

We wish you all a very Happy Christmas and Peaceful New Year

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Sacred Heart RC Church Sittingbourne



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Karina Kamales , born December 15th 2016, keeping warm after Mass with Mum, Monika Campbell



“All baptisms are special,” says proud Mum Monika, “and Karina’s was particularly special because of the date - November 11th - the centenary of the war.

“We had to wait six months for her father’s baptism certificate to arrive from Sri Lanka. Lots of obstacles tried to stand in our way during the weeks leading up to this day. We overcame them.

“To bring our daughter into the Church family is like bringing her out of the cold and that’s where we intend to keep her wrapped up in God’s love and blessings.”



“Ho Ho Ho!” says Santa, hoping to find some mince pies or chocolate cake...

“I’d better hurry before someone eats them all...!”

Forty Four more Fun Fayre Photos inside!



Knock, Knock... Who's there? The Ladies from Kent!



This trip was originally booked for UCM members together with a few friends from the Parish. We also welcomed one guest from Gillingham Parish. The 5-day trip to Knock was called *Spirit and Soul of Mayo* and it was hosted by Irish singer James Kilbane.

**Exclusive report by
Margaret Mayes**

We stayed in a beautiful hotel in Westport and had trips out to Knock Shrine, Croagh Patrick and Achill Island, [James' homeland].

[Top left] Standing in front of the famine ship in Croagh Patrick with Holy mountain in the background. Ladies from left- Maureen Williams, Michelle Seaden, Maureen Herbert, Yvonne Cullimore, Josie Conellan, Maura Kavanagh, Sue Bunce, Ann O'Brian, Margaret Mayes, Pat Bean and Terezina de Souza.

[Above] Terezinha de Souza, Sue Bunce, Maura Kavanagh and Ann O'Brian on Achill Island.



[Left] Apparition Chapel, Knock Shrine with its white marble statues and the Basilica Mosaic depicting the Apparition Scene of 1879. It's the largest one of its kind in Europe, comprising 1.5 million pieces of individual mosaic tiles.

Parishioners interested in the activities of the UCM and how to become a member are invited to contact any of the ladies above, or telephone Terezina de Souza on 01795 473741.

Christmas Fayre Fun



Photo Fun at the Fayre



The Convent of the Nativity School

An exciting new book will be published by the Sittingbourne Heritage Museum early in the New Year. It will be the most comprehensive history of the Convent ever published. It is detailed and thoroughly researched and covers the whole 98 years of the Convent's life in our town. There will be over 140 illustrations including many vintage photographs never before seen by the general public.



This wonderful tale of achievement of both school and pupils and their love for the nuns, has never been told before. The School may be gone but it lives on in the memories of everyone who was at the School, or who knew the Convent or its 'gals'.

"To strive manfully is to succeed" is written by John Mount and published by Sittingbourne Heritage Museum, 67 East Street, ME10 4BQ

Check their website for membership details:
www.sittingbourne-museum.co.uk

All our best wishes

As we all know, Fr Jim will be leaving for the Philippines before Christmas to begin a six-month Sabbatical. During this time he will celebrate 21 years of the foundation of the Orphanage, of which he is the founder. We wish him a safe journey and ask him to pass on our best wishes to all at the Orphanage.

We welcome Fr Paul Jenkins from Aylesford who will be covering for Fr Jim during this period.

More Fayre Fun

