

## Dungiven Parish Bulletin

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### 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.

**The Solemnity of The Immaculate  
Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary,  
Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> Dec.**

*It is a Holy day of Obligation.*

**St. Patrick's:** Thurs. 6.30, 10.00 & 11.30 am.

**St. Matthew's:** Wed. Vigil 8.15 pm.

**Church of the Immaculate Conception:**

Wed. Vigil 7.00 pm.

### WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

**St. Patrick's:** Mon. – Wed. 10.00 am.

Fri. & Sat. 10.00 am.

**St. Matthew's:** Tues. 9.15 am.

**Church of the Immaculate Conception:**

Mon. 9.15 am.

**CONFESSIONS - St. Patrick's Church:** Sat. 10.30 – 11.30 am. & 5.15 – 5.50 pm.

**St. Matthew's Church:** Sun. 9.45 am.

**Church of the Immaculate Conception:** Sat. 6.50 pm.

**BAPTISMS** - Will take place in St. Patrick's Church on the following dates: **DEC: Sat. 10<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>. JAN. 2017: Sun. 1<sup>st</sup>, Sat. 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>.** (Sun. at 12.15 pm. and 4.30 pm. on a Sat.) Drumsurn and Gortnaghey by arrangement.

*Please note! When booking a Baptism you MUST get a card from the parish office. Booking will not be complete until card is returned to the office. Two weeks notice must be given for all Baptism Bookings.*



We welcome into our Christian Community – Daniel James Speers, O' Cathain's Place & Grace Mary McClenaghan, Legavallon Road.

**SCRIPTURE CLASS** - Tuesdays at 7.45 pm.

### ADVENT PROGRAMME – ST. PATRICK'S

Sun. 4<sup>th</sup> Dec. at 5.00 pm. – **Anointing of the Sick.**

Sun. 11<sup>th</sup> Dec. at 5.00 pm. – **Carol Service.**

Sun. 18<sup>th</sup> Dec. at 5.00 pm. – **Conducted Holy Hour.**

### BAMBINELLI SUNDAY - 11<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER

For this past several decades, each year on Gaudete Sunday, the Third Sunday of Advent, children (and adults) bring their Baby Jesus figures from the crib at their homes to St. Peter's Square where the Pope will bless both the people and the figurines during the Angelus.

This year we will celebrate "Bambinelli Sunday" at all our Masses on Saturday/Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> / 11<sup>th</sup> Dec. All are invited to bring the Baby Jesus figure from their homes to any of the Masses to be blessed. Families can even make their own "Bambinelli" if they want. We would love, not just families with children, but all families to have a crib in their home this year.

Following the blessing, take your "Bambinelli" home and place it in a gift box, wrap it, and save it for Christmas. Let this be the first gift your family opens on Christmas, when together you place your Baby Jesus figure in the crib, and have a home blessing of the Nativity for your whole family.

### PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE

**2017** - Seven Night Pilgrimage to Medjugorje will take place 14<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup> June 2017. Spiritual Director Fr. Séamus Kelly. Bed/Breakfast and Dinner. Price £619. Offer of Special Price for early booking: £499. Paid before 12<sup>th</sup> Dec. 2016. Money must be paid in full. Flight from Belfast. Contact Martina for further info Tel: 777 41219 or 077 1549 0880.

**LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION: £2,336**

*Thank you to all who contributed.*

### SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL ANNUAL CHRISTMAS COLLECTION

We will be holding our annual Christmas collection on 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> Dec. and would appeal to Mass goers to do their best to support this worthy cause as you have done on previous years. This time of the year is particularly difficult for many people and this collection makes it possible to make a small difference to lives of local families. Those who are not able to be present for this appeal may of course make a contribution at our normal collection the following week. Many thanks and God Bless - St. Patrick's Conference.

### PARISH CHRISTMAS CARDS

For sale in the parish office and in the church sacristy's from Tues. 6<sup>th</sup> Dec.

### ST. JOSEPH'S YOUNG PRIESTS' SOCIETY

Will meet on Mon. 5<sup>th</sup> Dec. in the Conference Room after the 10.00 am. Mass.

### THE TRADITION OF THE JESSE TREE. – It

is a very old Christmas tradition and started in medieval times. They are used to help tell the story of the Bible from Creation to the Christmas Story.

The name comes from Jesse who was the father of the great Jewish King, David. One prophecy in the Bible, in the book of Isaiah say: "A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse; from his roots a branch will bear fruit"

A branch is a sign of new life and new beginnings. Jesus was a descendent of King David and Christians believe that Jesus is this new branch.

The symbols hanging from the branches on our Jesse tree in church, tell the story from Creation to the birth of Jesus. (JPII Students)

The main entrance to the graveyard will be closed off for the next 2 – 3 weeks. Please use the new entrance beside the graveyard gate. The path along the new wall is open for access to the graves at the top. Also there will be **no** access to the handicap parking at the side of the church. *Please leave parking around church for those who are disabled.*

**"MY HEART WILL TRIUMPH"** - by Mirjana Soldo. *Mirjana has experienced visions of the Virgin Mary for more than 35 years.* A few copies available in the parish office, price £20.

**QUIET REFLECTIONS FOR ADVENT** - An opportunity for some time out in this busy season as we contemplate the role of Mary and Joseph. Thurs. 8<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> Dec. @ 8.00 pm. in Conference room.

**ST. CANICE P. S. - Open Night** Tues. 6<sup>th</sup> Dec. from 6.00 - 8.00 pm.

**ST. MARY'S P.S. GORTNAGHEY** – Open Night on Wed. 7<sup>th</sup> Dec. from 6.30 – 7.30 pm. for all new P1 children.

### DUNGIVEN PARISH CHOIR CD

Unfortunately due to a delay in manufacturing, the actual C.D.'s won't arrive until the 8<sup>th</sup> Dec. You can place your order with the parish office or by contacting Maeve McAteer on Facebook or Tel: 077 1432 9319 or Breidh McCloskey Tel: 078 3372 7710.

**FREE HEARING AID CLINIC** – Tues. 6<sup>th</sup> Dec. in Hands That Talk, 12.00 noon – 1.00 pm.

### GLÓR'S ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Sun. 4<sup>th</sup> Dec. at 4.00 pm.

**GLENSHANE HOUSE – Dungiven Retirement Club** will meet on Mon. 12<sup>th</sup> Dec. at 2.00 pm. (*Note! Change of date*). BTEC Level 2 Dementia Awareness course starting in Jan. A range of other courses available.

**KEVIN LYNCH H.C.** - Lotto No's: 5, 7, 16 & 27. Lucky Dip: Carol O'Neill.

**ST. CANICE'S LADIES G.F.C** – Talent Show in St. Canice's Hall, on Fri. 9<sup>th</sup> Dec. 7.30 pm. Children £3/Adult £5.

**OPEN NIGHT** - Little Rascals Community Playgroup, Drumsurn, Thurs. 8<sup>th</sup> Dec. from 7.00 - 8.00 pm. for parents of children due to start preschool in Sept. 2017. It is also a great opportunity to see the progress and plans for our new building due to be completed April '17. Application forms available on the night.

**GORTNAGHEY COMMUNITY CENTRE** - Children's Christmas Party (today) Sun. 4<sup>th</sup> Dec. at 3.00 pm. Adm. £5. Under 2's £3. **A.G.M.** of Gortnaghey Community Association on Mon. 5<sup>th</sup> Dec. at 8.00 pm. Senior Citizens Christmas Party Fri. 9<sup>th</sup> Dec. at 6.30 pm. *Please confirm your attendance* Tel: 078 4523 1736 to assist with catering requirements.