

NOTICE

The **Corona Virus** is still very much with us. There is **no obligation** on anyone to attend Mass in person in the church. You can do so by webcam as many of you are already doing. If you wish to attend Mass at **Christmas** in the Church please fill in the form provided in **St. John's Ballymaghery, St. Mary's Cabra** and place in the box in the Church.

CHRISTMAS MASSES 2020

IN ORDER TO ADHERE TO PUBLIC HEALTH GUIDANCE IT IS NECESSARY TO PREBOOK A SEAT FOR CHRISTMAS MASS THIS YEAR. EACH FAMILY WILL BE ALLOCATED ONE SEAT. PLEASE MARK YOUR FIRST CHOICE MASS WITH A NUMBER 1 FOLLOWED BY YOUR 2ND, 3RD OR 4TH CHOICES.

CHRISTMAS EVE: BALLYGORIAN 6.00PM; BALLYMAGHERY 6.00PM; CABRA 7.30PM; BALLYMAGHERY 7.30PM

CHRISTMAS DAY: CABRA 9.00 AM BALLYGORIAN 10.00AM; BALLYMAGHERY 11.30AM
PLEASE ENTER YOUR NAME, ADDRESS AND TELEPHONE NUMBER

NAME ADDRESS CONTACT NUMBER.....

Number of people within your bubble who wish to attend Mass. (maximum 1 seat) —



St John's Conference – Clonduff, Hilltown

Our plans for Christmas are well underway and we want it to be extra special this year. Can you please either send a private message to our Facebook page (**St John's Conference – Clonduff, Hilltown**) or contact Caitriona in the Post Office, or any other committee member, if you need some help.

ALL ENQUIRES ARE IN STRICTEST CONFIDENCE, so please don't be afraid to contact us if you need a bit of help after what has been such a difficult year. There will be no formal Christmas collection at Mass this year, but donations can be made in the following ways:

- ❖ Directly to any committee member.
- ❖ In an Envelope marked **SVDP** put through the letterbox of the Parochial House'
- ❖ Directly into our bank account: **St Vincent de Paul, St John's Conference, Ulster Bank, Hill Street, Newry. Sort code: 98 13 60 Account no: 59002043**
- ❖ **The Parochial House Hilltown will be open on this Sunday 13th December from 12.30pm – 3.00pm to accommodate parishioners who wish to donate gifts to our local SVP. Thank you for your continued support.**

In addition to this, **SVDP** will be distributing a Blue Envelope in 'The Irish News' soon and, if you would like to use this Envelope to donate, it can be passed on to us by any of the means highlighted above.

We thank you all for your continued support. It's great to see the community working together to help each other.

SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL HELPS PEOPLE

Fr C Byrne Tel (028) 40630206 or in emergency 07764941606 or email cbyrne26@icloud.com

Sat 12th Dec 6.00pm BALLYMAGHERY:	ANNIVERSARIES: BALLYMAGHERY, CABRA Public Mass: Sally Morgan, Ballydoo; Rosaleen McKeown, Castlewelian Road; James Brannigan, Fegans Gardens; Joe & Mary Catherine Branagan, Spelga Park; Sean Fegan, Main Street; Jerry Quinn, Spelga Park; Eddie, Hugh John & Owen McAleenan, Ballygorian; Dan & Molly McAlinden, Mullaghmore Public Mass: MM Bridie Grant, Dromboniff; Anne McParland, Cabra; Barney & Mary Morgan, Fofaneyreagh; Owen Ward, Islandmoyle; Eugene Ward
Sun 13th Dec 9.00am St Mary's Cabra:	Public Mass: MM Mary McCartan, Mourne View; Brian Darby, Rathfriland Road & Deceased members of the Grant Family, Carcullion; John, Mary Rose & Pat McCartney & Deceased Family members, Yellow Road; John Maginnis, Drumlee; Rose & John Maginnis, Islandmoyle; Madge & Pat Lynch & Deceased family members
Mon 14th Dec 9.00am	BALLYMAGHERY: Arthur & Mary Anne Hynes, Lenish
Tues 15th Dec 9.00am	Public Mass: Barney, Susan & Josephine McShane, Rathfriland Road; John & Magdalene Doyle & Francis Doyle, Hilltown; Sean Lynch, Castlewelian Road; Eugene Grant
Wed 16th Dec 9.00am	BALLYMAGHERY: Public Mass:
Thur 17th Dec 9.00am	BALLYMAGHERY:
Fri 18th Dec 9.00am	BALLYMAGHERY:
Fri 18th Dec 7.30pm	CABRA: Public Mass: Arthur & Mary Anne Hynes, Lenish
Sat 19th Dec 6.00pm BALLYMAGHERY:	Public Mass: Barney, Susan & Josephine McShane, Rathfriland Road; John & Magdalene Doyle & Francis Doyle, Hilltown; Sean Lynch, Castlewelian Road; Eugene Grant
Sun 20th Dec 9.00am	Public Mass: St Mary's Cabra:
Sun 20th Dec 11.30am BALLYMAGHERY:	Public Mass: John & Rose Anne Quinn, Kennedy Drive; Peter & Teresa Farnan, Kinghill Paddy O'Hagan, Newry Road; Desmond McGarry, Bann Lane; Pat Fitzpatrick & Deceased Family members, Yellow Road

A pastoral message from Archbishop Eamon Martin

“Keep Christ at the Centre of Christmas”

Dear brothers and sisters in the Diocese of Dromore, Preparations are now well under way across the diocese for the celebration of Christmas – albeit in a very different context this year. I extend my sincere gratitude to priests, parish teams and helpers who are planning to ensure that our churches are as safe as possible for people to confidently assemble for worship. I appeal to you all to cooperate fully with them. I strongly encourage you to *keep Christ at the centre* of Christmas this year. Clearly it will be impossible for our usual large congregations to assemble for Mass on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day and I remind everyone that the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days remains suspended during the pandemic. But Christmas is about more than just one day. Families are welcome to attend Mass at some point during the twelve days from Christmas Eve to Epiphany. Christmas Masses will also be widely available over webcam and I strongly encourage families to “tune in” from the “domestic churches” of their living rooms and join with those who are gathering in their local churches in welcoming the birth of the Christ-child.

It is possible to experience the spiritual richness of this special season in many ways. Our homes can become “little churches” where we invite the Christ-child in. The age-old tradition of having a Christmas crib in the home and gathering there as a family to pray or to sing a carol will be especially meaningful this year. I also invite families or “household bubbles” to pay a visit to their local church at some time during the twelve days to offer a Christmas prayer at the crib and pray together for their families and for those particularly impacted by the pandemic.

The hope of Advent and the joy of Christmas inspire us to reach out to those in greatest need. *Keep Christ at the centre this Christmas* by bringing the hope and joy of his birth to people who are sick, isolated, lonely or poor. A simple act of kindness can make such a difference. Charities, including the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul, Trócaire and World Missions Ireland will welcome much needed contributions as they have been unable to raise funds in the normal way during the pandemic.

In your prayers this Christmas please remember those whose livelihoods have been seriously threatened by the pandemic. We think especially of people coping with bereavement, families that cannot be together, and those in care homes who can only have limited visits from their loved ones. We think also of those who cannot travel home for Christmas this year.

In some ways the Covid-19 restrictions open up greater opportunities for prayer and for reflection, for family time and space to enter into the true meaning of Christmas. This is also a good time to turn back to God. Although it may not be possible for all who wish to go to Confession to safely avail of the sacrament at this time, I encourage you to take a moment to place your trust in God's mercy through an Act of Perfect Contrition.

I thank you once more for the solidarity you have shown with our health workers and other carers by strictly observing public health advice. Please continue to do so over the Christmas season. Stay Safe and Pray Safe so that the New Year 2021 will see an end to the pandemic. *With every blessing to you and your loved ones this Christmas and into the New Year.*

+ Eamon Martin

Archbishop Eamon Martin Christmas 2020

PARISH OF CLONDUFF SUNDAY 13TH DECEMBER 2020 THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
(Sunday Readings Cycle B – Weekday Readings Cycle 1)

PLEASE NOTE In light of the current situation with the Coronavirus, I will not be visiting the sick and housebound, but if someone wishes to have a visit ring my mobile **07764941606**. Thank you for your understanding as we try to keep safe at this difficult time. *Fr C Byrne for Dromore*

Your continued financial support to Parish life and Parish upkeep is very much appreciated during these anxious and challenging days due to the on-going Coronavirus Pandemic. **Envelopes may be deposited through the Letter Box at the Parochial House, Castlewellan Road on Sunday 9am to 12 noon and Monday 9am to 12noon.** **Thanks for your support last week £881.00**

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Diocese of Dromore Safeguarding of Children, young people and vulnerable adults: Dromore Designated Person Patricia Carville 07789917741.

A copy of the Dromore Diocese “Safeguarding Policy and Procedures” is available for reference in the Parish Rooms.

Thanks to the stewards and cleaners who are doing a great job enabling us to keep our Churches open. Please continue to adhere to social distancing, sanitising and wearing masks at all times.

Eucharistic Ministers 12th – 13th December	Eucharistic Ministers 19th – 20th December
6pm: Marie Murray	6pm: Susan Brannigan
11.30am: Ursula Murphy	11.30am: P J Quinn
Readers 12th – 13th December	Readers 19th – 20th December
6pm: No Public Mass	6pm: Anne O'Hare
11.30am: No Public Mass	11.30am: Kieran Murphy

CABRA

Eucharistic Minister	Reader
Fri 18th Dec 7.30pm:	Fri 18th Dec 7.30pm:
Sun 20th Dec 9.00am:	Sun 20th Dec 9.00am:

CONFESSIONS FOR CHRISTMAS

After the 9.00am Mass in Ballymaghery on Wednesday 16th December
After the 7.30pm Mass in Cabra on Friday 18th December
After the 6.00pm Mass in Ballymaghery on Saturday 19th December

DROMORE DIOCESAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY The Society's is pleased to announce that its Journal Seanchas Dhroim Mor 2020 is now on sale price £10 or £15 to include p&p. Please contact any of the following to purchase a copy: Martin Goss, Newry 30262849 (answerphone) or goss.ijm@gmail.com Michael Keenan, Burren: 41772543