preparing for their Wedding, and also for those Married Couples who have marked a special milestone Anniversary last year or this year – 10 years, 20 years, 25 years, 30 years, 40 years, 50 years, 55 years, 60 years. This takes place in the Cathedral in Ballaghaderreen on Sunday 18th February 2024 at 4pm. Refreshments to follow afterwards in the College. All welcome!

**Workshop for Choirs.**

A workshop will be held in the Tubbercurry Parish Church for all parish Choirs and all those involved in the musis ministry in Achonry Diocese on Wednesday, February 21st at 8.00 pm. All Choir Director and / or organist and members of Choirs and those who provide music in Church are most welcome to attend.

**Father Peyton Centre, Attymass, seeks applications for Manager.**

Key responsibilities: Co-ordinate community services, develop & maintain centre, management of staff.

Minimum 3 years’ experience and in-depth knowledge of community services and funding

For application forms email: [frpeytoncentreboard@gmail.com](mailto:frpeytoncentreboard@gmail.com), closing date before 17:00, Friday February 23rd 2024. Further details on www,frpeytoncentre.ie

**Friends of Carmel gathering at Holy Hill.**

Invitation to Friends of Carmel gathering at Holy Hill on Saturday 24th February 2024. Theme: 'Sons and Daughters of your Father in Heaven'. Begin at 10.30am with coffee and finish at 4pm with a soup lunch provided by the community. (Donations invited on the day). All are very welcome! Please let us know if you would like to join us by emailing [friendsofcarmelhh@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofcarmelhh@gmail.com)

**Keash Church Renovation Fund.**

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| **Total received to date €73,121.30c** |

We wish to acknowledge having received a donation of €51,121.30c from the Charitable Donations Scheme, (received for a three-year period) towards Keash Church Renovation Fund. So, the good news is the works that have been carried out on the church are now paid for.

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.