



The Churches of Kinsale invite all of the community to the Happy Birthday Baby Jesus celebration on Christmas Eve at 2pm at St John the Baptist church, followed by the celebration of the blessing and placing of the Baby Jesus in the Town Crib at 2.30pm. Parents are asked to dress the children as shepherds and angels and help with the singing of 'Away in a Manger' as He is placed in the crib

CARMELITE THIRD LAY ORDER

Meeting on **Saturday 22nd December** after 10.40am Mass in the Friary Library.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

The parish office will close at 12.45pm on Friday 21st December. It will re-open on Thurs 3rd Jan 2019. There will be no Beacon Newsletter for the next 2 weeks.

KINSALE & DISTRICT ALTRUSA CLUB

Thank you to everyone who supported the Altrusa Annual Christmas Fayre on Fri 30th Nov. Also our thanks to the Kinsale Advertiser, Supervalu, people who donated homemade cakes, raffle prizes, and those who helped in other ways. This year's Fayre raised €4,800 which will be divided between Kinsale Community Hospital, Kinsale Meals on Wheels and Kinsale Youth Community Café. *Best wishes for a Happy Christmas & New Year from Altrusa - Kinsale.*

PARISH OFFICE

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OBITUARY

Donie McNamara, St. Joseph's Terrace

The death took place peacefully in Kinsale Community Hospital of Donie McNamara on Wednesday 12th December 2018.

An only child, Donie's father worked in the Merchant Navy and died in Glasgow when Donie was 9 years old. Donie was good at school and got on well there. He worked for Henry Good Ltd. for four generations of the family. He brought the silos of Goods Mills to Kinsale in an artic truck from Belfast. A great family man with his late wife Pat, he loved music, sport and films. He served on the local Town Council and took a keen interest in the ITGWU.

The funeral Mass was celebrated by Fr. Robert and there followed a service at the Island Crematorium, Ringaskiddy. We extend our deepest sympathy to his daughters Anne and Mary, son William, sons in law, daughter in law, grandchildren, relatives and friends.
May he rest in peace.

EVENING FOR BEREAVED PARENTS

Anam Cara Cork, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding a Parent Evening on **Wednesday 2nd January** at 7:20pm in the Clayton Hotel, Silver Springs, Tivoli, Cork. This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether their death was recent or not.

We remember in our prayers those who died in the past year

December 2017

Eleanor O'Brien, Ardbrack
 Joseph O'Donovan, St. Joseph's Tce.
 Ellen Healy, Collins Tce.

January

John Ryan, Cloughmacsimon
 Tim Nagle, Featherbed Lane
 John F. O'Mahony, Haven Hill

February

Thomas Martin O'Brien, Farrengalway
 Jamie McCarthy, Kinsale & South Carolina

March

Joan McCarthy, Rose Abbey

April

Joseph Hurley, Mellifontstown

May

John Hurley, Sleaveen Park
 Joe O'Donovan, London & Brownsmills
 Francisco Romeral, Madrid & Kinsale
 John Rafferty, Collins Tce.

June

Jason Connolly, The Rock
 Geoffrey O'Bryne White, Sandycove
 Christine Hetherington, Bandon Road
 Eugene (Jane) McCarthy, Ballyregan
 Dora Barry, The Glen

July

Teddy Roche, Tissanonmore
 Angela Broderick, Abbeylands

August

Timmy O'Donovan, Clonleigh
 Michael Tierney, The Rock
 Miah Cooney, Ballinacubby

September

Michael Cronin, Sandycove
 Margaret Murphy, Ballinamoul
 Dr. Arabella O'Keefe, Scilly
 Julia Ainger, Higher O'Connell St.

October

John Joe O'Regan, Ballyvryn & Dublin
 Bertie Pearse, Ballinacubby
 Michael Feeney, Rivermeadows
 Marie Murphy Kerrisk, Catholic Walk

November

Joan Mulcair, Cork Street
 Ciaran Dempsey, Belgooly
 Chrissie O'Regan, Dunderrow
 Denis Finbarr Healy, Harbour Hgts
 Frank Kiernan, Monastery Gardens
 Bride Acton, Eastern Road

December

Baby Christopher Murphy, Kilcawha
 Donie McNamara, St. Joseph's Tce.
 Iain Rosser, Farm Lane

ANNIVERSARIES

We remember in our prayers:
Maureen Timmons, Brenda Murphy,
John Joe Hurley, Ann O'Connell,
Eugene Gillen, John Cooley,
Mary Myles, Brendan Murphy,
Pauline O'Connell, Neilus O'Leary,
John and Hester Clancy,
John and Eileen O'Sullivan,
Jenny Henderson, James Keohane,
Cornelius O'Brien.
May they rest in peace.

ROSARY IN BALLINSPITTLE CHURCH

Tuesday 1st January at 3pm to honour the Feast of The Mother of God.

THANK YOU

Many thanks to those who contributed to the 'Choose Life' collection recently. The total amounted to €990.77

PRAYER WHEN LIGHTING 4th ADVENT CANDLE

O Jesus Christ, come and teach us your way; Word made flesh, come, speak your truth. Jesus, come and teach me, how to sing and play, how to learn new words; tell me what to say. Teach me how to be a child, for you know the way.

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE 2018



CAROL SERVICE: (Combined Choirs)

Sunday 23rd Dec. in St. John the Baptist Church at 7.30pm

CHRISTMAS EVE (Monday 24th December)

Happy Birthday Celebration for Baby Jesus
in the Parish Church at 2.00pm.

Parish Church: Vigil Mass at 6.30pm & 9.00pm
Friary Church: Vigil Mass at 8.00pm

Confessions:

Parish Church: Mon. 24th Dec. 11.30am to 12.30pm.
Friary Church: Mon. 24th Dec. 10.30am to 12 Noon,
and 2.30pm to 5.00pm

CHRISTMAS DAY (Tuesday, 25th December)

Parish Church: Mass at 10.00am & 12 Noon
Friary Church: Mass at 7.30am, 8.30am & 11.00am

Alleluia!

WEEKDAY MASSES

Wed. 26th Dec. – Sat. 29th Dec.

Parish Church: 11.00am
Friary Church: 10.00am

Mon. 31st Dec. – Sat 5th Jan 2019

Parish Church: 11.00am
Friary Church: 10.00am

WEEKEND MASSES

Sat. 29th Dec.

Parish Vigil Mass: 6.30pm

Sun. 30th Dec.

Parish: 10am & 12 Noon
Friary: 8.30am & 11am

MASS TIMES RETURN TO NORMAL IN BOTH CHURCHES

From Monday 7th January 2019

*Fr. Robert and the Carmelite Community wish you God's
Blessing for Christmas and a peaceful New Year*

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Fr. Robert writes...

THE VALUE OF VISITATION

Visitation is a beautiful thing to do and it is rooted in the Gospel; 'I was sick and you visited me, in prison and you came to see me' Mt 25.36. However, it seems that it is a custom that is dying out. In the old days, when life was simpler, people visited each other a lot. Today everyone is very busy, we are time poor, and visitation is replaced by the telephone. But telephone communication can't take the place of a visit.

Visitation is sometimes not easy, but it brings great satisfaction, not only for the visitor but for the one visited. When we visit someone we see ourselves as doing good to that person. This is generally true, but we benefit too. We are enriched. When we reach out to another person our heart comes alive.

What brings the greatest happiness in life is having a sense of belonging or connectedness to others. Loneliness and isolation are painful, unhealthy and very common. When you visit others and hear their story, see how sometimes people are coping with difficult or near impossible situations, it can be inspiring. Even among the sick and imprisoned you can find a shining soul. You may come to give but you find you are receiving. When you discover the enormity of the problems people are coping with, it makes your own problems small.

The Gospel this weekend is the visitation of Elizabeth by Mary. May it inspire us and motivate us to visit. We can receive by giving. One of the ways we can receive is by visitation. May Christmas be a time for visiting people.

