Silver Circle - February Draw

The **February Draw** of the Silver Circle will take place this **Sunday 24th February** after the 11am Mass in the Old School House, Ballycran.

Due to Easter being at the end of March, the **final draw** for the 2012/13 year has been brought forward to **Sunday 24th March**.

The **New Draw for year 2013/14** will commence with the **Easter Draw on Easter Sunday, 31st March**. New forms will be distributed to current members and if you wish to join up for the first time, forms will be available at the church doors or can be downloaded from the parish website. Many thanks to everyone who continues to support the draw, your contributions are very much appreciated!

Kiltegan Fathers

Fr J Rabbitt will visit the Parish this weekend, 23rd and 24th February and will speak at the Masses about the work of the Kiltegan Fathers. There will be a church door collection.

Women’s World Day of Prayer

Women’s World Day of Prayer will take place in Glastry Methodist Church on Friday 1st March at 8pm. Speaker – Annika McKillen. [www.wwdp-natcomm.org](http://www.wwdp-natcomm.org).

Spirituality of Awareness – Retreat in Tobar Mhuire

A weekend Retreat in Tobar Mhuire begins on Friday 1st March with dinner at 6pm and ends with lunch on Sunday 3rd March. Cost £90 shared room (£20 single supplement). Contact Tobar Mhuire for more details, 028 4483 0242. Email: secretary@tobarmhuirecrossgar.com or [www.tobarmhuirecrossgar.com](http://www.tobarmhuirecrossgar.com).

Living Church

The next meeting of the Living Church will be on Thursday 28th February in The Community Centre, Portaferry at 7.30pm.

Living Youth – Down and Connor Youth Commission

Our Diocese is currently benefiting from the commitment and work of thousands of our young people. In our own Parish of Ardkeen they are involved in the Pope John Paul II Award, folk groups and choirs, Children’s Liturgy, Ministry of the Word, Ministry of the Eucharist, St Martha’s Society and Altar Servers. The role of the Diocesan Youth Commission is to support the young people on their faith journey. To find out more about the work of the Youth Commission, you are invited to visit their new website [www.livingyouthni.org](http://www.livingyouthni.org) or read their newsletter available at the Church doors.
**Ballycran GAC News** – www.ballycran.down@gaa.ie

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**Peninsula Healthy Living Walking Group**
On the fourth Tuesday (26th) the group will leave from Portavogie Community Centre at 9.30am with Bernie. A new timetable is available from the gym.

If you haven’t exercised for a while, go along to Kircubbin Gym on Wednesday or Friday 11.15am – 12.15pm for an hour of ‘Gently Does It’ – gentle exercises easing you back into the gym! For more details call 427 39021 or email gym@peninsulahealthyliving.org.

**Young Priests’ Society**
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| **St Mary’s Primary School - Telephone 427 38581** |
| St Mary’s PS resumes on Monday at 8.50am. |
| **Used Postage Stamps:** Please leave used postage stamps in St Mary’s PS or in the box in the porch in St Mary, Star of the Sea Church. Stamps given to Ards Gateway Club. |

**Sanctuary Lamp Intentions**

| The offering amounted to £1512. Thank you for your continued generosity. |
| **St Mary, Star of the Sea Church** |
| (SL) Aileen McManus deceased |
| (SH) Hannah Brown birthday memories |

| **St Joseph’s Church** |
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