

3rd December 2017 **Dungiven Parish Bulletin** No 1404
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SUNDAY MASS TIMES

St. Patrick's: Sat. Vigil 6.00 pm.

Sun. 9.00 am. & 11.30 am.

St. Matthew's: Sun. 10.15 am.

Immaculate Conception: Sat. 7.15 pm.

**The Solemnity of The Immaculate
Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary,
Friday 8th Dec.**

It is a Holy day of Obligation.

St. Patrick's: Fri. 10.00 am. 11.30 am.
& 7.30 pm.

St. Matthew's: Fri. 9.15 am.

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

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

St. Patrick's: Mon. - Thurs. 10.00 am. Sat.
10.00 am.

St. Matthew's: Tues. & Thurs. 9.15 am.

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

FIRST ANNIVERSARY MASS

For Sr. Teresa Margaret Murphy Sat. 9th Dec.
at 6.00 pm. in St. Patrick's.

MONTHS MIND MASS

For Packie Kealey on Sun. 10th Dec. at 9.00
am. in St. Patrick's.

CONFESSIONS - St. Patrick's: Sat. 10.30 -
11.00 am. & 5.30 - 5.50 pm. St. Matthew's:
Sun. 9.45 am. **Imm. Concept:** Sat. 6.50 pm.

BAPTISMS - Will take place in St. Patrick's
Church on the following dates: **DEC. Sat. 16th
& 23rd**. (Sun. at 12.15 pm. and 4.30 pm. on a
Sat.) Drumsurn & Gortnaghey by
arrangement.



BAPTISM - We welcome into our
Christian Community - Ivan
Pozarskis, Whitehill Park, Kay-
Leigh Madden, Dernaflaw Cottages, Elliot
Luke Murphy, Mountainview Park & Thomas
Robert Doherty, Glenview Park.



WEDDING - We congratulate Clare
McNicholl & Christopher Smyth on
the occasion of their marriage on the 25th Nov.

ADVENT PROGRAMME - ST. PATRICK'S
Sun. 3rd Dec. at 5.00 pm. - **Eucharistic
Healing Service.** Sun. 10th Dec. at 5.00 pm. -
Carol Service. Sun. 17th Dec. at 5.00 pm -
Sacrament of the Anointing.



**DO THIS IN MEMORY
PROGRAMME. LEARNING
ABOUT THE MASS WITH KATH
AND QUMEN.**

**INTRODUCTORY RITES: THE PENITENTIAL
ACT** - This time in the Mass offers us an
opportunity to prepare to receive Eucharist by
reflecting on the things that we might have done
during the past week for which we need
forgiveness. We are reminded that God always
loves us. One of the ways in which God shows this
love is by always forgiving us for those times when
we haven't been as good as we might have been.
There are different kinds of prayers that the priest
can use at this part of the Mass. These prayers do
two things. They help us to remember the times
when we haven't been as good as we might have
been. More importantly they remind us of God's
love for us. Sometimes the priest may replace the
Penitential Act with the blessing and sprinkling of
water as a reminder of our Baptism.

THE ADVENT WREATH - The wreath is made
up of various evergreens, signifying continuous
life. The circle of the wreath, which has no
beginning or end, symbolises the eternity of God.
The four candles represent the four weeks of
Advent. Three candles are purple and one is rose
coloured. The purple candles symbolise prayer,
penance and preparation. The rose candle is lit
on the third Sunday (Gaudete Sunday) and represents
rejoicing. A white candles may be place in the
middle of the wreath to represent Christ and is lit
on Christmas Eve. (*JP II Students*)

*Please note! Fr. Kelly's telephone number
is changed back to: 777 41219*

WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES 2018

Today the first Sunday of Advent we launch or
programme in preparation for the WMOF in
August next year. All families are asked to take
a copy of the Family Prayer Sheet and the
Amoris Invitation. Please recite the prayer
every day with the members of your household.
This prayer will be recited at the end of all
Masses until the World Meeting Of Families.

BAMBINELLI SUNDAY - 17TH 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 Sat./Sun. 16th / 17th 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.

"LETS CHANGE TOMORROW" - The group
"Lets change Tomorrow" would like to thank all
those who very kindly donated to our refugee
appeal during the week 19th - 26th Nov. We have
passed the aid on and it is leaving Ireland on Thurs.
30th Nov. It will be shipped to Ostend in Holland,
then travel overland through Europe to Greece.
The toys, buggies and baby seats will be distributed
among the camps in Lesbos. The nappies, blankets
and clothing will journey on through Turkey into
Syria where they will be distributed in the city of
Aleppo. We are overwhelmed by the response
from the public. Almost 800 blankets, 600 packets
of nappies, 102 buggies and baby seats and
hundreds of pounds worth of new toys were
donated. Money donated to us was used to
purchase toys and nappies. Late donations will be
used in our next appeal. We would also like to
thank all those who came along to St. Canice Hall
to help us pack and those who help load and unload
the lorries. *A new tomorrow starts today!*

CHILDREN IN CROSSFIRE ADVENT BOXES

Now available at the doors of the chapel.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION: £2,371

Thank you to all who contributed.

*Please Note: There are two envelopes in your box
for next weekend: the Weekly Collection & Carol
Service Collection, which will be taken up at the
Carol Service.*

ST. JOSEPH'S YOUNG PRIESTS SOCIETY

Our next meeting will be on Mon. 4th Dec. in
the Conference Room after 10.00 am. Mass.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL - Grand Christmas Sale
Sat. 9th Dec. from 10.30 am. - 4.00 pm. Coffee
Shop open all day.

TERMONBACCA - Marian Devotions on
Tuesday 5th December, beginning at 7.30 pm.

ST. PATRICK'S COLLEGE, DUNGIVEN -
Christmas Concert - We warmly invite everyone in
our community to join us for a night of festive fun
and entertainment on Wed. 20th Dec. at 7.30 pm.

ST. CANICE P. S. - OPEN NIGHT - On Mon.
4th Dec. from 6.00 - 8.00 pm. Application forms for
Nursery & P1 for Sept. 2018 are now available.

**ST. MARY'S GORTNAGHEY, P. S. - Open
Evening** on Tues. 5th Dec. at 6.30 pm. for children
starting in P1 in Sept. 2018.

ST. MATTHEW'S P. S. - Application Forms for
children wishing to start P1 in Sept. 2018 are now
available.

FREE HEARING AID CLINIC - Tues. 5th Dec.
Hands That Talk, 12 noon - 1.00 pm.

KEVIN LYNCH H.C. - *Lotto No's: 18, 22, 25 &
29. Lucky Dip: Martina Boyle. Jackpot £2,125.*

ST. CANICE'S G.A.C. - *Lotto No's: 2, 11, 24 &
25. £20: Conor Quigg. Jackpot: £7,100.*

ST. CANICE'S LADIES G.F.C. - Annual
presentation (today) Sun. 3rd Dec. at 4.00 pm. in the
G.A.A. Club.

GORTNAGHEY COMM. CENTRE - Dec.
events - Santa Party (today) Sun. 3rd at 3.00 pm.
Adm. £3 per child. Senior Citizen Dinner, Fri. 15th
at 6.30 pm. Auld Tyme Dance also on Fri. 15th,
9.00 pm.- 12 midnight. Adm. £5 (Includes light
Christmas Fayre supper), Music By Glenshane
Country. **A.G.M.** Mon. 11th Dec. at 7.30 pm.

GELVIN COMMUNITY ASSOC. - Our recent
publication "Do You Mind The Time?" would
make great Christmas present. Now back in stock
in local outlets and committee member.

CHRISTMAS CARDS - *Our parish Christmas
Cards will be on sale this Wednesday.*