

24th December 2017 **Dungiven Parish Bulletin** No 1407
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Christmas 2017

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

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.

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

St. Patrick's: Tues. - Sat. 10.00 am.

St. Matthew's: No Mass Tues. & Thurs.

Church of the Immaculate Conception:

No Mass Mon. & Wed.

FIRST ANNIVERSARY MASSES

For Harry Joe Heaveron on Sun. 31st Dec.
at 10.15 am. Mass in St. Matthew's.

For Geraldine Dallas on Sat. 30th Dec. at
6.00 pm. in St. Mary's Chapel, Altinure.

CONFESSIONS - St. Patrick's: Sat. 5.30 -
5.50 pm. *No morning confessions.*

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: **JAN. Sun. 7th,**
Sat. 13th, 20th & 27th, (Sun. at 12.15 pm. and
4.30 pm. on a Sat.) Drumsurn & 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.*



BAPTISM - We welcome into our
Christian Community - Caitlin
Margaret Cunningham, Kevin Lynch
Park.

† **DEATHS** - We extend our sympathy to
the Cassidy family circle on the death of
Patrick Cassidy, Pellipar Park. May he
rest in peace.

CHRISTMAS MASSES.

**Monday 25th Dec. is the Solemnity of the
Nativity of Our Lord.**

St. Patrick's - Sunday Vigil 6.00 pm.
Monday 8.00, 9.00 & 10.30 am.

St. Matthew's - Sunday Vigil 12.00
Midnight. Monday 10.30 am.

Immaculate Conception - Sunday Vigil
7.15 pm. Monday 9.15 am.

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 Eve. 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. We again have our
Christmas Midnight Mass in Drumsurn.
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 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.

If you need a Priest for an Emergency
call on Christmas Day Tel: 777 41256



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

THE AMBO - The Word of God is so
important for us that there is a special
place in God's house from which it is
read. We call this the Ambo. The only
time that the Ambo is used is for the
Readings, the Gospel, the Homily and the
Prayer of the Faithful.

MINISTER OF THE WORD - The
person who reads at Mass is called the
Minister of the Word. They are people
who have volunteered to read at Mass.
They will have had to do some training so
that they are able to do the best job they
can. Their job is very important. The
readings at Mass come from the Bible.
They are the Word of God, and so we can
say that we hear God speaking to us
through the voice of the Minister of the
Word.

THE BLESSED SACRAMENT CHAPEL
Will be CLOSED - Monday 25th Dec.
and Monday 1st January 2018

LAST WEEKS COLLECTION: £2,691

Thank you to all who contributed.

**The Parish Office will be CLOSED
all next week.**



BLOOD TRANSFUSION.

Donating sessions will be held
from 2.00 - 4.00 pm. and 5.15 -
8.00 pm. on Thurs. 28th Dec. in
Dungiven Parish Hall, 170 Main Street.

ST. PATRICK'S COLLEGE, DUNGIVEN
Thurs. 11th Jan. - **Open Night.** Sat. 27th
Jan. - **5th Annual 10K and 5K Road
Races.** Links to all the above on our
school Facebook and website pages

BENEDY CENTRE

Night @ the Races on 27th Dec. @ 8.30
pm. Disco to follow. Music by Apollo.

NEW BAPTISM PROGRAMME

The Baptismal Team is introducing a new
programme in the New Year to assist in
the preparation for the celebration of the
Sacrament of Baptism. The members of
the team are representatives of this parish
faith community and they will give
support to parents and godparents as
together we welcome into the Church the
children who are to be baptized.

1 - Mothers expecting a child are invited
to come up after any of the Masses on **2nd
Sunday of the month** to receive the
maternity blessing.

2 - Members of the baptismal team will
meet the parents and godparents, before
the baptism takes place, and at this
gathering they hope to bring out all the
possibilities and implications of the
ceremony and the sacrament.

They will explain the format for the
ceremony and what the symbols represent,
so that, all concerned will have a deeper
appreciation of the sacrament of Baptism
and thereby treasure the experience of
their child's reception into the Church and
how the grace of the Sacrament will
deepen their relationship with God the
Father.

KEVIN LYNCH H.C.

Lotto No's: 10, 14, 22 & 30. Lucky Dip:
Mary K. Burke. Jackpot £2,200.

ST. CANICE'S G.A.C.

Lotto No's: 8, 25, 26 & 29. £20: Bernie
McCaul. Jackpot: £7,400.

FOUND

Glasses found on Chapel Road, owner can
collect at the parish office.

FEENY BAND CHRISTMAS DRAW

1st: £200 - Rose Farren, Priory Road.
2nd: £100 - Barney McCloskey, Fincairn.
3^{rs}: £75 - May Colgan Beech Road,
Gortnaghey.

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