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Meeting at the Temperance Hall at 2.30 pm on **Tues 20th Dec.** for exercise with Maureen and end of season Christmas Party-All Welcome

HAPPY BIRTHDAY BABY JESUS

The Churches of Kinsale invite all of the Community to the Happy Birthday Baby Jesus Celebration on **Christmas Eve** at 2pm at the Parish Church followed by the Celebration of the Blessing and Placing of the Baby Jesus in the Town Crib at 2.30pm. Please come to the celebration dressed as Shepherds and Angels and help with the singing of 'Away in a Manger' as He is placed in the crib.

PARISH OFFICE

The parish office will close at 12.45pm on Thurs 22nd December and re-open on Tues 3rd Jan 2017 at 9.15am. There will be no Beacon on the 1st January.

FOLK GROUP CAROL SERVICE

Folk Group Carol Service @ 7.30pm on 16th Dec. Entry €5 u16 free. Proceeds to the Community School All weather pitch and running track. Guest include Dan Twomey & Julie O'Sullivan

ANNIVERSARIES

We remember in our prayers:

Hannah Stapleton

Hester Clancy

John Wilcock

Henry Kent

Margaret Murphy

Maureen Timmons

Edward & Nora Fitzgerald

Mary Beecher

Alice Devitt

Patrick O'Donovan

May they rest in peace.

CHRISTMAS COMMUNION

Those unable to be with us at one of the Christmas Masses because of sickness or age are welcome to have a visit from a minister of the Eucharist with Holy Communion. Contact Parish office with name 021 4773821.

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.

OBITUARY

The death took place peacefully at her home in Butchers Row on Saturday Dec 10th 2016 of Frances Madden. Everyone knew her as Francie. She had been at the Christmas Carol Concert in the Church on the previous night. Francie was a native of Kinsale, had worked in Alexanders Paper shop, Actons, now Bolands Shop, and Supervalu. She looked after her parents and her sister Nora. She was involved in the Friary Choir, Parish Choir, Choral and Opera Society. She was a founder member of the Kinsale Credit Union and served on the committee for many years. The funeral Mass was celebrated by Fr. Robert, accompanied by Fr. Peter and Stan. The burial was to St. Eltins. We offer our deepest sympathy to her brother Paddy, sister in law, Mary, nephews, nieces, grand nephews, grand nieces, nieces-in-law, neighbours, relatives and friends.

May she rest in peace.

PEDESTRIAN SAFETY.

Did you know that pedestrians walking in the dark are 13 times more likely to be killed than when walking during the day.

Pedestrians -

Take responsibility, and ensure that you are visible on our roads. Wear a Hi-Vis jacket and carry a torch during darkness.

Drivers -

Turning your lights on during the day improve visibility and prevents collisions, which reduce death and injuries on the road. Dipped headlights during the daytime as part of a road safety campaign has shown a decline of 10% in collisions. *Stay Safe from Kinsale Neighbourhood Watch*

KINSALE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Kinsale Historical Record is now celebrating its 24th edition. The latest edition of The Kinsale and District Historical Record, which is produced by Kinsale Historical Society, has gone on sale. The 150 page book is jam-packed with articles and photos on a wide variety of local events, individuals and happenings. No home in the district should be without a copy, keenly priced at €10.

The annual prayers and commemoration service takes place at the Famine Graveyard this **Sun. Dec.18th** at 2.30pm, followed by another service at the 1601 Battle site at Millwater Cross.

Christmas Card Error!

Please note that the Penitential Service on Mon. 19th Dec is in the Parish Church NOT the Friary as printed on the Christmas Cards.

KINSALE GAA

Lotto Jackpot numbers : 02,19,30. Jackpot €5400. No winner
Consolation Prize Winners;
€50: Jerry Warren €30: Sheila Murphy
€20: Mary Eaton
€20 Christmas Voucher Winners:
1. Elizabeth Buttimer; 2. Mary Eaton;
3. Francis Willis; 4. Sonny Mehigan;
5. Kieran Allen; 6. Joe O'Leary;
7. Teresa Daly; 8. M & S Hurley;
9. Liam Keogh; 10. Lila Shortall

DUNDERROW COMMUNITY ALERT

Congratulations to Fred Treacy, Tissaxon, who received the Dunderrow Community Alert award at the annual senior citizens party in the Trident Hotel last Sunday

FRIENDLY CALL CORK

A free phone call service for older people who are living alone.

To find out more, please contact Brenda Barry on 021 430 1700 or 087

636 6407, email

Brenda.Barry@partnershipcork.ie

If you wish to have a loved one prayed for at Masses on Christmas Day, please hand their name(s) into the Sacristy. Only the names of people who have died in the past year will be called out at Masses on Christmas Day, but all names handed in will be prayed for.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

There will be no Eucharistic Adoration in the St. John the Baptist church over the Christmas period. Adoration will resume on **Mon 9th Jan 2017.**

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE 2016



CAROL SERVICE (Folk Group)

Friday 16th Dec. in St John the Baptist Church at 7.30pm

CAROL SERVICE: (Combined Choirs)

Wednesday 21st Dec. in the Friary Church at 7.30pm

PENITENTIAL SERVICE

Monday, 19th Dec. in the Parish Church at 7.30pm

CHRISTMAS EVE (Saturday 24th December)



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

Parish Church: Vigil Mass 6.30pm & 9.00pm

Friary Church: Vigil Mass 8.00pm

Confessions:

Parish Church: Sat. 24th Dec. 11.30am to 12.30pm.

Friary Church: Sat. 24th Dec. 10.30am to 12 Noon,
and 2.30pm to 5.00pm



CHRISTMAS DAY (Sunday, 25th December)

Parish Church: 10.00am & 12 Noon

Friary Church: 7.30am, 8.30am & 11.00am

WEEKDAY MASSES

Mon. 26th Dec. – Thurs 5th Jan

Parish Church: 11.00am

Friary Church: 10.00am

Fri. 6th Jan – Holy Day – Parish Church: 12.00 pm & 7.30Pm

Friary Church: 7.30am & 10am

MASS TIMES RETURN TO NORMAL IN BOTH CHURCHES

From Monday 9th January 2017

PARISH OFFICE

Hours: 9.15 – 12.45pm Mon-Fri

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Address: Lower Catholic Walk, Kinsale.

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Webcam for live streaming of Masses
and other services: Open website and
click on Webcam

PRIEST ON DUTY

Fr. Robert Young 021 4773700

EMERGENCY No.: 086 3339063

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4th Sunday in Advent

18th December 2016

What Are We Expecting?

How do we prepare our hearts for you, Jesus? Or do we understand our need to prepare? Are we more likely to hurry around once you're here, trying to focus on this guest we weren't expecting? Will we be ready when you appear there in the manger? Or will our hearts and minds be so focused on our immediate struggles that we're unprepared to receive eternal hope and grace? Will we recognize you? Or will we be looking for a savior of our own making? One who is powerful, maybe, who can rule the world by force if necessary? Will we be looking for a savior who looks like we do in race, culture, or religion? Will we stop and gaze upon you, forgetting everything else for just a few moments? Or will we be too distracted by credit card bills, the fallout of family gatherings, the extra pounds we've gained, and all the things we want to buy and do in the coming year? Will we journey through all sorts of weather and landscapes just to get a glimpse of you? Or if it's just too hard to get to the manger, will we flip through the TV channels one more time, get a snack, put on comfortable clothes, and get lost in consoling fantasies? How will we prepare our hearts for the Christ Child?

From Sacred Space