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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. Imm. Conception: Sat. 4.30 pm.

THE SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, THURSDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER.

Wednesday – Imm. Concept. 7.30 pm. Thursday – St. Patrick's 10.00 am. Thursday – St. Matthew's 9.15 am.

### WEEKDAY MASSES

**St. Patrick's:** Mon. 10.00 am. Tues. 10.00 am. & 7.00 pm. Wed. - Fri. 10.00 am. St. Matthew's: Tues. & Thurs. 9.15 am. **Imm. Conception:** Mon. 9.15 am. & Wed. **7.30 pm.** Note! No Mass on Wednesday morning.

ST. PADRE PIO - HEALING MASS Tues. 6<sup>th</sup> Dec. at 7.00 pm. in St. Patrick's.

### MONTH'S MIND MASSES

For Teresa O'Reilly on Sat. 10<sup>th</sup> Dec. at 4.30 pm. in the Immaculate Conception. For Donal McGilligan on Sat. 10<sup>th</sup> Dec. at 6.00 pm. in St. Patrick's.

MASS FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED For Hugh Canning today Sun. 4<sup>th</sup> Dec. at 10.15 am. in St. Matthew's.

CONFESSIONS - St. Patrick's: Sat. 5.15 -5.45 pm. No Saturday morning confessions.

THE ROSARY: Monday – Friday at 9.35 am. in St. Patrick's Church.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION: £2.535 Thank you to all who contributed.

2023 CHURCH ART CALENDARS For sale in Parish Office. Price £1.50.

MEDJUGORJE PRAYER MEETING No meeting on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December.



BAPTISM - 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: Dec: Sat. 17<sup>th</sup> at 4.30 pm. January 2023: 7<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> at 3.00 pm. *Two weeks* notice must be given for all Baptism bookings.

The Baptism Course will take place twice a month. Anyone booking a Baptism will be required to attend the course before their Baptism can take place. Places must be booked through the Parish Office. The next course will be on Mon. 5<sup>th</sup> Dec. at 7.30 pm.

**CONGRATULATIONS** - To Rory Grieve on his ordination of a Deacon on Sat. 26<sup>th</sup> Nov.

**T** DEATHS – We extend our sympathy to the Donaghy family circle on the death of Mary Alice Donaghy, Priory Road. To the O'Kane family circle on the death of Seamus O'Kane, Altmover Road. To the McCloskev family circle on the death of Michael McCloskey, Gortnaghey Road. May they rest in peace.

# ADVENT PROGRAMME – ST. PATRICK'S

Sun. 4th Dec. at 5.00 pm. - Celebration of the Sacrament of the Sick Sun. 11th Dec. at 5.00 pm. -

**Carol Service** 

Sun. 18th Dec. at 5.00 pm. -**Penitential Service** 

SAFEGUARDING VETTING - Will take place for all volunteers working with children in the parish next Sun. 11th Dec. after 9.00 am. Mass - 11.30 am. & after 11.30 am. Mass until 1.30 pm. in the parish centre committee room. Please bring your Passport, Driving Licence and a Utility bill.

# BAMBINELLI SUNDAY - 11<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. 10<sup>th</sup> / 11<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.

# APPEAL FOR EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS -

At the beginning of a new church year it is appropriate to once more make an appeal to our parish community for volunteers for the role of Extraordinary Eucharistic Minister. Distributing the body of Christ is a truly special role and is an opportunity to play an important part in life of our parish community. If you would like to volunteer please contact the Parish Office

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. Cards are £1.50 each. Also this year we are selling Christmas Candles (£2.50 each). All monies raised from cards and candles will be donated to a local charity.

ST. JOSEPH'S YOUNG PRIESTS' SOCIETY Meeting will take place after 10.00 am. Mass on Tues. 6<sup>th</sup> Dec. in the **Committee Room**.

**KEVIN LYNCH H. C.** - Lotto no's: 3, 7, 13 & 21. Lucky dip: Patricia Harkin. Jackpot: £5,075.

CHILDREN OF FATIMA, SERVANT OF **CHRIST** - Overnight adoration will take place in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel on Fri. 9<sup>th</sup> Dec. at 8.00 pm. – Sat. 10<sup>th</sup> Dec. at 7.00 am. There will be a Mass in St. Patrick's Church at 7.00 am. All welcome. Contact Laura on 078 0973 9752.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL ANNUAL **CHRISTMAS COLLECTION** - It is that time of the year again when we appeal to parishioners for financial assistance.

This past year has 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. The Annual Collection will be taken up on Sat. 17<sup>th</sup> & Sun. 18<sup>th</sup> Dec. Donations can be placed in the S.V.P. collection boxes in the Church porches. Donations can also be left in the St. Vincent De Paul Shop. Please give generously. Thank you for your continued support. 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.

COOK REQUIRED: 10 hours per week. (hours flexible but must include Sat. 11.00 am. - 2.00 pm.) Parochial House Feeny. Closing date: 16<sup>th</sup> Dec. at 4.30 pm. For an application pack contact Bishop's House, St. Eugene's Cathedral, Francis St., Derry, BT48 9AP, or email: payroll@derrydiocese.org or Tel: 028 7126 2302.

BENBRADAGH COMMUNITY SUPPORT -Ladies Christmas Night, Glór Hall, 10<sup>th</sup> Dec. 8.00 pm. – 12 midnight. Free for members & £5 for non-members. Secret Santa theme bring a present with you (worth £10) and leave with a present!!