

10th December 2023 **Dungiven Parish Bulletin** No 1716
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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.

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

St. Patrick's: Mon. – Fri. 10.00 am.

St. Matthew's:

Tuesday & Thursday 9.15 am.

Imm. Conception:

Monday & Wednesday 9.15 am.

CONFESSIONS

St. Patrick's: Sat. 5.30 – 5.45 pm.

THE ROSARY:

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

PRIEST COLLECTION: £3,250

RETIRED PRIEST COLLECTION: £1,942

Thank you to all who contributed.

CAROL SERVICE COLLECTION

This year the money will be donated to Gerard Straub an America Franciscan. He works against enormous odds, in an orphanage named St. Clare's in Haiti. He is currently caring for 50 children (1-17 year olds). This will help him provide clean water, medicines, food, clothing diesel and gas.

ADVENT PROGRAMME – ST. PATRICK'S

Sun. 10th Dec. at 5.00 pm. - **Carol Service**

Sun. 17th Dec. at 5.00 pm. -

Penitential Service

MEDJUGORJE PRAYER MEETING

Meeting on Tuesday 12th Dec. at 7.00 pm.

LECTIO DIVINA PRAYER GROUP

Wednesday 13th Dec. at 7.00 pm. in the Parish House.

2024 CHURCH ART CALENDARS

For sale in Parish Office. Price £1.50.



BAPTISM – We welcome into our Christian Community: Dáire McReynolds, O'Cathain's Place, Fíadh Elizabeth Dunne, Gortnaghey Road and Caoimhe McCormick, Corick Road.

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: 30th. Jan: 6th, 13th & 20th.** *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 **Mon. 18th Dec. at 7.30 pm. in the Parish House, 30 A Chapel Road.***



WEDDING BELLS - We congratulate Siobhan Murphy & Paul McGowan on the occasion of their marriage on the 1st Dec. Also to Nicole Farren & Ciaran Brooks on the occasion of their marriage on the 2nd Dec.

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.*

KEVIN LYNCH H. C. - Lotto no's: 10, 12, 17 & 28. Lucky dip: Donal Lagan. Jackpot: £6,425.

CHRISTMAS MASSES

Christmas Eve

St. Patrick's: 4.30 pm.,
(only for children, parents & guardians)
6.30 pm. & 8.30 pm.

Immaculate Conception: 4.30 pm.

St. Matthew's: 6.30 pm.

Christmas Day

St. Patrick's: 9.00 am.

St. Patrick's: 11.30 am.

Immaculate Conception: 9.00 am.

St. Matthew's: 10.30 am.

LEARNING ABOUT THE MASS WITH KATH AND QUMEN.

THE PRIEST GIVES THANKS TO GOD FOR OUR GIFTS - The priest stands behind the altar and holds up the paten with the bread on it and says a prayer of blessing to God. The priest then pours the wine into the chalice. The chalice is a special cup, which is shaped like a wine glass. It may be made of gold and silver. He pours a drop of water into the wine. He then holds up the chalice and says a prayer of blessing to God again. The priest says a prayer over the gifts, which is different at every Mass. In many churches people will stand at this point. This shows us that the preparation of the gifts is over and we are now going to pray the Eucharistic Prayer.

GELVIN COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

You are invited to join us (outdoors) at the old school next Sun. 17th Dec. at 2.00 pm. for our annual Festival of Christmas Carols. Singing will be followed (indoors) by tea / Coffee and Christmas Fare. All welcome.

ST. MARY'S, P. S. GORTNAGHEY - Christmas Show and Carol Service, Wed. 13th Dec. at 7.00 pm. in the Imm. Conception. **St. Mary's Fundraising Bingo**, Wed. 20th Dec. at 7.30 pm. in Gortnaghey Community Hall.

BLOOD DONATION – Tues. 12th Dec. from 12.30 – 4.00 pm. & 5.00 – 7.30 pm. in Dungiven Parish Hall, Upper Main St.

BAMBINELLI SUNDAY - 17TH 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. 10th / 11th 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.

WHIST DRIVE - In St. Peter's Hall, Drumsurn, Sun. 10th Dec., at 7.30 pm.

LET'S CHANGE TOMORROW

The total raised for our "Gaza Appeal" is £10,094.40. After researching, we decided to send this collection to the Red Cross who have been working tirelessly since the war began. Red Cross have been working side by side with Red Crescent to provide medical care, shelter and essentials. Red Cross in Dublin have told us that money from this collection will be used only to help with aid for victims of the Gaza war.

Tuesdays Child, Belfast charity, who have been working with children in Gaza since 2007 will also receive a donation from this collection.

A special thank you to Glenshane House, and Eurospar for permitting us to use their premises for our collection.

Finally a very big thank you to everyone who donated to this appeal. We are overwhelmed by the response. We look forward to your continued support.