

8<sup>th</sup> December 2019 **Dungiven Parish Bulletin** No 1509

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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, 8<sup>th</sup> Dec. has been transferred to Monday 9<sup>th</sup> Dec. It is a Holy day of Obligation.**

St. Patrick's: Mon. 10.00 am. & 7.30 pm.

St. Matthew's: Mon. 9.15 am.

Church of the Immaculate Conception:

Mon. 9.15 am.

#### WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

St. Patrick's: Mon. 10.00 am. & 7.30 pm.

Tues. - Sat. 10.00 am.

St. Matthew's: Mon., Tues. & Thur. 9.15 am.

Imm. Concepta. 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.

#### PREPARE FOR BAPTISM PROGRAMME

Will take place on Wed. 18<sup>th</sup> Dec. at 7.30 pm. in the Committee Room.

BAPTISMS: Will take place in St. Patrick's Church on the following dates: **Dec: Sat. 14<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>. Jan: Sun. 5<sup>th</sup>, Sat. 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>** (Sun. at 12.15 pm. and 4.30 pm. on a Sat.) *Drumsumn & Gortnaghey by arrangement.*



BAPTISM - We welcome into our Christian Community - Sé Michael Doherty, the Arches.



WEDDING BELLS - We congratulate Kerri Grieve & John Joseph Clifford on the occasion of their marriage on the 29<sup>th</sup> November.

PRIEST'S COLLECTION: £2,563

Thank you to all who contributed.

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

#### ADVENT PROGRAMME - ST. PATRICK'S

Sun. 8<sup>th</sup> Dec. at 5.00 pm.

Sacrament of the Anointing.

Sun. 15<sup>th</sup> Dec. at 5.00 pm. Carol Service.

Sun. 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec. at 5.00 pm. Confession.

#### BAMBINELLI SUNDAY - 15<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 Sat./Sun. 14<sup>th</sup> / 15<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.

† DEATHS - We extend our sympathy to the Brolly family circle on the death of Seamus Brolly, Beech Road, Gortnaghey, to the Bryson/Feeney family circle on the death of Susan Bryson, Terrydoo Road, also to the McCorriston/Hampson family circle on the death of Geraldine McCorriston, Priory Road. May they rest in peace.

FREE HEARING AID CLINIC - Tues. 10<sup>th</sup> Dec., Hands That Talk, 12 noon - 1.00 pm.

PARISH CHRISTMAS CARDS - Are available at all the sacristies and the parish office. *This year the money from the sale of the Christmas Cards will be given to St. Vincent De Paul.*

PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO SICILY 2020 - Seven Nights Pilgrimage to Sicily will take place from 8<sup>th</sup> October 2020. Spiritual Director Fr. Séamus Kelly. Price £985 pp. Guided tour to Taormina, visit to St. Lucy's Church and the Sanctuary of Our Lady of Tears in Siracusa, visit to the Chapel of St. Agatha in Catania, excursion to Tindari to visit the Sanctuary of the Black Madonna. Contact Martina for further info. Tel: 7774 1219 or 077 1549 0880.

EUCCHARIST ADORATION - Adorers needed for Wednesday's from 11.00 am. - 12 noon. Please contact the parish office.

ANNUAL COLLECTION - Of Sleeping Bags and warm clothing for the homeless. Contact Anne Brolly on 077 3049 5793.

#### CHRISTMAS MASSES

##### Christmas Eve

5.00 pm. - St. Patrick's.

7.00 pm. - St. Patrick's.

5.00 pm. - St. Matthew's.

7.00 pm. - Immaculate Conception.

##### Christmas Day

8.00 am. - St. Patrick's

10.00 am. - St. Matthew's.

10.00 am. - Immaculate Conception.

11.30 am. - St. Patrick's.

THORNHILL MINISTRIES: - Advent: *Wed 11<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> Dec. Reflection Mornings (9.30 am. - 12:00 pm.)* Includes Mass and light lunch. *Meditation Hour (6.30 - 7.00 pm.)* *Décor Workshops: Tues. 10<sup>th</sup> Dec. (7.30 pm.)* (Christmas Wreath). *Thurs. 19<sup>th</sup> Dec (7.30 pm.)* (Table Centerpiece). Donation £30. Includes all materials. For more information Tel: 7135 1233

KEVIN LYNCH HURLING CLUB - *Lotto No's: 13, 17, 24 & 30.* Lucky Dip: Liam McElhinney. Jackpot: £2,150.

WHIST DRIVE - In St. Peter's Hall (today) Sun. 8<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30 pm. Please note! *Change of time*

THE TRADITION OF THE JESSE TREE - Jesse Trees are a very old Christmas tradition and first 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, says: "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 first Jesse trees were large carvings or even stained glass windows put in churches to help people learn about the Bible. The symbols hanging from the branches on our Jesse tree in church, tell the story from Creation to the birth of Jesus. (*JP II Students*)

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL ANNUAL CHURCH GATE COLLECTION - This weekend **Sat. 7<sup>th</sup> & Sun. 8<sup>th</sup> Dec.** All funds raised will be spent in this community helping those who need it most, with food, heating or financial assistance. Each year our conference makes visits to families and people in need in this community. Through our work, we constantly see how it can be just one small thing that tips a person into crisis and poverty. It can be an unexpected illness or an unexpected bill or an increase in their rent. Our mission is to be there when that happens and stop the cycle of poverty before it begins. However, we can't answer the call for help without you, the generous public of Dungiven. We rely almost entirely on your support.

ST. PATRICK'S COLLEGE, DUNGIVEN - Christmas variety concert on **Thurs. 19<sup>th</sup> Dec. at 7.30 pm.** Tickets: £3, Children / £5 Adults available from school office. Tel: 777 41324.

ROE VALLEY MEMORY TREE OF LIGHTS CEREMONY - To commemorate loved ones lost to suicide. Will be held at 5.00 pm. today Sun. 8<sup>th</sup> Dec. at Mind Body & Soul Centre, 101A, Irish Green St. Limavady. Seasonal refreshments will be served.