

Dungiven Parish Bulletin

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ADVENT PROGRAMME – ST. PATRICK'S
Sun. 20th at 5.00 pm. – **Sacrament of the Anointing.** Confession available afterwards.

JUST A WORD ABOUT OUR CHRISTMAS MASSES - The times have been set to try to cater for all ages. The 6.00 vigil Mass in Dungiven is a special children's Mass and is geared for families with young children. Many people want to go to an early Mass on Christmas evening. In a parish of 7,000 people it will not be possible to accommodate all who would like to go to this Mass. Please try to leave this Mass for families with young children. Traditionally Christmas Mass was always at midnight and some people have been asking for one in this parish so we have one Mass in Drumsurn. If it is well supported it will continue.

In general people tend to be up early on Christmas morning so the Christmas morning Masses have all been brought forward by one hour.

The 9.00 am. Mass will have Irish Music and parts of the Mass will be in Irish.

We will have choirs at all our masses except the 8.00 am. which will be congregational singing.

NEW PASTORAL LETTER FOR THE DIOCESE OF DERRY

Bishop Donal has issued a Pastoral Letter for the year of Mercy. Copies of this Pastoral letter are available in the porch of all our churches. Please take one.

FIRST ANNIVERSARY MASS

For Lily McCloskey on Friday 25th December at 10.15 am. in St. Matthew's.

CHRISTMAS MASSES.

Friday 25th Dec. is the Solemnity of the Nativity of Our Lord.

St. Patrick's – Thurs. Vigil 6.00 pm. Friday 8.00, 9.00 & 10.30 am. **The 10.30 am. Mass will be signed for hearing impaired.*

St. Matthew's – Thurs. Vigil 12.00 Midnight. Friday 10.15 am.

Immaculate Conception - Thurs. Vigil 8.00 pm. Friday 9.00 am.

SUNDAY MASS TIMES

St. Patrick's Church: Sat. Vigil 6.00 pm. Sun. 9.00 am. & 11.30 am.

St. Matthew's Church: Sun 10.15 am.

Church of the Immaculate Conception: Sat. Vigil 7.15 pm.

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

St. Patrick's Church: Mon. – Thurs. 10.00 am. Sat. 10.00 am.

St. Matthew's Church: Tues. & Thur. 9.15 am.

Church of the Immaculate Conception: Mon. & Wed. 9.15 am.

CONFESSIONS FOR CHRISTMAS

St. Patrick's Church: Mon., Tues. & Wed. after 10.00 am. Mass. & 6.30 – 7.30 pm. Thurs. 10.30 am. – 12 noon.

St. Matthew's Church: Sun. (today) 11.00 am. Wed. 6.30 – 7.30 pm.

Church of the Immaculate Conception: Tues. 6.30 – 7.30 pm.

Note! No confessions weekend 26th/27th December.

Christmas 2015

The Priests of the Parish wish you a very happy and Holy Christmas.

BAPTISMS - Will take place in **St. Patrick's** on the following dates: **JAN. – Sun. 3rd, Sat. 9th, Sat. 16th & Sat. 23rd.** (Sun. at 12.15 pm. and 4.30 pm. on a Saturday). Drumsurn and Gortnaghey: by arrangement. **Please note! Two weeks notice must be given for all Baptism Bookings.**



We welcome into our Christian Community – Leah Marie Doey - McElhinney, Rannynghlas, Isla Beth McGill, Abbeyfields and Ruby Rose McNicholl, Bleach Green.

If you need a Priest for an Emergency call on Christmas Day - Tel: 777 41219.

LAST SUNDAY COLLECTION: £2,870

Dungiven: £2,234. Drumsurn: £393. Gortnaghey: £243.

The Priests Christmas Box Collection will be taken up at all the Christmas Masses.

From 1st January 2016 – All Month Mind and Anniversary Masses must be booked through the Parish Office.

CHILDREN IN CROSSFIRE

Would like to wish the parishioners in the Parish a Happy Christmas and Peaceful New Year. We will collect all the Advent box donations over the weekend's 2nd/3rd & 9th/10th Jan. 2016. We thank you in advance; your support will make a huge impact on the lives of Children and families living in Tanzania. www.childrenincrossfire.org

BENEDY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Night @ The Races has been postponed until Sat. 30th Jan. @ 8.30 pm. Winners of our draw £100 - Sean Heffernan, £50 - Alva Hasson, £25 - Daniel McReynolds, £25 - Sean O'Kane.

THE BLESSED SACRAMENT CHAPEL

Will be CLOSED Thursday 24th & Friday 25th Dec. Also Thursday 31st Dec. & Friday 1st Jan 2016

KEVIN LYNCH HURLING CLUB

Lotto No's: 1, 11, 22 & 25. Lucky Dip Winner: Gerard Gallagher, Tracy's Way. Jackpot £2,025.

ST. CANICE'S G.A.C.

Lotto No's: 2, 7, 12 & 22. Lucky Dip Winner: Mrs M. McCloskey, Pat McCloskey, Louise McMacken, Conor McDermott, Elizabeth Kealey, Tara McVey and Siobhan McLaughlin. Jackpot £4,300.

The Parish Office will be CLOSED next week. Notices for the bulletin must be in by 9.00 am. on Tuesday 22nd December.

GLENSHANE HOUSE

Level 2 Dementia Awareness course starting in January. Courses will commence provided sufficient numbers. Tel: 777 42494.

ST. COLM'S, DRUM

Are holding their Annual Casino Night on Mon. 28th Dec. in Dolphin Bar, Gortnaghey starting 8.30 pm. sharp followed by disco. Tickets £20 (Inc. entry & 300 casino chips) or pay at the door. Contact Barry: 077 9911 2613 or Shane: 077 6605 6024. All proceeds in aid of underage development.

FEENY BAND CHRISTMAS DRAW

1st Prize - £200: Pat Lynch, Umrycam Road. 2nd – Prize £100: Shannon Murphy, Mullaghmesh Road. 3rd Prize £75: – Matthew McKenna c/o Mickey Carton.

SAFEGUARDING OUR CHILDREN

If you have concerns about the welfare and safety of children participating in any parish activities, please contact one of our Parish Representatives: Mrs Jacqueline Brady, 777 68566, Mrs Dana Farren, 777 40441 or Mrs Mary O'Kane, 777 42116.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

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