

24th December 2023 **Dungiven Parish Bulletin** No 1718
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Christmas 2023

Fr. Seamus & Fr. Joseph wish you

God’s blessing and a very

Happy Christmas.

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.

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.

WEEKDAY MASSES

St. Patrick’s: Tues. – Fri. 10.00 am.

St. Matthew’s & Imm. Conception:

Please Note! No weekday Masses.

MASS TIMES 30TH & 31ST DEC.

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 ROSARY:

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

If you need a Priest for an Emergency
call on Christmas Day Tel: 777 41256.

On New Year’s Eve, Sunday 31st December: We gather in St Patrick’s Church from 5.00 – 6.00 pm. for Mass and a Holy Hour for the first light of 2024 in the last light of 2023.

FIRST ANNIVERSARY MASSES

For Donal Brolly on Sat. 30th Dec. at 4.30 pm. in the Immaculate Conception.

For Gerard Toner on Sat. 30th Dec. at 6.00 pm. in St. Patrick’s.

ST. CANICE’S PRAYER GROUP

No meeting on this week.

MEDJUGORJE PRAYER MEETING

No meeting on this week.

LECTIO DIVINA PRAYER GROUP

No meeting on this week.



BAPTISM – We welcome into our Christian Community: Cora Rose McCartney, Gortnaghey Road and Emmeline Mary Conwell, Foreglen Rd.

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: 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 Wed 3rd Jan. 2024 at 7.30 pm. in the Parish House, 30 A Chapel Road.*

KEVIN LYNCH H. C. - Lotto no’s: 11, 21, 25 & 27. Lucky dip: Eamon Brolly. Jackpot: £6,475.

† **DEATHS** – We extend our sympathy to the Hennighan family circle on the death of Sadie Hennighan, Cherry Grove, also to the Ferris family circle on the death of Patrick Ferris, Gortnaghey. May they rest in peace.

LAST WEEKS COLLECTION: £3,135

Thank you to all who contributed.

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

LEARNING ABOUT THE MASS WITH KATH AND QUMEN.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The priest prays what we call the Eucharistic Prayer over our gifts of bread and wine. This is the most important prayer of the whole Mass. In Church language it is the ‘centre and summit’ of the celebration. The priest as the leader of the assembly prays this prayer on our behalf and we participate by listening and responding when invited to do so. In the Roman Missal, from which the priest reads the prayers of the Mass, there are seven Eucharistic Prayers.

VOCATIONS - That Mary’s “Yes” to the Lord will be an inspiration to all those called to serve the Church as priests of the diocese of Derry.

BENEDY COMM. ASSOC. - ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DRAW WINNERS: -

1st - £100: Eunan Kelly, Whitemountain

2nd - £50: Ben Haran, Corick Road

3rd - £50: Mary Donaghy, Main St.

4th - £50: Josie McCloskey, Killew Road

5th - £25: Aoibheann McCloskey, Greenhaven

6th - £25: Kevin McNicholl, Coolnasallagh

7th - £25: James O’Kane, Corick Road

8th - £25: Brenda Dougan, Killew Road

The Management Committee wish to thank everyone for their support in this draw and throughout the past year.

S.V.P. HELPLINE 079 2792 9923

The Blessed Sacrament Chapel will be CLOSED on Christmas Day (25th Dec.) St. Stephen’s Day (26th Dec.) and the 1st January 2024

ST. JOSEPH’S YOUNG PRIEST

Would like to thank everyone who bought tickets for the Christmas Draw. We collected and amazing £1,150. Thank you again to all who contributed. 1st prize – Kathleen O’Neill. 2nd Prize – Emer McNicholl. 3rd Prize – Patrick Anderson. 4th Prize – Seamus Sharkey. 5th Prize – Martin Coyle.

DUNGIVEN CELTIC FOOTBALL CLUB.

Remembering Dermot Charity Walk. At Banagher Dam, Wednesday 27th December. Walk commences at 11.00 am. All proceeds will go to Glenshane Care.

THE NET - Sharing the fruits of the faith in the Derry Diocese, the December edition of ‘The Net’ is available in print in parishes as well as on the Diocesan website. For coverage of faith related stories just email editorthenet15@gmail.com.

CHILDREN IN CROSSFIRE - Would like to wish all parishioners a peaceful and happy Christmas, and also to extend their thanks to everyone who has already taken an Advent box home. Packs can still be picked up at the entrance of the chapel. Please return your donation/box to the chapel in January, or alternatively, you can return them directly to Children in Crossfire. Thank you.

TRÓCAIRE SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS - Are you a retired teacher or someone who has experience presenting to groups of school-children? Do you have a passion for making this world a better place, especially for the most vulnerable? Trócaire is looking for volunteers to support its School Talks Programme for Lent 2024 in parishes of the Derry Diocese. If you think you have the right skills and experience and will have a few free hours during Lent then we would love to hear from you! For more information call Casey Schell on 028 90 808 033 or email casey.schell@trocaire.org