

The Icon of the Holy Family

Mihai Cucu is a Romanian iconographer, he grew up in a region in which there were many monasteries and churches covered in frescoes. As a child he was fascinated by the images of saints and incidents from the gospel story depicted by the icons. He began to study artistic conservation and during the course of his studies was expected to produce an icon. His first efforts were beginnings but he eventually realised that if he were to understand the icon tradition, he would have to study it where icons were not simply decorative features but part of the symbolic world of meaning. For the next 5 summers he spent time in a different monastery learning from teachers who are active icon writers and restoring icons. He came to Ireland to exhibit in Christchurch Cathedral, Dublin. Since then he has directed courses in icon writing in Ireland. Mihai wrote the Holy Family Icon at the Redemptoristine Monastery in Drumcondra, assisted by Sr. Alena and Sr. Maria. All the sisters shared in the writing of the icon and all held it in prayer.

Church Gate Collection, 16th + 17th Dec

At all churches in aid of maintenance of the Local Defibrillators. Donations can be made directly through one of the committee members or on www.gofundme.com/cliffoney-grange-defibrillators. Please contact Karen on 087 6398705 for further info.

Om Warrior Yoga Classes - Mullaghmore

Yoga Therapy: Mon, Tue + Thurs from 10 - 11am.

Hatha Yoga: Tue + Thurs from 7 – 8pm.

All classes cost €10 or 4 for €30 to be used within a 2 week period from purchase.

For more info contact Freya on 0870939936 or freya.lomax@gmail.com.

St. Vincent de Paul

SVP would like to thank all those who generously contributed to our collection last weekend. The total collected amounted to €4740, we greatly appreciate everyone's generosity. Wishing you all a happy and blessed Christmas!

Silent Retreat – Knock, Spiritual Exercises of Saint Ignatius

Takes place at the Alexian Brothers Monastery, Knock, Co. Mayo, for women aged 18 years and up. From 28th Dec 2017 - 1st Jan 2018. Places are limited. Please book early. For more information contact 085-8235525.

New Beauty Salon Open in Grange

Allure Beauty Salon has opened in Grange Village beside Londis Shop & Service Station. Proprietor: Nicole Gallagher, Drumfad. Opening Hours: Tue/Wed. 10.00am to 7.00pm, Thurs/Friday 10.00am to 8.00pm, Sat 10.00am to 5.00pm. Full range of treatments to include Shellac Nails, Brow Bar, Russian 3D Volume Lashes, Hair Removal, Make Up, Spray Tanning, Bridal Makeup. Christmas Gift Vouchers available. Telephone 087 – 1143100

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GAUDETE SUNDAY

The Sunday of joy

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: 6:30pm

DATE	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	MINISTERS OF THE WORD
Sun, 17 th Dec	Bridie Watters, Pauline Maguire	Pauline Maguire, Anne McGloin
Sun, 24 th Dec	Marie Clancy, Karen McGloin	Mary McGowan
Altar Society	December: A. Roper, J. Gallagher	
MASS INTENTIONS in CLIFFONEY & MULLAGHMORE		
Sat, 16 th Dec	6.30pm	Mullaghmore: Tom Duffy (16 th Anniversary) Willie McGloin - Castlegal
Sun, 17 th Dec	10.30am	Cliffoney: Breege Bergin (2 nd Anniversary) + Austin Kerins (3 rd Anniversary)
Wed, 20 th Dec	7pm 8pm	Cliffoney: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Sacrament of the Reconciliation
Sat, 23 rd Dec	5pm 6.30pm	Cliffoney: Baptism Mullaghmore:
Sun, 24 th Dec	10.30am 6.30pm	Cliffoney: Mullaghmore: Christmas Eve Mass
Mon, 25 th Dec	10.30am	Cliffoney: Christmas Day Mass Michael Burns
Cliffoney Offerings: Dec 8 th : €341 Sunday Collection: €757		

- **Confessions in Cliffoney Church on Wed 20th At 8pm.**

Cliffoney Country Market – Sun 17th Dec, 11am - 1pm in Cliffoney Hall

On offer are organic potatoes + vegetables, cakes + pastries, homemade jams, fresh farmed eggs, arts + crafts. Tea, coffee + Music. Everyone Welcome!
Grange Post Primary School present a Carol Service, Fri 22nd Dec at 10.30am.

Permanent Diaconate

The first ever ordination to the Permanent Diaconate took place in the Church of Sts. Peter + Paul, Athlone on Fri 8th Dec 2017 at 3pm. Tony Larkin, a native of Athlone was ordained alongside his family + community, wife Jean + friends. Tony had undertaken a 4 year programme of academic study + spiritual, human and pastoral formation based at St. Angela's College, Sligo. Deacons are to carry out a ministry of service, and compliment the work of the priest and is collaboration with the laity. Martin Reidy, Kiltoom, Co. Roscommon will be ordained a Permanent Deacon on Gaudete Sunday, 17th Dec at Church of the Risen Christ, Kiltoom. Pdraig Kelly, Glencar was part of this group training for the Permanent Diaconate for Kilmore Diocese and was ordained in his home church last Sunday and a wonderful ceremony was enjoyed by a full congregation.

Carol Service at Sligo Cathedral on Sun 17th Dec at 8.15pm.

Pope John Paul II Awards

71 candidates from throughout the diocese were conferred in Summerhill College, Sligo on 25th Oct. Among them, 5 from our parish including Joseph Devaney from Grange Post Primary School.

MASSES, GRANGE		
Sat, 16 th Dec	8pm	Michael Caraway Snr. and Ml. Caraway (2 nd Anniv) Jim Haran (21 st Anniv) Rinroe + deceased of the Haran + Mullaney families Áine Morris Months Mind Mass
Sun, 17 th Dec	12.00pm	Roddy Feighney Snr. Margaret Gillen (3 rd Anniversary)
Mon, 18 th Dec	9.30am	Feast of St. Flannan For the People of the Parish
Tue, 19 th Dec	9.30am	
Wed, 20 th Dec	11.30am	Christmas Mass with Grange Primary School
Thur, 21 st Dec	9.30am 7pm	Feast of St. Peter Can Christmas Carol Service
Fri, 22 nd Dec	9.30am 10.30am	Mass Carol Service by Grange Post Primary School
Sat, 23 rd Dec	8pm	
Sun, 24 th Dec	12.00pm 8pm	Christmas Eve Mass
Mon, 25 th Dec	12.00pm	Christmas Day Mass
December	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
OFFERTORY COLLECTORS	Sean Meehan, Moneygold; Gerry Kilfeather, Kiltykere; Desmond Rooney, Breaghwy; Michael McLoughlin.	Tim Harte, Carns; Sean Taheny, Pine Grove Jimmy Rooney, Aughagad; Cormac Feeny, Grogagh;
ALTAR SOCIETY	December: Mary Gilroy, Tina Gilmartin, Roslyn Brennan, Catherine Feeny	
Grange Offerings: Sunday Collection: €1030 Restoration: €23		

Please remember in your prayers:

Sean Foran, Manchester + Creevykeel, Cliffoney, died 11th Dec. We extend our sympathy to his wife Jackie, children Keith Siobhan, Sarah, Kelly and grandchildren; his sister Mary Carraghar, Navan, godmother Mary Watters, Newtownward, Grange, relations + friends. Funeral will take place in Manchester.

North West Simon Community looking for your support this Christmas:-
Fri 22nd Dec – Tesco Shopping Arcade Sligo, Sing for Simon from 11 to 4 with choirs – collection for charity

Sun 7th Jan – Women's Little Christmas Ladies Lunch, Kilonan Castle, Tickets from 087 7708865

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