

9th December 2018 **Dungiven Parish Bulletin** No 1457
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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.

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

St. Patrick's: Mon. – Sat. 10.00 am.

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

Imm. Concept: Mon. & Wed. 9.15 am.

CONFESSIONS - St. Patrick's: Sat. 10.30 – 11.00 am. & 5.30 – 5.50 pm. **St. Matthew's:** Sun. 10.00 am. **Imm. Concept.** Sat. 7.00 pm.

BAPTISMS - Will take place in St. Patrick's Church on the following dates: **Dec: Sat. 15th & 22nd.** (Sun. at 12.15 pm. and 4.30 pm. on a Sat.) *Drumsum & Gortnaghey by arrangement.*

PREPARE FOR BAPTISM PROGRAMME

Will take place on Wed. 19th Dec. at 7.30 pm. in conference room.



WEDDING BELLS - We congratulate Claire McAteer & Eoin Crossan on the occasion of their marriage on the 1st December.

† **DEATHS** – We extend our sympathy to the Harkin family circle on the death of Donal Harkin, Pellipar Park, also to the O'Neill family circle on the death of Anthony O'Neill, Rushie Park.

PARISH SURVEY – *There are still some areas to be covered and we hope to conclude these over the next few days.* Boxes are provided at the back of each church for the return of your completed Parish Survey. If you did not receive a survey there are some available at the back of each church.

PRIESTS COLLECTION: £3,114.

Thank you to all who contributed.

S.V.P. - HELPLINE: 079 279 299 23

LEARNING ABOUT THE MASS WITH KATH AND QUMEN – HOW DOES MASS BEGIN? Mass usually begins with a song or hymn and if we know the song we should join in the singing. The words of the song might be on a hymn sheet or book on your seat. When this song begins we know that it is time to stand up. We stand to greet the priest who will lead us in prayer; in this way we are also greeting Jesus who is present among us. The Opening Procession Mass always begins with a procession. There are different kinds of processions. Sometimes there are lots of people; sometimes it is the priest on his own. The procession might come from the front door or from the sacristy. Usually the procession includes the priest and the servers. In some places the people who are going to read and help to give out communion will also be in the procession. You might see one of the readers carry the book from which the Gospel will be read. This book is called the Book of the Gospels.

ADVENT PROGRAMME – ST. PATRICK'S

Sun. 9th Dec. at 5.00 pm. –

Sacrament of the Anointing.

Sun. 16th Dec. at 5.00 pm. – **Carol Service.**

Sun. 23rd Dec. at 5.00 pm. – **Confession.**

CAROL SERVICE – Sr. Cathy Solano, Sr. of Mercy is working in Sudan. Her school is currently on Scale 4 – Hunger zone; Scale 5 is Starvation. The Carol Service donations this year will be given to help feed those children.

ST. MATTHEW'S - CHURCH CLEANERS

Required to cover the Month of December. Also someone to look after the flowers at Christmas time. Contact the parish office.

PARISH CHRISTMAS CARDS - Are available at all the sacristies or the parish office. *This year the money from the sale of the Christmas Card will be given to Hands that Talk.*

FR. SEAMUS' HOME VISITS

The Sick and those confined to their homes will be visited week commencing 17th Dec.

FR. JOSEPH'S HOME VISITS

The Sick and those confined to their homes will be visited as follows: **Wed. 12th Dec. from 11.00 am.** – Ballygudden, Altmore Rd., Gortnaghey, Pollysbrae Rd., Foreglen Rd., Dernaflaw Rd., Pellipar Pk., Rannylas & Ard-na-Smol. **Thurs. 13th Dec. from 11.00 am.** - Main St., Sawel Place, New St., Holmlea Pk., Station Rd./Ave., Legavallon Rd., Mountain View Pk. & Ard-na-Grann.

Fold Mass: Wed. 12th Dec. at 10.00 am.

CHRISTMAS MASSES.

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

On Christmas Eve, there will be two vigil Masses in St. Patrick's. The first will be for young children and their families **at 5.00 pm.** The Second mass for all will be **at 6.30 pm.** Christmas Day 9.00 am. (Irish) & 11.30 am.

St. Matthew's – Monday Vigil 11.30 pm.

Christmas Day 10.15 am.

Immaculate Conception - Monday Vigil 7.00 pm. Christmas Day 10.30 am.

THE ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY – *Are holding their special annual collection this weekend Sat. 8th & Sun. 9th Dec.*

“PROTECTING OUR PRO-LIFE LAWS IN THE NORTH OF IRELAND.” Meeting in Walsh's Hotel, Maghera, on Thurs. 13th Dec. at 7.30 pm. Main speaker: Peadar Tóibín T.D.

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING – Will take place on Wednesday 12th Dec. at 7.30 pm. in the Parochial House, Chapel Road.

BENEDY CENTRE – CSR One Day Training course on Sat. 15th Dec. Tel: 777 43737 or 0784 330 5959.

DUNGIVEN REGENERATION CLUB – Flower Arranging Workshop Wed. 12th Dec. 7.00 – 9.00 pm. To book Tel: 077 5969 2122.

ST. CANICE'S G.A.C. - Lotto No's: 2, 13, 14 & 20. £20: J. McN. – LCDI. Jackpot £3,400.

FOUND – Rosary bead on the grounds of St. Patrick's Church. Owner contact the office.

BAMBINELLI SUNDAY - 16TH 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. 15th / 16th 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.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - Could those parishioners currently serving as Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers note the following: When Ministers are finished distributing the body and blood of Christ they currently go the right of the altar and hand the communion goblets to the Priest. Those Ministers also taking Holy Communion to the sick also assemble at the right hand side of the altar to receive the body of Christ in their Pixes. It has now been decided that those Ministers who distribute the body and blood of Christ at Mass should assemble at the **left hand side of the altar** to hand over their goblets. Any Ministers ALSO taking Holy Communion to the sick should quickly move to the **right hand side of the altar** to receive holy communion from the Priest along with the other Ministers who are also taking Holy Communion to the sick. These revised arrangements should take place week beginning 10th Dec.

GORTNAGHEY COMM. CENTRE - Christmas Party for Senior Citizens Mon. 10th Dec. 2.00 – 4.00 pm. Hot lunch at 2.00 pm. followed by music & carol singing by local P. S. children. If you require transport to this event Tel: 078 4523 1736.

WHIST DRIVE - In St. Peter's Hall (today) Sun. 9th Dec. at 8.00 pm.

The Winding Roe Magazine (local history, events in the area, anniversaries and photos) on sale now in most Dungiven shops.