

12<sup>th</sup> December 2021 **Dungiven Parish Bulletin** No 1612

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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: (St. Peter's Hall)

Sun. 10.15 am.

Immaculate Conception: Sat. 7.15 pm.

#### WEEKDAY MASSES

St. Patrick's:

Monday - Saturday 10.00 am.

St. Matthew's: (St. Peter's Hall)

Tues. & Thurs. 9.15 am.

Immaculate Conception

Mon. & Wed 9.15 am.

#### MONTHS MIND MASS

For Caroline Jeffrey in St. Patrick's, on Wed. 15<sup>th</sup> Dec. at 7.30 pm.

#### FIRST ANNIVERSARY MASS

For Henry Joseph O'Kane in St. Patrick's, on Thurs. 16<sup>th</sup> Dec. at 7.30 pm.

**THE ROSARY** - Monday - Saturday at 9.35 am. in St. Patrick's Church.

**CONFESSIONS** - St. Patrick's: *There will be confessions after all weekday Masses this week.* Also on Sat. from 5.15 - 5.50 pm.

If you are struggling, or if you know someone who is struggling and in need of a helping hand, please contact the **S.V.P. confidential helpline: 079 2792 9923.**

**WEDDING BELLS** - We congratulate Claire Kealey & Shea Turner on the occasion of their marriage on the 3<sup>rd</sup> December.

#### CAROL SERVICE COLLECTION

Will be for Sr. Deirdre Mullan, a native of Derry, works in collaboration with UNICEF and other aid agencies, to identify and provide education for the girl child, many of whom are being targeted by human traffickers.

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

Sun. 12<sup>th</sup> Dec. at 5.00 pm.

#### Carol Service

Sun. 19<sup>th</sup> Dec. at 5.00 pm.

#### Penitential Service

*We will do individual absolution at the penitential service next Sunday. However this will happen at the very end as people are leaving the Church. You just come up to the priest and confess one sin or just say I am sorry for all my sins and you will receive Absolution. Similar to what we had before Covid.*

**BAPTISMS** - We welcome into our Christian Community: Dearbhla McLaughlin, Whistlebare Cottages.

*Children must have **One** Godparent who is over 16 years of age and a practicing Catholic. Normally people have **Two** Godparents, but they must be one male and one female.*

**BAPTISMS** - Will take place in St. Patrick's Church on the following dates: **Jan. - Sat. 1<sup>st</sup>, Sun. 9<sup>th</sup>, Sat. 15<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>.** (Sun. at 12.15 pm. and 4.30 pm. on a Sat.) Drumsurn & Gortnaghey by arrangement, contact the parish office.

- Two weeks notice must be given.
- Only 25 persons (including children) per family in the church.
- A list of names and contact numbers for all attending, must be handed into the parish office prior to the baptism.

**PRIESTS COLLECTION: £3,119**

Including back payment of £515.

*Thank you to all who contributed*

**2022 CHURCH ART CALENDARS**

For sale in Parish Office. Price £1.50.

#### PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE

2022 - Seven Nights Pilgrimage to Medjugorje will take place 21<sup>st</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup> May 2022. Spiritual Director Fr. Séamus Kelly. Bed/Breakfast and Dinner. Price £655, (Including insurance). **Offer of Special Price for early booking: £605 - Paid before 20<sup>th</sup> December 2021.** Money must be paid in Full. Flight from Belfast. Contact Martina for further info. Tel: 7774 1219.

#### VISITATION OF THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND

Fr. Seamus and Fr. Joseph had hoped to resume these visits. We recently received an email from Bishop Donal advising us not to return to monthly visits because of the new outbreak of Covid 19. However because of this we will only visit those who make a request through the parish office before Christmas for a home visit.

**If you would like a visit from the priest before Christmas, please call the Parish Office on 028 777 40702.**

#### 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

*Parts of the 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.

**SCRIPTURE MEDITATION** - Every Monday at 7.00 pm. Go to mcmedia.tv open St. Patrick's click on the Blessed Sacrament link.

**BENEDY CENTRE** - CSR One Day Course on Sat. 18<sup>th</sup> Dec. Contact Mary on 028 777 43737 / 0784 330 5959 to secure a place.

#### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

#### SPECIAL CHRISTMAS COLLECTION

Please give generously to our special collection, **on Sat. 11<sup>th</sup> & Sun. 12<sup>th</sup> Dec.** by putting your donation into the S.V.P. collection boxes in the Church porches. Donations can also be left in the St. Vincent de Paul Shop. *Thank you for your support.*

#### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

#### SPECIAL CHRISTMAS COLLECTION

It is that time of the year again when we appeal to parishioners for financial assistance. This past year had seen a significant increase in requests for help. Benefits have been cut, fuel prices have increased and day to day living has become a struggle for many people. St. Vincent de Paul Society depend on the generosity of our community to help us, help others less fortunate.

We would like to thank all those who have supported us throughout the past year, by donating financially and donating items to our shop on the Ballyquin Road. Thank you also to the volunteers in our shop.

**COVID-19** - Social distancing is one of a number of measures that can help to reduce the spread of Covid. Other mitigations include good ventilation, the use of face coverings, as well as hand sensitization when entering and leaving the church.

**PARISH CHRISTMAS CARDS** - Are available only at the parish office. *Please have the names of those you are buying a card for written out on a sheet of paper. This year the money from the sale of the Christmas Cards will be given to St. Vincent De Paul Society. Card are priced at £1.50.*

**KEVIN LYNCH H. C.** - *Lotto No's: 18, 19, 20 & 23. Lucky Dip: John Heaney. Jackpot £3,825.*

**ST. MATTHEW'S G.A.C., DRUMSURN** - Fantastic Motorhome Draw takes place, Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> Dec. Anyone still wanting to purchase tickets can do so by calling: 028 777 41131 or 07340 931451

**CHILDREN IN CROSSFIRE** - Advent Appeal. Envelopes available in all the church porches.