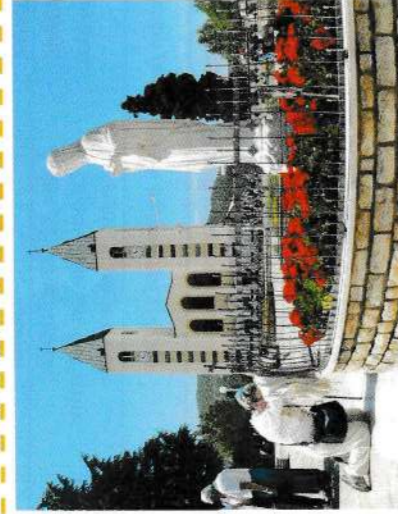


There will be a Whist Drive in Saint Bronagh's GAA Club Rostrevor on Monday 16th December 2019 at 8.30pm. Light Refreshments will be served.

**Pilgrimages - The Camino and Lourdes - are you 18 to 30 years old -** might you be interested in joining a Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes in May (5 days) and the Camino in the middle of July - (6/7 days) dates to be confirmed - if interested please come along to a gathering of young adults **this Sunday 15th @ 1 pm** in the Café Crème on the Mail, Newry (Beside First Trust Bank). Alternatively forward your name to [dromoreyd@btconnect.com](mailto:dromoreyd@btconnect.com). We will be in contact with you...place on both are limited...so claim your place early.....

**CHAPEL CLEANERS FOR BALLYMAGHERY IN DECEMBER ARE MARY BRANNIGAN, CATHY FITZPATRICK, FIONULLA ROONEY, ANN MULLHOLLAND, CAROLINE GRANT & JOSEPHINE FEGAN**



**2020 PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE**

**20<sup>th</sup> May to 27<sup>th</sup> May and 12<sup>th</sup> August to 18<sup>th</sup> August**  
**Gift Vouchers available**  
**Contact Jerome Lynch on 07739092399**

On Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December Pope Francis celebrated the Golden Jubilee of his ordination to the priesthood. Let us Pray for him.  
 God Bless our Holy Father.



**THE MEANING OF THE ADVENT WREATH**

The Advent wreath is a Christian tradition that symbolises the passage of the four weeks of Advent. It is a circular candle holder that typically holds five candles. During the season of Advent one candle on the wreath is lit each Sunday until all the candles, including the fifth candle, are lit on Christmas Day. Each candle represents an aspect of the spiritual preparation for the celebration of the birth of Our Lord Jesus Christ. Most Advent wreaths use three colours of candles-purple, pink and white. However, some may use blue instead of the purple.

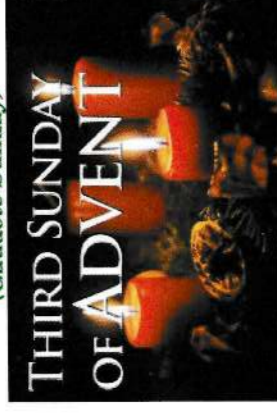
**1<sup>st</sup> candle - (purple): THE PROPHECY CANDLE or CANDLE OF HOPE**  
 We can hope because God is faithful and will keep the promises made to us. Our hope comes from God.

**2<sup>nd</sup> candle - (purple): THE BETHLEHEM CANDLE or THE CANDLE OF PREPARATION**  
 God kept his promise of a Saviour who would be born in Bethlehem. Preparation means to get ready to welcome God.

**3<sup>rd</sup> candle - (pink): THE SHEPHERD CANDLE or THE CANDLE OF JOY**  
 The angels sang a message of JOY. This third Sunday of Advent is also known as "Gaudete Sunday" which means rejoice.

# Clonduff Parish Newsletter

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2019  
 Third Sunday of Advent  
*(Gaudete Sunday)*



The Good News is proclaimed to the poor.  
 Matt. 11: 2-11.

**On Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November there was a joint Clonduff/Drumgath Council meeting to discuss weekday Masses for the two Parishes. After deliberation the following schedule for Weekday Masses was decided upon.**

**Monday: 8.45am Ballymaghery. 7.00pm Rathfriland**  
**Tuesday: 9.30am Rathfriland**

**Wednesday: 8.45am Ballygorian**

**Thursday: 9.30am Eucharistic Prayer Service, Rathfriland**  
**Friday: 8.45am Ballymaghery. 9.30am Rathfriland.**

**7.30pm Cabra (First Fridays, Lent and November)**

**In the event of a Funeral taking place there will be no morning Mass in that Parish.**

**Mass Times in other local parishes:**

**Benedictine Monastery 11.30am each day.**

**Rostrevor 9.30am Mon, Tues, Thur & Fri.**

**Mayobridge Mon 10.00am. Wed 7.30pm**

**Burrun Tue 9.30am. Fri 7.00pm**

**Castlewellan 9.30am each day**

Fr C Byrne Tel (028) 40630206 or in emergency 07764941606

**PARISH OF CLONDUFF 15<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2019**

**THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

(Sunday Readings Cycle A – Weekday Readings Cycle 2)

<b>ANNIVERSARIES: BALLYMAGHERY, BALLYGORIAN &amp; CABRA</b>	Brian Darby, Rathfriland Road; Patrick & Elizabeth Grant & Deceased family, Carcullion; Sean Lynch, Castlewellan Road; Joe & Mary Catherine Brannigan, Spelga Park; Sally Henning, Stang Road; Stephen, Sarah, Sean & Steve McPolin, Stang; Michael & Anne Kane, Belfast Owen & Margaret Gribben, Lenish; Jim & Mary Catherine Devlin & Deceased Family, Dromboniff; Peter McAvoy & Deceased Family, Cabra Road
<b>Sun 15<sup>th</sup> Dec 9.00am CABRA:</b>	MM Eileen Ward, Ardmore Park; Paddy O'Hagan, Newry Road; Desmond McGarry, Bann Lane
<b>Sun 15<sup>th</sup> Dec 12.00pm BALLYGORIAN:</b>	<b>Do this in Memory of Me Mass.</b> Eugene Grant, Ardmore Park; Hugh John McAvoy, Castlewellan Road
<b>Sat 21<sup>st</sup> Dec 6.00pm BALLYMAGHERY:</b>	Catherine McPolin, Newry Road; Jim, Rose & James McParlan, Lenish
<b>Sun 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec 9.00am CABRA:</b>	<b>BALLYGORIAN:</b> John & Rose Ann Quinn, Kennedy Drive

**WEEKDAY MASS TIMES**

**BALLYMAGHERY: Mon & Fri 8.45am. BALLYGORIAN: Wed 8.45am. CABRA: First Friday 7.30pm**

**READERS FOR DECEMBER**

**BALLYMAGHERY 6.00pm** **BALLYGORIAN 12.00pm** **CABRA Sun 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec**

**Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes for next year, the dates are 12<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> May 2020**

**Do this in Memory of Me Mass for the P4 Boys & Girls Preparing for First Holy Communion on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> December 6.00pm**

**RECENTLY DECEASED –** We pray for the happy repose of the soul of Tessie Kelly (nee McConville) New Jersey, formerly of Ballygorian who died Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December in New Jersey. May she rest in peace.

**CONFESSIONS FOR CHRISTMAS -** Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December Ballymaghery 7.00pm – 8.00pm  
 Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> December Cabra 7.00pm – 8.00pm

**MASSES FOR CHRISTMAS**  
 Christmas Eve: Ballymaghery 6.00pm Cabra 8.00pm  
 Ballygorian 9.00pm  
**CHRISTMAS MORNING: Ballymaghery 11.30am**

Collection: £1,6380.00 Thanks for your continuing support.  
 Adoration Times: Ballymaghery: Wed 9am – 12pm Ballygorian: Wed 6.30pm – 7.30pm.  
 Cabra: Fri 6.30pm – 7.30pm

**PLEASE NOTE** if someone is sick or elderly at home and not able to come to Mass and has not been visited please contact me on (028) 40630206 or 07764941606 Also if there is someone in hospital please let me know. Fr. C. Byrne

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS		
BALLYMAGHERY	BALLYGORIAN	CABRA
<b>Sat 21<sup>st</sup> Dec 6.00pm:</b> Roisin McNeill; Martin Farnon; Marian Farnon; Margaret Rose Murray	<b>Sun 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec 12.00pm:</b> PJ Quinn; Ursula Murhy; Pauline Fitzpatrick	<b>Sun 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec 9.00am:</b> Anne McPolin; Sean & Roisin McAlinden
ALTAR SERVERS		
BALLYMAGHERY	BALLYGORIAN	CABRA
<b>Sat 21<sup>st</sup> Dec 6.00pm:</b> Laura Kay; Therese Cowan	<b>Sun 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec 12.00pm:</b> Sean Quinn; Shaun Rice; Ellen Morgan	<b>Sun 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec 9.00am:</b> Calum Banagan; Catherine Taylor; Blathnaid Kelly

Registered with the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland NIC105046

Diocese of Dromore Safeguarding of Children, young people and vulnerable adults: Dromore Designated Person Patricia Carville 07789917741. A copy of the Dromore Diocese "Safeguarding rrrthur & MaPolicy and Procedures" is available for reference in the Parish Rooms.

Unfortunately, for many people, one small problem can lead to crisis or poverty. We in SVP have found that a little help at the right time can stop a family experiencing prolonged hardship. Please support our **Annual Saint Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal**. Church door collections this weekend Hilltown 14<sup>th</sup>/15<sup>th</sup> December. Thank You!

St Paul's Primary School Cabra Carol Service Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December 7.00pm in St Mary's Church Cabra. Carol Service Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December in Ballymaghery at 7.00pm

CABRA ALTAR SOCIETY: Sheila Gribben and Helpers for Christmas

**Choir Practice on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December for all members.**

We will have our Nativity Pageant after Communion at the 6pm Mass on 21<sup>st</sup> when we will be joined by the P1 children and the Do this in Memory of Me children.

There will be a rehearsal for this on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December at 6.30pm.



New BAPTISM Arrangements

First Sunday Ballymaghery 1.00pm & Third Sunday Cabra 1.00pm

Contact the Baptism Team Coordinator on 07803272403

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