

MASS TIMES This WEEK

Loughmore

Vigil Mass 7.30pm
 Sunday 11.00am
 Monday to Friday 9.30am

Castleiney

Vigil Mass 6.30pm
 Sunday 10.00am
 Monday to Thursday 9.30am
 Friday 7.30pm

Thank You

Last week's Offertory Collection.

Loughmore €369

Parish Funds €320 Renovation Fund €49

Donate a Slate

Total Donate a Slate €25,140

Total Renovation Fund €328,426. 48

Castleiney Offertory Collection €230

Eucharistic Adoration : in Castleiney Church on Tuesday from 10.00 to 11.00am and from

5.00pm to 9.00pm.

Loughmore Parish Centre on Thursday from 10.00am to 12.00.

There will also be Eucharistic Adoration from 6.00 to 8.00pm

Clergy Christmas Collection for the priests of the parish and of the Archdioceses will be taken up next weekend. It is the last envelope in your box for 2012. Our target for the year is €24,288; the amount contributed to date is €20875. We thank you for your support and generosity over the year.

Loughmore Folk Choir invite you to their Carol service on Friday 14th December in the Parish Centre at 7pm, Come and join us in celebrating the true meaning of Christmas - All are welcome. We will hold our final practice on Wednesday next between 8 and 9pm.

Defibrillator: Responders for this week are:

Peggy Eviston, Tommy Gleeson, Aidan Ryan, Eamon Brennan and Jamie Cahill.



In Memoriam

We remember our Deceased Relatives and Friends Recently Deceased

John Kelly Prescott, Arizona late of Kilkillahara Funeral Mass and burial of Ashes on next Sunday 16th December at 11.00am in Loughmore

Loughmore Anniversaries

John & Kathleen Hennessy Whitefield 7.30pm

Castleiney Anniversaries

John Scully Killanigan Saturday 6.30pm

Next Weekend 15th/16th December

Loughmore Anniversaries

Sadie O'Connell Clonamuckoge 7.30pm

Castleiney Anniversaries

May They Rest in Peace.

Parish Christmas Cards: for both Loughmore and Castleiney are now available.

Loughmore Card on sale in the Cottage Shop.

Castleiney Card available from Mary Nolan Good value and also supporting parish funds.

Christmas Candle: On sale in both Cottage shop and Nolan's shop.

Progressive 25 : this Sunday night at 8.30pm in Loughmore Parish Centre

Castleiney Folk Group & Castleiney National School : Christmas Carol Service will be on Sunday Dec 16th at 7pm in Castleiney Church. Everyone welcome.

Comhaltas: will hold their annual Seisiún na Nollag on next Saturday Dec. 15th after Mass in the Hall. The music class students and Scór groups will perform for family and friends. Admission is free and all are welcome. The draw for the Comhaltas Christmas Hamper will be held. Tickets will be available in the Hall on the night. Your support is much appreciated.

Mid-Tipp Board Convention will be held in Castleiney next Friday 14th. It begins with Mass in at 7.30pm in Parish Church. We welcome all the officers and club officials from all the clubs in the Mid.

Loughmore- Castleiney GAA Lotto Results.

Numbers Drawn: 6, 12, 13, 22. No Winner

In House Draw: Peggy Eviston

Promoters Draw: Joe Ryan Whitefield

Lucky Dip Winners €40 each:

Bab Ryan Two-Mile Borris Mgr. Maurice Dooley, Michael Ormond Jnr Loughmore, Pat & Breda Earls c/o Alvy Stapleton.

Next week's Jackpot €6800 draw will take place in Nolan's Bar on Wednesday at 9.30pm.

Loughmore- Castleiney Juvenile GAA Club:

Bag Packing will take place in Dunne's Stores, Thurles on Thursday, 20th December & Friday, 21st December from 10 am to 9 pm. Parents & all players over 16 in the Club are asked to make themselves available to help out with this fundraising event. Please contact any of the following with your preferred available times: - Brendan Meagher 086 – 2256110, Willie Butler 086 – 3761294, Pat Gleeson 087 – 2730801, Tom Mc Grath(K) 087 – 2032065 Pat Mc Grath 087 – 9660596 Shane Hennessy 086 – 0782330

Best Wishes to our Music and Question time teams next Friday night 14th December in the Scor na nOg County Final competition in Holycross at 8pm."

Food for Thought

How was your first week of Advent? How did you 'prepare a way for the Lord' this week? The organized among us may have already ventured out to begin our gift buying, rooted out the tree decorations, or made the Christmas cake. We are seasoned experts at preparing for Christmas. Or are we? When John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, his task was to 'prepare a way for the Lord', to 'make his paths straight', much as a messenger might do for a king. Do you remember the Olympic Torch relay last summer in preparation for the London 2012 Olympics? It simultaneously brought the message of the Games to the people, while also directing their attention forward to the main event. John the Baptist had a two-pronged approach. While laying the groundwork for the arrival of Jesus, he also preached a message of repentance and forgiveness. Amid the hustle and bustle of December and the run-up to Christmas, do we give ourselves a chance to prepare for the gift God is giving us this and every Christmas? What areas do we need to work on and what obstacles do we need to remove from our life so we are ready to welcome Jesus? It is not too late to make a straight path for the Lord to come into our lives.

