

20th December 2020 **Dungiven Parish Bulletin** No 1561

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Christmas 2020

Fr. Seamus & Fr. Joseph wish you

God's blessing and a very

Happy Christmas.

CORONAVIRUS

Despite the good news about the vaccine, it is very important we don't get into bad practise. Anyone with Covid 19 or anyone in the household isolating should not come to Mass or any of the services or visit the church.

Please sanitize your hands when you come into the chapel.

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 MASSES: ST. PATRICK'S

Mon. – Wed. 10.00 am. & Sat. 10.00 am.

Note! 10.00 am. Mass Christmas Eve.

MONTHS MIND MASS

For Geraldine Bond on Mon. 21st Dec. at 7.30 pm. in St. Patrick's

CONFESSIONS: ST. PATRICK'S

Because of the coronavirus we will not be having the normal Christmas confessions. Sat. 26th Dec. - No confessions.

THE ROSARY- Monday – Wednesday at 9.40 am. in St. Patrick's Church.



BAPTISM - We welcome into our Christian Community – Rio Marius O'Doherty, Legavallon Road, Bláithín Mary Brolly, Castlecroft Drive and Aidan James Brolly, Benbraddagh Rise.

LAST WEEKS COLLECTION: £2,348

Thank you to all who contributed.

BAPTISMS - Will take place in St. Patrick's Church on the following dates: **Jan. Sun. 3rd, Sat. 9th, 16th & 23rd.** (Sun. at 12.15 pm. and 4.30 pm. on a Sat.) Drumsurn & Gortnaghey by arrangement, contact the parish office.



WEDDING BELLS - We congratulate Shaunagh McGilligan & Joseph McNamee on the occasion of their marriage on the 12th December.

† DEATHS – We extend our sympathy to the McCloskey family circle on the death of Gertie McCloskey, Foreglen Road, to the O'Kane family circle on the death of Henry O'Kane, Hass Park. May they rest in peace.

ADVENT PROGRAMME – ST. PATRICK'S Penitential Service.

There will be no general absolution at this service.

THE PARISH OFFICE

Will be CLOSED from Tuesday 22nd Dec. Notices for the bulletin must be in by 12 noon on Tuesday 22nd December.

On New Year's Eve, Thursday 31st Dec., you are invited to come together to celebrate Mass at **4.30 pm.** in St. Patrick's Church. We gather in the last light of the old year to move out again in the light of Christ into 2020

BEGINNING TO MEDITATE

There will be no meditation talk on Monday 21st December.

CHRISTMAS MASSES

Christmas Eve

5.00 pm. - St. Patrick's.
Parents and young children.

7.00 pm. - St. Patrick's.

9.00 pm. - St. Patrick's.

5.00 pm. - St. Matthew's.

7.00 pm. - Immaculate Conception.

Christmas Day

8.00 am. - St. Patrick's
Mass will be in Irish.

10.00 am. - St. Patrick's

12 noon - St. Patrick's

10.15 am. - St. Matthew's.

8.30 am. - Immaculate Conception.

Normally we have five Masses at the weekends and for Christmas this year we will have ten Masses.

We will not have a booking system. People will be seated as they arrive. Unfortunately we cannot take in extra or have people standing at the back of the church.

However we would encourage people to go to their car and watch the Mass via the webcam on your mobile. At the end of Mass, after everybody in the church has received Holy Communion, you are invited to come in by the main door in St. Patrick's, Dungiven, and receive Holy Communion.

This is also possible for the 5.00 pm. in Drumsurn and 7.00 pm. in Gortnaghey, even though the Mass will be broadcast from Dungiven, you may still go into the church in Drumsurn & Gortnaghey and receive Holy Communion at the end of that Mass.

People must follow the directions of the stewards, and seats may not be held for someone arriving later.

THE BLESSED SACRAMENT CHAPEL

Will be CLOSED: Thursday 24th & Friday 25th Dec. Also: Thursday 31st Dec. & Friday 1st Jan. 2020.

There has been a large increase in the number of new infections of people in this area with the Coronavirus. Because of this I would advise people to join our Christmas Masses via the webcam.

If there are any people in your household or bubble who are over 70 or have underlying health issues, then I would advise you not to come to our Christmas Masses. Please recommit to prayer and the family Rosary in your homes in these very stressful times.

Fr. Joseph and myself will be offering all our Christmas Masses for all the people of the parish and all the names on our Christmas cards. Fr Séamus

Call Fr. Joseph on Christmas Day Tel: 777 41256 or mobile 078 5040 2475

CAROL SERVICE COLLECTION

For Srs. Mary Killeen & Barbara Dooley. They are Irish Mercy Sisters working in the Mukura Slums in Nairobi, Kenya. They support four primary schools and works with street children. *We are still accepting donations toward the carol service collection.*

S.V.P. HELPLINE - Christmas will be different for everyone this year. If you are struggling and in need of a helping hand, please contact the S.V.P confidential helpline: 079 2792 9923.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL ANNUAL CHRISTMAS COLLECTION

The annual collection will be taken up this weekend, **Sat. 19th and Sun. 20th Dec.** Donations can be placed in the S.V.P. collection box in the Chapel porch, when leaving Mass. Donations can also be left in the St. Vincent De Paul Shop, Ballyquin Road. Thank you for your continued support.

KEVIN LYNCH H. C.

Lotto No's: 9, 10, 14 & 15. Lucky Dip: Michael Murphy. Jackpot £2,550.