

St. Brigid's Church Killeshandrachurchtv.ie/killeshandra**Sunday 8th** 11am Baptism of the Lord Anniv. Geoffrey and Bridie Burke Killeshandra**Monday 9th** 7pm Anniv. Winifred King Aughavadrin**Friday 13th** 7pm Anniv. John Gilsenan Main St.**Sunday 15th** 11am Anniv. Frank Flanagan Railway Rd. / Joe and Brendan Reilly Dernacross**Collection Jan.1st €1,203**

Please pray for Sheila Grey Main St. who died last Thursday.

Sacred Heart Church Arva**Sunday Jan 8th** 10am Baptism of the Lord Anniv. Bridie Calders **Friday 13th** 10am Morning Mass **Sunday 15th** 10am

Please pray for the soul of Teresa Curley Galway mother of Anne Marie Ward also Bridie Reilly Stockport England / Tycusker.

Collection Jan.1st €470**Church of the Immaculate Conception Coronea****Saturday 7th** 7.30pm Month's Mem. Peadar Cox Coronea / Mamie , Michael, Jim Duignan Coronea / Gormley family Coranearry.**Tuesday 10th** 10am Morning Mass**Saturday 14th** 7.30pm Vigil Mass**Collection Dec. 31st €740****Parish Communion calls;****Killeshandra Monday 9th****Coronea and Arva Tuesday 10th****Priests** Charlie O Gorman PP Killeshandra 087 4182324 or 049-4334179 blcog54@gmail.comFr. Oliver O Reilly CC Arva, Farnham Rd. Cavan 086 2368446 milltown@kilmorediocese.ie**The life and times of Pope Benedict + Martin Hayes Bishop of Kilmore.**

I wish to reflect briefly upon the life of the late Pope Benedict XVI who died on 31st December 2022. He was a man of faith, who alerted us to the crisis of faith, took steps to address the scandal of clerical sexual abuse and acknowledged his own limitations in resigning as Pope in 2013.

During his pontificate, Pope Benedict XVI addressed the clerical sexual abuse scandal, and he had a particular concern for Ireland arising from revelations of crimes committed by members of the Catholic Church in Ireland. In his Pastoral Letter to the Catholics of Ireland he spoke directly to victims/survivors stating "You have suffered grievously, and I am truly sorry. I know that nothing can undo the wrong you have endured. Your trust has been betrayed and your dignity has been violated." He highlighted that there was 'a misplaced concern for the reputation of the Church and the avoidance of scandal' and he addressed bishops and religious leaders stating that "serious mistakes were made in responding to allegations". He concluded his Pastoral Letter by recalling the importance of a personal and life-giving encounter with Jesus Christ, pledged his solidarity with us and offered earnest prayers for healing. His words led to the strengthening of national safeguarding policies and procedures to ensure the safety of children and of vulnerable adults in the Irish Church.

Finally, Pope Benedict XVI, after prayer reflection upon his advancing age, made the decision to resign, stating, "I have had to recognize my incapacity to adequately fulfill the ministry entrusted to me." He resolved to "serve the Holy Church of God in the future through a life dedicated to prayer".

We commend Pope Benedict XVI to the Lord in thanksgiving for his leadership, faith, intellectual rigor as a theologian, prayerfulness, and humility. May his soul and the souls of the Faithful Departed rest in peace.

Privileges and Duties of Godparents

In Catholic baptisms, godparents are typically referred to as sponsors. Their roles include helping their godchild in their religious journey throughout life. For this specific ceremony, godparents must meet a few requirements:

Has to be older than 16 / Must be a confirmed Catholic / Should attend Mass regularly and practice the faith (in other words, be a practicing Catholic) / Should contribute to the church financially and through actions / At least one sponsor is required, but you can't have more than two / Godparents can't be the parents of the baptized

Furthermore, according to Canon Law, "Only one male or one female sponsor or one of each sex is to be employed."

Christening Godparent Promises

During the christening ceremony for a godchild, the godparents are asked to answer several questions and make a few promises.

Typical christening questions include: Will you pray for the child? Will you care for the child? On behalf of the child, will you turn away from all things that are against God? On behalf of the child, will you turn toward Jesus?

Be a Positive Role Model

Godparents are basically an extension of family for the child. Godmothers and godfathers should do their best to serve as positive role models for the child, especially when it comes to honoring and practicing the faith. The more time a godparent and godchild spend together, the more influence the godparent can have over their godchild's personal and religious upbringing

