

16<sup>th</sup> December 2018 **Dungiven Parish Bulletin** No 1458  
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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:** Tues: after 10.00 am. Mass and after Gaelscoil Neachtain Carol Service (8.00 – 8.30 pm.)

Wed: after 10.00 am. Mass and after Gaelcholáiste Dhoire Carol Service (8.00 – 9.00 pm.) *Confession available in Irish, English, or even Indian (Hindi).*

Thurs. and Fri: after 10.00 am. Mass.

Sat: 10.30 – 12 noon and after 6.00 pm. Mass.

Sun: after 9.00 am. and 11.30 am. Mass.

**St. Matthew’s:** Mon: after St. Matthew’s P.S. Carol Service (8.00 – 8.30 pm.). Thurs: after 9.15 am Mass and Sunday: after 10.15 am. Mass.

**Imm. Concept:** Wed: after 9.15 am. Mass and Sat: after 7.15 pm. Mass.

**BAPTISMS** - Will take place in St. Patrick’s Church on the following dates: **Jan: Sun. 6<sup>th</sup>, Sat. 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>.** (Sun. at 12.15 pm. and 4.30 pm. on a Sat.) *Drumsumn & Gortnaghey by arrangement.*

#### PREPARE FOR BAPTISM PROGRAMME

Will take place on Mon. 7<sup>th</sup> and Wed. 23<sup>rd</sup> Jan. at 7.30 pm. in conference room.



**WEDDING BELLS** - We congratulate Clodagh Mullan & Alex Moore on the occasion of their marriage on the 7<sup>th</sup> December.

**LAST WEEKS COLLECTION: £2,398**

*Thank you to all who contributed.*

**DEATHS** – We extend our sympathy to the O’Kane family circle on the death of Dan O’Kane, Main Street, to the Doran family circle on the death of Nancy Doran, Main St. also to the O’Kane family circle on the death of Frances O’Kane, Foreglen Road.

**LEARNING ABOUT THE MASS WITH KATH AND QUMEN – WHAT THE PRIEST WEARS** - The special clothes that the priest wears for Mass are called vestments. There are three different pieces, which he needs to put on. Over his ordinary clothes the priest puts on a white or cream coloured tunic called an alb. Then he puts on a long piece of coloured cloth, which looks like a scarf and is called a stole. Over the alb and the stole he puts on his chasuble. The colour of the stole and the chasuble is very important. It tells us what season we are in or what special occasion we are celebrating in the Church year. There are four main colours worn during the year: green, purple, red and white.

#### ADVENT PROGRAMME – ST. PATRICK’S

Sun. 16<sup>th</sup> Dec. at 5.00 pm. – **Carol Service.**

Sun. 23<sup>rd</sup> Dec. at 5.00 pm. – **Penance Service**

Fr. Michael Collins will introduce a new form of Penitential Service on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> Dec at 5.00 pm. This service has already been celebrated in Limavady and Banagher in the past years. A large attendance is expected so Extra priest will be available at this service.

**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.

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

#### FR. SEAMUS’ HOME VISITS

The Sick and those confined to their homes will be visited as follows: will be visited as follows: **Tues. 18<sup>th</sup> Dec. at 10.30 am.** Glenshane Rd., Magherabuoy, Abbeyfields, Glenroe Pk., Finvola Pk., O’Cathain’s Pl. and Hass Rd. **Wed. 19<sup>th</sup> Dec. at 10.30 am.** Mitchel Park, Priory Road & Curragh Road.

**ST. JOSEPH’S YOUNG PRIESTS SOCIETY** Christmas Draw will take place on Wed. 19<sup>th</sup> Dec. in the sacristy after the 10.00 am. Mass.

#### CHRISTMAS MASSES.

**Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> 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.

**PARISH SURVEY** – 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.

**PADRE PIO** - Mass followed by Devotions will take place on Mon. 17<sup>th</sup> Dec. at 7.30 pm. in the Longtower Church, Derry.

**TERMONBACCA** - Mass for the Sick: Tues. 18<sup>th</sup> Dec. at 7.30 pm. Advent Evening Vigil (Confessions, Adoration and Mass) Wed. 19<sup>th</sup> Dec. at 7.30 pm.

**ST. PATRICK’S COLLEGE, DUNGIVEN** - Our annual Open Evening on Thurs. 10<sup>th</sup> Jan. Principal’s address at 7.00 pm. followed by guided group tours. Everyone welcome.

**There have been a number of thefts from vehicles whilst parked in church car parks. Please do not leave handbags or valuables in the car whilst attending Mass.**

**ST. MARY’S P. S. GORTNAGHEY** – Open Night Wed. 19<sup>th</sup> Dec. from 6.30 - 7.30 pm.

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST** - We are delighted to see our new volunteers already participating in the great privilege of distributing the body and blood of Christ during Mass and we hope that great blessings will arise from this. One of the most frequent reasons given for not volunteering is that people genuinely do not feel worthy. The reality is that very few of us can say we are worthy but nevertheless we are ALL called to give witness to our Catholic faith and becoming a Eucharistic Minister is a wonderful way of doing this. We still would like more volunteers; especially for weekend Masses and we can promise to provide individual training to all who request it. We know that our parish has lots of Parishioners heavily committed to their faith and we would appeal to those who might consider it to leave their names in the Parish Office.

**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)*

**DUNGIVEN CELTIC** - Monthly Draw Winners: £300 - Sean McGlinchey, £200 - Cathal Grieve. Remembering Dermott Memorial Walk: Sun. 30<sup>th</sup> Dec. Banagher Dam. 1.00 pm. Donations only at meeting point in the car park, all proceeds to NI Cancer Fund for Children.

**ST. CANICE’S G.A.C.** - Lotto No’s: 9, 16, 19 & 28. £20: Patrick Bradley & Brenda Dougan. Jackpot £3,500

*An Evening of Christmas Music in Drenagh House, Limavady. Dungiven Choir will be singing at this event at approx. 7.30 pm. All welcome. In aid of Braveheart and Lewy Body Society.*

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