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DURROW PARISH NEWSLETTER

Thoughts for the Day - What is Christmas...

What is Christmas without a child to make the meaning clear? What is Christmas without the children? In their joy we hear the echo of our own lost faith. God speaks to us through them and turning back we find once more the road to Bethlehem. What is Christmas without a thought of the Nativity? Nothing but a foolish farce, a hollow mockery. What is Christmas without the Christ? A throne without a king. He turns the tinsel into gold and hallows everything.

LOCAL news:

THIRD LAOIS DURROW SCOUTS: *Happy Christmas!* We wish all our Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Ventures, Rovers, Scouters and all the families involved a very Happy Christmas and an active 2017. We look forward to seeing you all in the New Year!

GIVE BLOOD THIS CHRISTMAS: The Blood Transfusion Service Mobile Unit will be in Durrow on Thursday December 22nd from 4.30pm to 8.00pm at The Castle Arms Hotel. We appreciate that this could be a busy time coming up to Christmas but to give the gift of life to some person is really the ideal gift to give. Please, we appeal to everyone who can donate to come along as the demand for blood over the Festive season is always greater than the stock in store. To donate blood will bring life back into some very ill person and your donation will make a huge difference. We hope to see you there.

SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS: On Wednesday the 21st of December next the choir from St. Canice's Cathedral, Kilkenny will join the congregation and friends for a Christmas Carol Service in St. Fintan's Church (Church of Ireland) in Durrow at 8pm. One and all are most welcome! Mulled wine and mince pies will be served afterwards. There will also be a collection towards continuing work to the Church. Please do come along and support.

MONSTER PROGRESSIVE 25 CARDS GAME: Cullohill Community Centre will host a Monster Progressive 25 Cards Game this Sunday evening, 18th December at 8.45pm sharp. There will be €1000 in prize money to be won! Admission is just €10.

OUR LADY'S MEADOW PRIMARY SCHOOL: This year's Carol Service will take place in the Parish Church on Monday 19th of December at 7pm. Admission for adults is just €5 which is payable at the door. Children and OAPs are free. All proceeds will go directly to the School. Please come along, enjoy the carols and support the School.

CULLOHILL ICA: Cullohill ICA held their December Meeting in the Community Centre on Tuesday December 6th. Votes of sympathy were passed with the Mahony Family on death of Kay, to Paddy and Joe Dunphy on death of their brother Kieran in Straffan, and to the family and cousins of Dan Bergin. May they all Rest In Peace.

A big thanks to Ann Holland for her recent Ceramic class where some fine work was produced. Thanks also Julie McGuire on her very successful Pilates Classes which were enjoyed by all the participants. Due to the popular demand for this class we will have a new session planned to start towards the end of February 2017.

The report from the Federation meeting was discussed before some Christmas fare, a cuppa and the raffle concluded the meeting. Our President wished everyone a very Happy Christmas and New Year. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday afternoon, February 7th at 2pm in the Community Centre, Cullohill.