

### Words from Pope Francis on the Family

The incarnation of the Word in a human family, in Nazareth, by its very newness changed the history of the world.. (Amoris Laetitia, Par 65)

### Come and pray at our Christmas Crib + Festival of Cribs.

Let God love you in Jesus, the child of Bethlehem. Father, as we celebrate the birthday of Christ, our Saviour, may we come to appreciate more deeply the meaning of what is being offered to us. May we too share in the joy of the Angels who gave Glory to God in the highest and sang of peace to the people on earth.



"Then, I only wondered who put the toys in the stocking. Now I wonder who put the stocking by the bed, and the bed in the room, and the room in the house, and the house on the planet, and the great planet in the void. Once, I thought it delightful and astonishing to find a present so big that it only went halfway into the stocking. Now I am delighted and astonished every morning to find a present so big that it takes two stockings to hold it, and then leaves a great deal outside. It is the large and preposterous present of my self, as to the origin of which I can offer no suggestion except that Santa Claus gave it to me in a fit of particularly good will".

*Gilbert Keith Chesterton.*

### Wrapping gifts

Dear Lord, I am tired. I sit here surrounded by ribbons and paper, gifts and tags and I struggle to feel the spirit of giving. I can barely remember which gift is for whom and at moments it all seems so far from your birth. Help me to take this moment to think of the many gifts you have given to me, the many ways your grace has blessed my life. Help me to remember that each gift is a tiny mirror of the generosity I see so clearly in your life and of the many ways you shower me with such lavish and undeserved love. Let me sit here for just a moment and feel that joy in my heart. Thank you. Thank you.

### A Christmas Prayer

Robert Louis Stevenson

"We thank you for this place in which we dwell,  
for the love that unites us,  
for the peace accorded us this day,  
for the hope with which we expect the morrow,  
for the work, the health, the food  
and bright skies which make our lives  
delightful for our friends in all parts of the earth."

## *Parish of Ahamlish and Inishmurray*

*Grange ♦ Cliffooney ♦ Mullaghmore*

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# Merry Christmas

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## *Celebration of the Eucharist*

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*Sunday: 10:30 a.m.*

*Wednesday, 7:00 -8:00 pm: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament*

*CHURCH OF MARY IMMACULATE, GRANGE*

*Saturday: 8:00 p.m*

*Sunday: 12:00 noon*

*OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA ORATORY, MULLAGHMORE*

*Saturday: 6:30 p.m*

MINISTRY ROTAS, <u>CLIFFONEY</u>		
DATE	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	MINISTERS OF THE WORD
Sun, 25 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Anne O'Dare, Mary Doyle, Ali Conway	Frank Kielty, Jacinta Feehily
Sun, 1 <sup>st</sup> Jan	Mary Doyle, Ali Conway, Frank Kielty	Karen Mulgrew, Anne Gallagher
<b>Altar Society</b>	<b>December:</b> Anne Roper, Joan Gallagher	
<b>MASS INTENTIONS in CLIFFONEY &amp; MULLAGHMORE</b>		
Sat, 24 <sup>th</sup> Dec	6.30 pm 9.30pm	Mullaghmore: Christmas Eve Mass Cliffoney: Christmas Eve Mass
Sun, 25 <sup>th</sup> Dec	10.30 am	Cliffoney: Christmas Day Mass Michael Burns
Sat, 31 <sup>st</sup> Dec	6.30pm	Mullaghmore:
Sun, 1 <sup>st</sup> Jan	10.30am	Cliffoney: James + Katie Herity Sean McGowan, Cloyspara (3 <sup>rd</sup> Anniversary)
<b>CLIFFONEY OFFERINGS: Sunday: € 949</b>		

#### North Sligo Agricultural Show

Turkey trot 5K on the 27<sup>th</sup> Dec, starts at 1.30pm at Grange Sports Complex. Fun for all the family walkers, joggers, runners, kids all welcome.  
Adults €10, family €20. In aid of the North Sligo Agricultural Show.

#### Congratulations

Congrats to Tom Haran, Aughagad, Grange on recently being presented with the Individual Community Award for his life time of service to the Grange community. "You have ups + downs but you get great reward for the effort you put in" Tom laughed.

Well done Tom and well deserved!

Congrats to Michael Rooney on being awarded the TG4 Composer of the year 2017. Michael's latest composition "The Macalla Suite" specially commissioned for the 1916 Centenary has just been released. Michael has composed 9 suites of music over 20yrs including "De Cuellar Suite" – 2011, "Battle of The Books" – 2007,

"The Second Coming" – 2014, "Boróimhe Suite" – 2014. In May 2015, Michael was commissioned to write music + perform on the occasion of Prince Charles' visit to Sligo.

Michael is married to June McCormack, Principal of Scoil Bhríde, Carns, and is Vice Principal of Coola Post Primary School.

#### Charity Ladies Lunch

Woman's Little Christmas Black Dress Ladies Lunch in Kilronan Castle on Sun 8<sup>th</sup> Jan at 1pm. Tickets, contact 0877708865. All proceeds go to local Simon Communities.

#### Benbulbin Comhaltas Annual Christmas Session

St. Stephen's Day in Ellens at 3 – 5pm. All welcome. On behalf of BCCE, we would like to express our thanks for all your support and wish you a Happy New Year.

MASSES, <u>GRANGE</u>		
Sat, 24 <sup>th</sup> Dec	8pm	Christmas Eve – Patsy + Terry Kilfeather
Sun, 25 <sup>th</sup> Dec	12.00	Christmas Day Mass
Mon, 26 <sup>th</sup> Dec	10.30am	St. Stephen's Day
Tue, 27 <sup>th</sup> Dec	10.30am	St. John The Apostle
Wed, 28 <sup>th</sup> Dec	10.30am 1pm	Private Intention Wedding: Morgan + Aine St. Joseph Church, Ballyshannon
Thur, 29 <sup>th</sup> Dec	12.30	Wedding: Raymond + Grace, Grange Church
Fri, 30 <sup>th</sup> Dec	12.30	Wedding: Paul + Edel, St. Patrick's Church, Maugerow
Sat, 31 <sup>st</sup> Dec	8 pm	Tom Leonard Months Mind John Farrell Months Mind Kathleen + Vincent Tivnan (4 <sup>th</sup> + 13 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary)
Sun, 1 <sup>st</sup> Jan	12.00  2pm	New Year's Day Feast of Mary Mother of God World Day of Peace Margaret Gillen (2 <sup>nd</sup> Anniversary) Sean, Evelyn + Seamus Gilmartin – Drumfad + Carns Wedding: Nicola + Mark
<b>December</b>	<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>SUNDAY</b>
<b>OFFERTORY COLLECTORS</b>	Sean Meehan, Moneygold; Gerry Kilfeather, Kiltykere; Desmond Rooney, Breaghwy; Michael McLoughlin.	Tim Harte, Carns; Sean Taheny, Pine Grove Jimmy Rooney, Aughagad; Cormac Feeny, Grogagh;
<b>ALTAR SOCIETY</b>	<b>December:</b> Christina McGarry, Eileen McGowan, Kay McGowan + June Woulfe	
<b>GRANGE OFFERINGS: Sunday: €1, 215 Renovation: €25</b>		

#### Please Remember in your Prayers

**Bertie McGuinn**, St. Patrick's Tce, Sligo died recently at his residence.

#### 400 Club December Draw

1 <sup>st</sup>	Nadine + Daniel Barber,	Bearnadearg.
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Bernie Brooks,	Pine Grove.
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Teresa Watters,	Streedagh.

#### Family Retreat Day – Sligo

"Living Family" will host a retreat day for all families on Sat 7<sup>th</sup> Jan in Summerhill College, Sligo from 10am-5pm. Bishop Kevin will celebrate Mass at 10.30am.  
Booking essential. Contact Therese on 086 8228174 or [info@livingfamily.ie](mailto:info@livingfamily.ie)