***Keash/Culfadda Newsletter February 4th 2024***

 ***Fifth Sunday in Ordinary time***

***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 3rd 6.30pm** Delia & Patrick Coleman, Toomour and their son Tommie

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**Wednesday 7th 10.00am.**

**Friday 9th 10.00am.**

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

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

**Sunday 4th 10.00am** Stephen & Margaret Hannon, Battlefield and the deceased members of

 the family. Also,

 James Killoran and the deceased of the Killoran family, Battlefield.

**Monday 5th 10.00am.**

**Tuesday 6th 10.00am.**

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

**Readers.**

**Saturday 3rd** Martin Tansey. **Sunday 4th** Sharon Hunt.

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

**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.

**February 3rd – Feast of St. Blaise**. **-Blessing of Throats-**

The tradition of blessing throats is important for many parishioners. The **“Prayer of Blessing of Throats”** will take place at the 6.30pm vigil Mass in Keash on Saturday next and at the 10.00am on Sunday next in Culfadda.

The Blessing of St Blaise is a sign of our faith in God’s protection and love for us and for the sick. ‘through the intercession of St Blaise, bishop and martyr, may God deliver you from all ailments of the throat and from every other evil. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.’

**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, 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

**St. Patrick’s College Maynooth Annual Trócaire Lent Lecture.**
The St. Patrick’s College Maynooth Annual Lent Lecture takes place on Tuesday March 5th 2024 at 7pm in Maynooth. This year’s speaker is Fr. Agbonkhianmeghe Orobator, S.J, who is the Dean of Theology at Santa Clara University. The theme is: ‘Climate Justice and Catholic Social Teaching: “Everything is connected…No one is saved alone” (Laudate Deum, 19).’  Please register: To attend in person at this link: [https://forms.gle/3qAuyM4orvtT1mtL8](https://click.email.trocaire.org/?qs=c8ead30aa3e6a3aa20b631413bc66d75e78ea3bd21d00f20dbf7513b19cc141b586b8fb346f36820fcce34aeaf08652d0b62e4d189f4857e)  To attend online at this link: [https://bit.ly/3ShykIv](https://click.email.trocaire.org/?qs=c8ead30aa3e6a3aa567f96eed539348bf87e9ad90e6da5faad8469ad141227ce6e165d4d0f8ef7c49da182cb1638b8f48e0615050e669dc4)

To register for this free event, please contact frances.harnan@trocaire.org

**Living Well - free HSE programme.**

**Living Well is a free HSE programme which helps people living with a long-term health condition to manage their condition and improve their overall wellbeing. Anyone with any chronic illness such as diabetes, arthritis, COPD, cardiac illness, anxiety, etc. can benefit from these workshops. The next programme in Boyle, commences on Tuesday the 12th of March. The programme is delivered over six weekly workshops (2.5 hrs x 6) by trained leaders. Advance registration is required. To find out more, please contact Liam Gildea on 086 0142675 or by email at** **lgildea@southmayo.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.