

## Moynalvey Kiltale Parish

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**17 JANUARY 2021 IS THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - B**

<b>MOYNALVEY</b>		(WebCam Masses)	(A83 DF43)
SATURDAY	8.00 pm	Gerard Rynne	
SUNDAY	11.30 am	For the Mother & Baby Homes' Women & Children	
Tuesday	7.00 pm	Private intention	
Wednesday	10.00 am	Joseph & Molly Hannon	
Thursday	7.00 pm	St Agnes; Private intention	
Friday	10.00 am	St Vincent; Private intention	
SATURDAY	8.00 pm	Thomas Carey; Tadgh Lydon	
SUNDAY	11.30 am	Linda Rodgers; Martin & Bridget Garvey; Mary & Davey Shortt & the Magee Family	

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION** EVERY THURS in Kiltale church from 9am to 10pm.

**THANK YOU** for supporting our parish:

Standing orders: € 85      Building Fund envelopes: € 360  
Online donations: € 372      Plate collection: € 250

### FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

16 Jan – **St Fursey** (or Fursa) (d. 650) abbot, missionary was born in Ireland and became one of the major monastic missionaries abroad. He went first with his brothers Foillan and Ultan to live the monastic life in East Anglia. But as large numbers continued to visit him there he left his brother Foillan as abbot, and sought refuge in France around 644. A patron gave him a hermitage at Lagny on the Marne. He died about 650 at Mezerolles while on a journey. His body was buried in Peronne, which became a centre of devotion to him.

17 Jan – **St Anthony of Egypt** (251-356 AD) was born in upper Egypt. At an early age he gave away his possessions and sought the austere life and solitude in the desert. Yet he remained involved in the theological controversies of his day, defending the divinity of Christ. He attracted disciples who formed communities of hermits and he is honoured as the father of western monasticism.

18 Jan – **St Margaret of Hungary**, Dominican nun (1242-70) was vowed to God even before she was born. She was a daughter of the king of Hungary. She spent many whole nights before the Blessed Sacrament and undertook many extravagant penances.

20 Jan – **Saints Fabian** (d. 250) and **Sebastian** (d. 288), Martyrs - Fabian, bishop of Rome, died as one of the first victims of the persecution under the emperor Decius in 250. In spite of being "a layman and a stranger" (Eusebius), he became bishop of Rome in 236. He reorganised the Church in Rome. Saint Cyprian, his contemporary, called him "a man incomparable in the holiness of his life and the glory of his witness." Sebastian died perhaps in the late third century. Tradition says he was a soldier who was martyred after sustaining other Christians in their trials. Venerated in Rome since the fourth century.

21 Jan – **St Agnes** (d. 305), Virgin & Martyr, who chose Christ as her spouse. Because she refused to worship the Roman Gods, she was condemned to death at the age of 13.

24 Jan – **St Francis de Sales** (1567-1622) bishop and doctor of the Church, was born in Savoy, France and died in Lyons. As a presbyter and as bishop of Geneva, he played a major part in the renewal of 17th-century French Catholicism. Seen by many as an early proponent of ecumenical dialogue. He founded the Visitation order with Saint Jane Frances de Chantal (12 December). His writings promoted a spirituality for laypeople. He is honoured as a most influential preacher, writer, and spiritual director, who combined firmness with patience and gentleness.

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**KILTALE NATIONAL SCHOOL ENROLMENT FORMS** available for September 2021 from 11th January - 12th February. Please download from our website or contact the school at kiltalens@gmail.com

**KILTALE H.C.C. LOTTO NOT WON**  
Numbers from 9th Jan: 6, 9, 23, 30.  
€50: Elaine Hoban

**MOYNALVEY G.F.C. LOTTO NOT WON**  
Numbers from 11th Jan: 6, 12, 19, 22  
€20 winners: E. Cullen, P. Moran, F. Purcell.

**THANK YOU** to all who kindly support our parish through Weekly Envelopes, Standing orders and On-line donations. [To donate on-line please see the Parish Website.](#)

### STATEMENT BY BISHOP TOM DEENIHAN ON THE PUBLICATION OF THE REPORT OF THE COMMISSION OF INVESTIGATION INTO MOTHER AND BABY HOMES

Yesterday's publication of the report of the Commission of Investigation into Mother and Baby Homes in our country casts a necessary light into a painful episode in our social history. This report covers two such institutions in the Diocese of Meath, one in Castlepollard, Co. Westmeath and one in Dunboyne, Co Meath. What I have read in the report is a cause of great sadness. I know that those sentiments will be shared by many throughout the diocese and country. In too many cases, the experience of those who resided in institutions, which were managed by religious congregations and State funded, is a cause of shock and shame. The brave testimonies of those who entered seeking care but who subsequently endured emotional suffering are bleak and shameful. Like others, I found the details of the high infant mortality very distressing.

While a lack of resources and an intense social poverty go some way towards contextualising the period of this report, the lack of kindness and compassion, as identified by the Commission, is also clear. When Church, state and society lose respect for the individual and forget that we are made in the image and likeness of God, dignity is forgotten and human life is not valued. Like many others, I am saddened and shamed by this report. I have met with individuals who were either resident or born in these institutions. In addition to what for many were the

unacceptable conditions and the inadequate assistance received, they have been unfairly burdened with an unwarranted but enduring sense of shame. There is also a tendency to forget that every child who was born in these homes had a father and that many of the women who gave birth there conceived in tragic or violent circumstances. The report acknowledges this clearly. In many instances, the experiences of these women have been so painful as to prevent them from ever sharing their story with their families. It is a wound that they bear silently. That is profoundly sad and we have an obligation to do what we can to lift this burden.

Those who were adopted are desperate to seek information about their family. One such person that I met, though seeking for some time, located a brother at the time of his death. A missed opportunity and too late. Here much work needs to be done. For this reason, I welcome wholeheartedly the proposal by Government to establish a mechanism to assist those who are trying to establish contact. This is a welcome and practical step which will enable information to be shared, while also acknowledging that many who gave birth in these institutions want to leave the past behind them. This is a difficult time for all those who lost children to adoption or who were themselves adopted. We should also acknowledge those who provided a loving, kind and supportive home for the children that they adopted. While we look back at the failures in the religious institutions that existed in our country at that time, we must also cast a critical eye on the structures of today to ensure that the mistakes of the past are not replicated. The personal stories contained in the report speak powerfully and starkly to our world today. Let us not repeat the errors, failings and sins of the past which have been highlighted and, above all, let us remember and value the dignity of each human person.

**THE REPORT OF THE COMMISSION OF INVESTIGATION INTO MOTHER AND BABY HOMES** can be accessed through the link: <https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/d4b3d-final-report-of-the-commission-of-investigation-into-mother-and-baby-homes/>