

Centenarians: Journalist, Sorcha Crowley, is looking to speak to people who will turn 100 in 2024 for the Irish Examiner newspaper. She would carry out a short interview within the next 2-3 weeks with people who are specifically aged 99 years and turning 100 next year. Please contact Sorcha at sorchacrowley@gmail.com or 086-456 3594.

TIZ THE SEASON TO BE JOLLY: Do you have a special place where you can go to unwind? Consider the outdoors – it can uplift, inspire, relax and give respite from the mania that takes hold of many in the lead up to Christmas and it's free. Recalibrate to nature's pace. Connect with the natural world as you might an old friend. It has been shown that a person's connection to nature is linked to their wellbeing but also to their environmental behaviour. When people have a closer relationship with nature, they are more inclined to want to help nature and take action to protect it. Our planet needs every one of us to champion her cause.

CHRISTMAS HOLLY: Common Holly, European Holly or English (*Ilex aquifolium*) is native to western and southern Europe, northwest Africa, and southwest Asia. The Irish name for holly is "cuileann" and place names derived from holly include Glencullen, Gleann Chluilin, "valley of the holly", Co. Dublin and Moycullen, Maigh Cuilinn, "plain of the holly", Co. Galway. For me, there is peace and tranquillity in the familiar tree-lined hedgerows that are bedecked with glossy berries and strung with sparkling spiderwebs at this time. The rich red berries of the holly tree that contrast so finely with the prickly, glossy evergreen leaves are particularly striking in the winter light. It is no surprise that this attractive plant has been a mainstay when it comes to Christmas decoration down through the ages. The tradition is thought to predate Christianity. It probably began with the civilisations of ancient Europe who believed it to be magical – it remained green and vibrant when all else seemed lifeless. Romans decorated their homes and buildings with sprigs of holly and gave gifts of holly wreaths during the festival of Saturnalia (21st December). In ancient Ireland holly was sacred to our druid ancestors, a symbol of fertility and eternal life. Christians often refer to holly as "Christ's Thorn", its form carrying religious symbolism since medieval times. The spiny leaves represent the crown of thorns, the holly berries, originally white, were stained red by the blood of Christ and the evergreen nature of the plant represents the Resurrection and everlasting life.

World Junior Surfing Championship 2023 took place in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil last week. Congratulations to the local lads that took part Darragh Gilmartin Streedagh and Tom Murphy Cliffoney

Christmas Mass Bouquet Cards are available at Grange PO, Supervalu & Gala Shop Cliffoney

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve

- Mullaghmore 6:30pm
- Grange 8:00pm

Christmas Day

- Cliffoney 10:30am
- Grange 12:00noon

Christmas Confessions

- Grange Dec 18th @ 7pm
- Cliffoney Dec 19th @ 7pm

CALLING ALL LADIES
St Molaise Gaels GAA Healthy Club
Are hosting a Female only 4 week
Self Defence class starting on
Wednesday 10th January 2024
Facilitated by Qualified Black Belt &
M.A. Instructors
Class will include Escape, Awareness,
Confidence, Strikes etc.
Suitable for all females over 16 years.
16 year olds must be accompanied by female adult
Contact Joanne @ 087 7607540 to
register before Sunday 17th December
2023
Limited Places available

Parish of Ahamlish and Inishmurray

Grange ✠ Cliffoney ✠ Mullaghmore

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Sunday 10th December 2023

2nd Sunday of Advent – Year B



Online Mass

Every Mass from Grange Church available on our Facebook Page

Adoration

Every Thursday, 7-9pm, Grange Church
Every Wednesday, 7-9pm Cliffoney Church

Mullaghmore Masses

Saturday 9 th December	6:30pm	Vigil of 2 nd Sunday of Advent Martin O'Rourke
Saturday 16 th December	6:30pm	Vigil of 3 rd Sunday of Advent Tom Duffy (21 st Anniv)
Every first Saturday	10:30am	Holy Rosary

Cliffoney Masses

Sunday 10 th December	10:30am	Vigil of 2 nd Sunday of Advent Deceased of the Kennedy Family , Ballincastle
Thursday 14 th December	10:00am	Feast of St John of the Cross Hugh McGloin , Castlegal (2 nd Anniv)
Sunday 17 th December		Patricia O'Hara (1 st Anniv) Peter Oates
Collection €654		

Grange Masses

Saturday 9 th December	2:00pm	Baptism
Saturday 9 th December	8:00pm	Vigil of 2 nd Sunday of Advent Marie Henry Months Mind Jim Haran , (Rinroe) & deceased of the Haran & Mullaney families
Sunday 10 th December	12noon	2 nd Sunday of Advent Joe Kilfeather , Grange (14 th Anniv) Ursula & Noel Bruen
Monday 11 th December	9:30am	For the people of the parish
Tuesday 12 th December	8:00pm	James Lenehan (17 th Anniv)
Wednesday 13 th December	9:30am	Thomas O'Rourke
Friday 15 th December	9:30am	Private Intention
Saturday 16 th December	9:30am	Michael Caraway & Michael Caraway Jr Patsy & Terry Kilfeather & deceased family Annie & Mick Waters & deceased family, Roughley
Sunday 17 th December	12Noon	3 rd Sunday of Advent Violet Gilmartin-McGarrigle & Mark O'Brien
Collection €695		

Sacrament of Confirmation will be held in Church of Mary Immaculate Grange on May 8th at 11am 2024 for children of the entire parish.

First Holy Communion will be celebrated on May 11th at 11am 2024 at Church of Mary Immaculate Grange.

First Holy Communion will be held in Cliffoney Church on May 18th at 11am 2024.

The First Friday calls will be done on December Tue19th

Please Remember in your Prayers: Fr Tom Leydon SVD, Donamon Castle, Roscommon and formerly Ballinrobe, Co. Mayo. Died at his SVD community house in Niarobi, Kenya. Funeral Mass & burial took place in Kenya. Our sympathy to his cousins Triona Roddy and Seamus Leydon (Kiltykere). He was an inspiration to many and kindness itself.

Geraldine Erion (nee Gray) Larkhill Rd. Sligo. Died Dec 4th peacefully at SUH after a short illness. Funerl Mass was celebrated in Nazareth House Chapel on Dec 7th with cremation in Cavan. Our sympathy to hes sister Pam Nelson, Streedagh & family in the USA.

WORK FOR THE LORD – The Legion of Mary has as its objective the sanctification of its members and then to reach out to everyone in faith. If you would like to enter into Our Lady's service, why not consider becoming a member? There is a branch present here in Grange.

Meeting day: Thursday **Venue:** Parochial House Grange. **Time:** 7pm

On the 3rd Dec 23, the First Sunday of Advent, a new Church Year will begin and we will be distributing a new box of Responsible Stewardship Envelopes for use in the Offertory Collection. If you are new to the parish or have not received a box in the past and would like to do so, please contact Fr. Christy.

St. Vincent De Paul Volunteers – we are here if you need us. All calls are confidential. St. Teresa's Conference Grange. Contact: 087 186 8490

Grange Church Carol Services:

GPPS annual service will be on the 20th December @ 2pm

Scoil Naomh Molaise Primary School Carol Service will be held Thur Dec 21st Dec @ 7pm

Christmas Concert in Cliffoney Hall by **Cliffoney NS** will be held on Thurs Dec 14th @6:30pm

Christmas Concert in Cliffoney Hall by **Castlegal NS** will be held on Mon Dec 11th 5 – 7pm

~ All Welcome to any of the above ~

Cliffoney Community Forum: The switching of the village Christmas Lights will be held on Sunday Dec 10th at 4pm. The primary school children will be singing Christmas Carols everyone join in! Santa promises to stop by. Gathering in the church grounds. The Christmas Fair will be held in Cliffoney from 2pm on Dec 10th.

The Annual Tractor Run will be held on Sunday Dec 17th @ 5pm. Gathering in Gilroy's yard. Fundraiser for N W Stop & Sligo Cancer Support Centre. In the 3 years the tractor Run has raised €38,000

Grange Calendars on sale at all the local outlets €10 each. Well done to Grange Tidy Towns Committee

Totus Tuus Magazine is a Catholic magazine, full of articles from Irish priests and laity, which aims to highlight the beauty and joy of our faith. It is going into its 7th year and is run by donations. If you haven't come across Totus Tuus Magazine and would like a free copy please contact Fiona Kiely on 086 8760058.

"Youth 2000 Ireland are having their annual Christmas retreat in Dominican College, Newbridge, Co Kildare on the 8th -10th of December for ages 16-35. This promises to be a special retreat!! Excellent Speakers, Inspiring Talks & Workshops, Fantastic music, Group activities, Youth Masses, Adoration, Reconciliation, prayer, Drama, Games & plenty of time to chill out, meet new people and find out what it means to be young & Catholic today!! There are free buses leaving from all over the country to the retreat. Donation only. Find out more and register now on www.youth2000.ie"