

Each of the four canonical Gospels paints a different portrait of John the Baptist. In Luke’s Gospel, John is a relation of Jesus. John’s preaching is sometimes contrasted with that of Jesus and sometimes reinforces it. In today’s excerpt from Luke we hear of John’s concern for the social inequalities of his day, whether it be in relation to clothes or food.

**This weekend’s response to the Responsorial Psalm is:**

Sing and shout for joy

for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

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| **Christmas Mass Times****Tue 24th Dec. -** Christmas Eve Family Mass @ 5pm with Children’s Choir & 7.30pm Mass.**Wed 25th Dec** - Christmas Day Mass @ 11.30am.  |

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| **Third Sunday of Advent 15/12/2024** |
| Please pray for Pat Fleming (Countess Grove) and Glounlea, Currow; Jackie Foley, Killarney; Margaret Murphy, Gneeveguilla and Jerry Clifford, Castlemaine. May they rest in peace.  |
| Priest on duty this weekend: Fr. Niall Geaney 064 6631996/ 087 3888878(for emergencies only). |
| **Masses for the coming week** |
| **Sat 14th Dec** | **7.30pm** | Timmy Moriarty R.I.P. Ballinmanagh |
| **Sun 15th Dec** | **11.30am** | Jack Leen R.I.P. Lawlor’s Cross |
| **Tue 17th Dec** | **9.30am****10-6pm** | People of the ParishAdoration |
| **Thur 19th Dec**  | **7.30pm** | Jeremiah and Hannah O’Connor R.I.P. Dunrine |
| **Sat 21st Dec** | **7.30pm** | Dan Joe McSweeney R.I.P. Toremore |
| **Sun 22nd Dec** | **11.30am** | Donie & Bridey McSweeney R.I.P. MastergeehaEileen Herlihy R.I.P. Glounonea  |

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| **21st & 22nd** **Dec**  |  **Readers** | **EucharisticMinisters** |  **Altar Servers** |
|  **Vigil7.30pm** | J.Casey | M.O’ConnorB.Fleming | A.McSweeneyE.O’Mahony |
|  **Sun11.30am** | L.O’Sullivan | A.MurrayM.O’Sullivan | T.O’DonoghueE.Nagle C.Blake |

**Offertory Collection:** €990.00.Míle Buíochas.

**Parish Office:** Open: Tues, Wed & Fri 10.00am – 12 noon. Tel: 064

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**Samaritan Church Gate Collections** take place on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day across all Kerry parishes. Your support would be greatly appreciated.

**Notice:** Items for inclusion in our Christmas edition of the weekly newsletter should ber emailed to info@kilcumminparish.com or dropped into the Rural Development Office by Wednesday 18th December.

**The Priest’s Christmas Offering** which supports the priest ministering in our parish will be taken up at all Christmas Masses after Holy Communion or you can return your Christmas envelope in this collection, if you have not already done so. This collection is part of the priest’s income, no part of the Sunday collections is used for this purpose, we are extremely grateful for your continued support throughout the year

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| ***Third Candle of Advent – Joy*** also known as the Shephard’s Candle coloured pink, rose is the liturgical colour for joy. On this third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday) meaning rejoice or praise, we light the 3rd candle and rejoice like the Shepherd’s who journeyed to Bethlehem to see Jesus and is meant to remind us of the joy that the world experienced at the birth of Jesus. |

**Pink Night in Aid of Comfort for Chemo:** Our annual Pink night will be held in The Klub on Saturday 4th of January at 8pm. We have lots of fantastic raffle & door prizes as well as prizes for best dressed Lady & Gent. Join us for a wonderful cause and a night of fun and dancing with Derry & Rosie and DJ Declan. Everyone welcome.

**Kilcummin Looking Good** are hosting a new Christmas event “**JINGLE &** **MINGLE”** for the village of Kilcummin. This event will be held on the evening of Sunday 15th December from 4.30pm - 7.30pm in Kilcummin Village. Lighting of the Park at 4.30pm, The Three O’s Christmas Carols in the park @4.30pm, Christmas concert at Our Lady of Lourdes Church at 5.30pm featuring the Stronger Together Choir, the Kilcummin Children’s Choir and Kilcummin Comhaltas Branch. Sheila’s Coffee & Crepes on site all evening, Santa’s final drop post box & face painting. All are welcome.

**Kilcummin Comhaltas:** Lines for Kilcummin Comhaltas Annual Christmas hamper draw will be on sale in the Post Office, the Village Inn, Klub Bar and in the Rural Development Office, €2 per line or 3 for €5. There are three hampers to be won. Draw will take place on the evening of the 19th December in The Village Inn.

**County Final of Ceol an Gheimhridh** will take place in MTU, Tralee on Saturday 18th January, competitions in music, song , storytelling & dancing. Membership is due and can also be paid in the Rural Dev. Office.

**Comhaltas Christmas Choir:** Practice for Children's Christmas Eve Mass, (5pm Mass) with Martina Ryle O'Sullivan will take place in the Church on Monday 9th and Monday 16th December at 6pm to 6.45pm. All Children from 4 years old  are welcome as  well as musicians of all ages.

**Kerry ETB** in conjunction with Kilcummin Rural Development are offering a computer course commencing on Monday 27th January 2025. The module is Desktop Publishing QQI Level 3, creating greeting cards, flyers, posters, calendars, menus etc. Numbers are limited, please contact Mary on 086 0749756, Mon – Fri. 10am-5pm for further information.

**Kilcummin Community Care:** This Tuesday 17th December will be our last get-together before Christmas break and we’ll return on Tuesday 7th January 2025. We would like to wish everyone a happy and peaceful Christmas and New year.

**Newsletters:** You might like to take a newsletter for someone you know who is housebound or it can be viewed online [www.kilcumminparish.com](http://www.kilcumminparish.com) and on Facebook @ Kilcummin Rural Development.

***An Advent Prayer***

God of light and hope,

Look upon us in love,

And fill us with the Spirit of Jesus

that we may love you and serve you in your kingdom.

Protect us during this week

and keep us watchful in prayer

as we await the coming of our Lord, Jesus Christ,

who is the light of the world,

And who lives and reigns with you

 and the Holy Spirit,

One God, for ever and ever.

Amen

