

17th December 2023 **Dungiven Parish Bulletin** No 1717
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MASS TIMES 23RD & 24TH DEC.
St. Patrick's: Sat. Vigil 6.00 pm.
Sun. 9.00 am. **Note! No 11.30 pm. Mass.**
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.

CHRISTMAS CONFESSIONS 2023

Confessions: Dungiven

After 10.00 am. Mass on
Mon., Tues, Wed., Thurs. & Friday.
After 6.00 pm. Vigil Mass on Saturday

Christmas Eve: 12 noon
Two Priests available

Confession: Drumsurn
After 9.15 am. Mass on Tues. & Thurs.

Confessions: Gortnaghey
After 9.15 am. Mass on Mon. & Wed.
After 4.30 pm. Vigil Mass on Saturday.

THE ROSARY:

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

LAST WEEKS COLLECTION: £2,615

Thank you to all who contributed.

Priest Christmas collection will be taken up at all Masses on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. This is the only collection that goes directly to the priests of the parish.

MEDJUGORJE PRAYER MEETING

No Meeting on Tuesday 19th Dec.

Parish Office will be closed on Friday

ADVENT PROGRAMME – ST. PATRICK'S

Sun. 17th Dec. at 5.00 pm. –
Penitential Service

LECTIO DIVINA PRAYER GROUP

Meeting on Wed. 20th Dec. at 7.00 pm.



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: **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.***

† **DEATHS** – We extend our sympathy to the Devlin family circle on the death of Patrick Devlin, Kilhoyle Road. May he rest in peace.



WEDDING BELLS - We congratulate Gráinne Devlin & Daniel Powell on the occasion of their marriage on the 9th 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.*

CHRISTMAS MASSES

Christmas Eve

St. Patrick's: 4.30 pm.,
(only for children, parents & guardians)
6.30 pm. *(with Parish Choir).* & 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.

CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE
CONCEPTION GORTNAGHY

CHRISTMAS REFLECTION & CAROLS
Thurs. 21st Dec. from 7.00 – 8.00 pm.
Come join us for reflection and carols in preparation for Christmas. Confessions will be available during the service.

DO THIS IN MEMORY MASS

Today Sunday 17th Dec. at 11.30 am.

LEARNING ABOUT THE MASS WITH KATH AND QUMEN. EUCHARIST: The word 'Eucharist' is another name for the Mass. It comes from a Greek word meaning 'thanksgiving'. The whole Mass is a special prayer of thanksgiving for all that God has given us. Sometimes we use the word to describe the whole Mass and sometimes it is used to describe the Bread of Life. We also talk about the sacrifice of the Mass. This reminds us of the sacrifice that Jesus made for us when he suffered and died on the cross.

VOCATIONS - Our prayer this weekend for the seminarians of the diocese of Derry and for those discerning their vocation is taken from the words of St. Paul in our second reading: "May the God of peace make you perfect and holy; and may you all be kept safe and blameless, spirit, soul and body.... God has called you and he will not fail you."

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. 16th / 17th 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.

CANTICLE AT CHRISTMAS - Join Canticle, the Sacred Music Society from Queen's University Belfast today Sun. 17th Dec. at 6.00 pm. in St. Joseph's Church, Fincairn for an evening of music, song and readings. Adm. free with retiring collection. All welcome.

KEVIN LYNCH H. C. - Lotto no's: 3, 13, 16 & 25. Lucky dip: Regina Brolly. Jackpot: £6,450.

GELVIN COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Annual Festival of Christmas Carols. at the old school today Sun. 17th Dec. at 2.00 pm. All welcome.

LITTLE RASCALS COMM. PLAYGROUP, DRUMSURN - Spaces available after Christmas for our Junior Club, no session's fees apply. The club is for children in their pre pre school year (**2 years & 10 months**). Sessions run on a Mon. & Tues. from 12.15 – 2.00 pm. For an application form or any info, email to little.rascals2@yahoo.com or Tel: 777 67501.