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# The Kinsale Times

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## Hello there!

What a difference a year makes. Joanna and I had no idea that we would be serving here in Kinsale this time last year! Over the last couple of months, we have been overcome by the warmth, welcome and trust you have placed in us and this Christmas, we really are truly blessed.

This is the first edition of 'The Kinsale Times' and it is my way of keeping in contact with everyone. In the coming years, it will change to include more news about the parish and articles written by parishioners. But in the meantime, I think it's a good start.

One thing I ask of you: this email edition is accompanied by a form. Can you fill it in and return it to me? In order to keep communications flowing, I need to know how to contact my parishioners.

I will print off paper copies which will be left in the churches but for my sake, and the sake of the planet, reading online is better.

God bless you all this Christmas and always,

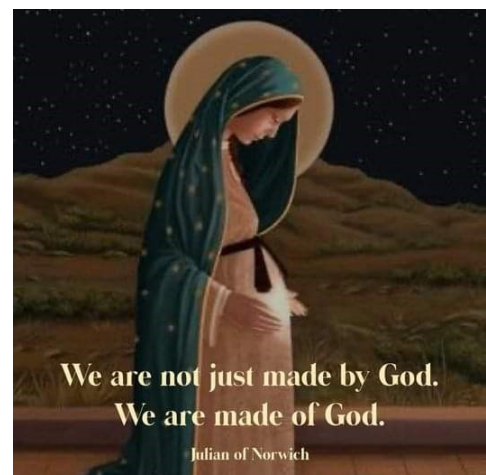
Rev Eugene and Joanna

## Ecumenical Carol Concert

**Sunday 17 December in St Multose at 6pm.**

**Featuring St Multose National School nativity play, choir from the Kinsale Churches, readings and carols.**

**Everyone is welcome!**



## Did you know? Advent

Advent means 'the coming' of something.

Advent is a period lasting FOUR Sundays (not weeks!) preparing for the celebration of Jesus' birth.

The first Sunday of Advent also marks the beginning of the Christian Church's year.

Because the celebration is such an important event, Christians want to make themselves completely ready.



### Why is the Advent Wreath so special to Christians?

The circle of the wreath reminds Christians of God, His eternity and endless mercy, which has no beginning or end.

The green of the wreath speaks of the hope that Christians have in God, the hope of newness, of renewal, of eternal life.



### Why have four candles on the Advent Wreath?

The four outer candles represent the period of waiting during the four Sundays of Advent  
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### The four traditional advent themes

The Candle of HOPE

The Candle of PEACE

The Candle of LOVE

The Candle of JOY

A fifth candle is sometimes lit in the middle to celebrate the birth of Jesus





## Blood Bikers visit the Friendship Club

Blood Bike South is a charitable organization operating primarily in the southern region of Ireland. Our mission is to assist public hospitals and other medical facilities, by providing a voluntary motorcycle transport service for medical materials on an out-of-hours basis

Blood Bike South is a charity run by a group of motorbike enthusiasts, to provide an out-of-hours FREE service to public hospitals and clinics in the south.



In a manner similar to existing Blood Bike groups in Ireland & the UK, our Mission is to provide a Voluntary Rider Service aiming to help relieve sickness and protect health by the transportation of blood, blood products, patient records, drugs and other medical requirements between public hospitals and blood transfusion banks, primarily but not exclusively in the Southern Region.

## Friendship Club: Meetings take place in St Multose Community Hall normally at 3pm

14 December 2023	David Peare and the Men's Shed
4 January 2024	New Year lunch in the Trident Hotel 12.15pm
21 February	Pat O'Leary on the origins of place names
21 March	Talk by Ornithologist Jim Wilson
16 April	Richard Wood on iconography
16 May	Annual outing tbc

We hope to take some of the pressure off our local hospitals in relation to their rising costs in transporting these goods and hope that this saved money will be redirected into primary care areas such as staffing and facilities. We also aim to relieve the use of emergency vehicles in the transport of these items meaning that they are always available and ready to answer emergency calls.

Our services are provided by volunteers, who will have advanced training and undergo regular reviews of their skills. The volunteers give up their time to serve their communities and hospitals.

Well done them! Rev Eugene

## 3 December Advent 1

Kinsale 8.30am HC  
Ballymartle 10am HC  
Kinsale 11.30am HC

## 10 December Advent 2

Kinsale 8.30am HC  
Templetrine 10am MP  
Kinsale 11.30am MP

## 17 December Advent 3

Kinsale 8.30am HC  
Ballymartle 10am HC  
Kinsale 11.30am HC

## 17 December Ecumenical Carol and Nativity Service Kinsale 6pm



## 24 December Advent 4 Christmas Eve

Kinsale 11.30am MP  
Ballymartle 6pm HC

## 25 December Christmas Day

Kinsale 8.30am HC  
Templetrine 10am HC  
Kinsale 11.30am HC

## 31 December Christmas 1

Kinsale 11.30am HC

## 7 January A celebration of 'Nollaig na mBan'

Kinsale 8.30am HC  
Kinsale 11.30am MP

(with the commissioning of Joanna Griffin as LLM (Lit) to the Kinsale Union)

## Milestones

Our sympathy goes to Elizabeth and Henry **Dorman** on the recent death of Henry's sister, **Olivia Dorman**. For many years a resident of Kinsale, parishioners will have fond memories of her around the town. The interment of Olivia's ashes will take place on Thursday 7 December after a short service at 3pm in St. Multose, Kinsale.

Our sympathy on the death of a beloved husband and father **David Grimes** goes to Hilary, Jonathan, Nicola, Else, Alice and Nicholas. David's Funeral took place in St. Multose on Thursday 30 November with burial in St Mary's Churchyard, Passage West.

O God, we grieve for those that are experiencing the devastating loss of their loved ones. Send down your Holy Spirit and touch their lives. Please comfort and heal their heavy hearts and make their faith strong though Christ our Lord. Amen.



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*If you would like to put your name on the email list for future editions of The Kinsale Times, email Rev Eugene at [rectorkinsaleunion@gmail.com](mailto:rectorkinsaleunion@gmail.com)*

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## Baptism in St Multose 26 November

I was delighted that my first baptism in Kinsale Union was of Ben Walter Gray. Ben is the son of Andrew and Kate Gray and little brother of Chloe. Ben is named for a deceased relative (Benjamin) and a very sprightly Great-grand father Walter. Congratulations to the whole family. We are truly blessed.



## Sea Sunday 2024:

Our annual service will take place on Sunday 21 April at 11.30am in St Multose Church.

The service will be followed by a Parade to the Mast and the Seaman's Memorial. A wreath will be laid followed by a Blessing of the Boats at the Pier.



## Confirmation 2024

Calling everyone who is interested in being confirmed in 2024! My plan is to hold five/six confirmation classes over a two month period.

I don't have a date yet for the confirmation but if you are interested, please email me [rectorkinsaleunion@gmail.com](mailto:rectorkinsaleunion@gmail.com) and I will put your name on the list.

Rev Eugene

A decorative poster for a winter concert. The title is 'KINSALE VOICES Present A Winter Concert of Songs & Stories'. The date is 'SAT. 2nd DEC.' at 'ST MULTOSE CHURCH'. It includes details about a 'Retiring Collection in aid of St. Vincent de Paul, Kinsale & West Cork Rapid Response', 'Free Admission', and 'Hot Kinsale Mead Reception from 7.30pm'. The concert starts at 8pm. It is sponsored by Kinsale Mead Co. and includes social media links for Facebook and Instagram.

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## Are there any Wise Men out there?

On Sunday 7 January, I am holding a special service to mark Nollaig na mBan otherwise known as 'Women's Christmas'.

So this is a call out to our gentlemen folk. Would you be willing to serve the teas/coffees and bakes after the church service?

At this service I will commissioning Joanna as out LLM (Lit) for Kinsale Union.



## Whist Drive

8 December in St Multose Community Hall at 8pm.

Proceeds in aid of Simon Community