

3<sup>rd</sup> December 2023 **Dungiven Parish Bulletin** No 1715  
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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, FRIDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER.**

Thursday – Imm. Concept. 7.30 pm.  
Friday – St. Patrick’s 10.00 am.  
Friday – St. Matthew’s **9.00 am.**

**WEEKDAY MASS TIMES**

**St. Patrick’s:** Mon. – Thurs. 10.00 am.  
**St. Matthew’s:**  
Tuesday & Thursday 9.15 am.  
**Imm. Conception:**  
Monday & Wednesday 9.15 am.

**ST. PADRE PIO - HEALING MASS**  
Tues. 5<sup>th</sup> Dec. at 7.00 pm. in St. Patrick’s.

**CONFESSIONS**

**St. Patrick’s:** Sat. 5.30 - 5.45 pm.

**THE ROSARY:**

Mon. - Fri. at 9.35 am. in St. Patrick’s.

**LAST SUNDAY’S COLLECTION: £2,470**

*Thank you to all who contributed.*

*There is an envelope in your box for the  
Carol Service. This year the money will  
be donated to a local charity.*

**ADVENT PROGRAMME – ST. PATRICK’S**  
Sun. 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec. at 5.00 pm. - **Celebration of  
the Sacrament of the Sick**

Sun. 10<sup>th</sup> Dec. at 5.00 pm. - **Carol Service**  
Sun. 17<sup>th</sup> Dec. at 5.00 pm. -  
**Penitential Service**

**MEDJUGORJE PRAYER MEETING**  
*No meeting on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> Dec.*

Fr. Seamus will have a special  
commission service for all **Readers** on  
**Sat. 9<sup>th</sup> Dec. at 6.00 pm. Vigil Mass.** All  
*Readers from Dungiven, Drumsurn and  
Gortnaghey are asked to attend.*

**LECTIO DIVINA PRAYER GROUP**

Wed. 6<sup>th</sup> Dec. at 7.00 pm. in the Parish  
House. An ancient Benedict way of  
Scripture, Study and Reflection on the  
Sunday Gospel, and Advent preparation.



**BAPTISM** – We welcome into our  
Christian Community: James Joseph  
Doran, Knockcullen.

**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: 16<sup>th</sup> &  
30<sup>th</sup>. Jan: 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>.** *Baptisms will take  
place 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 **Wed. 6<sup>th</sup> Dec. at 7.30 pm. in  
the Parish House, 30 A Chapel Road.***

**2024 CHURCH ART CALENDARS**  
For sale in Parish Office. Price £1.50.

**KEVIN LYNCH H. C.** - Lotto no’s: 11, 22, 23 &  
29. Lucky dip: Donal Kelly. Jackpot: £6,400

**VOCATIONS** - Mass and Vigil of Prayer  
for Vocations in St Patrick’s Church,  
Dungiven, Fri. 8<sup>th</sup> Dec., 8.00 - 9.30pm.  
May be viewed on the parish webcam.

**FR. SEAMUS’ HOME/SICK VISITS**

The Sick and those confined to their homes  
will be visited as follows: **Tues. 5<sup>th</sup> Dec.  
from 10.30 am.** – Glenshane Rd.,  
Abbeyfields, Glenroe Pk., O’Cathain’s Place,  
Curragh Rd., Finvola Pk., Pellipar Pk. &  
Lackagh Pk.  
**Wed. 6<sup>th</sup> Dec. from 10.30 am.** – Mitchel Pk.,  
Priory Rd., Gortnagross Rd., Gortnarney Rd.,  
Beech Rd., Drumsurn, Drumsurn Rd., Gelvin  
Rd. & Legavallon Rd.,

**FR. JOSEPH HOME/SICK VISITS**

The Sick and those confined to their homes  
will be visited as follows: **Tues. 5<sup>th</sup> Dec.  
from 10.30 am.** – Bradagh Fold, Sawel Pl.,  
New St., Cherry Grove, Station Rd., Holmllea  
Pk., Garvagh Rd. & Ard-na-Smol.  
**Wed. 6<sup>th</sup> Dec. from 10.30 am.** - Drumrane  
Rd., Beech Rd., Gortnaghey, Gortnaghey Rd.,  
Glenconway Rd., Dernaflaw Houses &  
Foreglen Rd.

**NIGHT VIGIL IN ST. PATRICK’S CHURCH,  
DUNGIVEN, ON FRI. 8<sup>TH</sup> DEC.** - All are  
invited to this special Night Vigil, which will  
be led by Anointing Fire Catholic Ministries  
& Children of Fatima Prayer Group. See  
Service schedule: **8.00 pm.** - Mass. **8.30 pm.**  
- Adoration, Praise & Healing Prayers. **9.30  
pm.** - Prayer for Priests, Vocations &  
Benediction. **10.30 pm.** - Confessions &  
Rosary. **11.00 pm.** - Night Vigil prayers in  
the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. **7.00 am.**  
(Sat.) Mass in the Church.

**PARISH CHRISTMAS CARDS** – Available at  
**the parish office, and the Sacristy’s in  
Drumsurn & Gortnaghey.** *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 & candles will be donated  
to a local charity.*

**CHILDREN IN CROSSFIRE’S ADVENT  
APPEAL** - Packs available in the church  
porches. This year, we are raising funds to  
support a new programme in inner city Dar es  
Salaam in Tanzania.

**LEARNING ABOUT THE MASS WITH  
KATH AND QUMEN.**

**THE ALTAR** - Another word for altar is table.  
The altar table is in the centre of the part of  
God’s house that we call the sanctuary.  
Sanctuary means ‘holy’ and this is indeed a  
holy place. The servers prepare the altar.  
They put the following on the altar:

**The Corporal** a square-shaped white cloth on  
which the paten and chalice are placed.

**The Roman Missal** the book from which the  
priest reads the prayers.

**The Purificators** small white towels, which  
are used to clean the chalice and paten later in  
the Mass.

**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.  
S.V.P. depends 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  
next weekend Sat. 9<sup>th</sup> & Sun. 10<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 S.V.P. Shop.  
Please give generously. Thank you for your  
continued support. - 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.**

**GORTNAGHEY ANNUAL CHRISTMAS  
LIGHTS TURN-ON & PARTY** - Next Sun.  
10<sup>th</sup> Dec. at 3.00 pm. Adm. £5 per child. Tea  
for 2 Afternoon Xmas Treat Boxes will be  
delivered to Over 65’s homes on 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>  
Dec. before 1.00 pm.