

St Michael's & St Patrick's Church News.

As I write these few notes I'm really enjoying a morning without rain or storm which we have been experiencing for the past Month. There is a spring in people's steps and preparations for Christmas are in full swing.

Our Parish has been much quieter in recent weeks as Visitors are here in smaller numbers. However, we have had a number of Weddings of couples who have come from other Counties and Countries. These certainly are a great help to the Parish economy and are most welcome to celebrate their special day in our Churches and local Hotels.

The Sneem Storytelling Festival was a great success on its revival after the Covid absence. People of all ages travelled in great numbers and had a wonderful time while here. Our Church was availed of by the Rosen Choir whose music and song was a joy to behold.

Sneem Storytelling Festival was also an occasion to honour its founder Batt Burns who with his loyal helpers brought people from near and far for the past number of years. Batt has decided to hand over the Baton and take a well-deserved rest. May I Thank him sincerely for all he has done for Sneem ----- a Parish he truly loves.

Sadly, we had some deaths in recent times and Sincere Sympathy to all who have lost a loved one. Since Covid numbers attending Church is a topic of discussion and I am glad to relate that people have returned and others are giving it great thought as maybe they are anxious and worried about attending Church Masses. We are blessed to have Mass online and so many people have commented about how grateful they are, for having such a facility. Many Parishioners and friends are sharing online from near and far and keeping in touch with their home place and Parish news.

May I once again thank all who are so generous and consistent in your Parish support financially and to the number of People who drop in their envelopes to the Parish Office on a regular basis. Our Volunteers are as reliable and active as ever which is a great help to me.

Recently I was absent as I had some back surgery which I am glad to say was a great success. While away everything ran smoothly. Thanks to the teamwork of the Volunteers.

May I Thank Bishop Ray and Priests who celebrated weekend Masses with Deacon Jean Yves. I'm glad to be back and take hold of the Jersey once again

Seasons Greetings to you all. Christmas is a happy time—a sad time—a Children's time—a Family time. Have a nice time ... Take care of yourself and look out for each other.

Fr. Liam.